

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Buckley Walker W6407

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Declaration of Buckly Walker [sic] in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832

State of North Carolina

Person County} Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 1832

Personally appeared in open court this 20th of December 1832 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the Court of Person County now sitting Buckley Walker who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress approved 7th of June 1832

He states that the [sic, he] entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and served under the officers and for the terms herein after stated.

This applicant was first drafted under Captain Daniel McFarlane in the County of Person [sic, Caswell County as Person County did not exist during the Revolutionary War] for three months on the 10th day of June 1778 [sic] at which time he was just 16 years of age being at this time in his 71 year – he was marched to Hillsborough where he joined the other forces under Colonel William Moore and from thence they proceeded on towards Camdin [Camden] South Carolina and arrived there after the battle had been fought [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] – and from thence they returned to Ramsey's mill at which place he was discharged his time having expired.

He had been at home but a few months when he was again drafted for three months and was place in the company of Captain Herndon Harrelson of the County of Caswell and Major William Moore. He was marched towards Guilford with the expectation of joining General Greene [Nathanael Greene] before that battle [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] but before they reached the ground the [sic, they] met General Butler [John Butler] retreating, who conducted them to his own house where they remained until next morning, and were then dispatched to the battleground for the purpose of burying the dead in which business they were engaged for two days. That his Captain under whom he served was engaged in suppressing the Tories in the surrounding Country for as he believes something like two or two and a half months and so was then discharged – about half a month of his term having yet unexpired.

Again he had not been long at home when one Captain Mason Foally [sic Mason Foley] raised a company of Cavalry, and this applicant joined his company as a volunteer for the term of 2 months. The Company was formed in Caswell County: they crossed Dan River at South

Boston and proceeded to Halifax Court House in Virginia. At this place they remained some weeks and were joined by some Virginia Horse, and marched over into North Carolina above Milton making a halt for three or four days at the Red House thence they went to Hillsboro and from thence Halifax in this State Scouring the Country in suppression of Tories in their whole Course after they entered this State. In the neighborhood of Halifax he was discharged his time having expired.

Some short time afterwards he again volunteered in the light horse Service against the Tories was in the battle on Alamance, and was marched from thence on towards Fayetteville and was discharged at Fayetteville at that time called Cross-Creek – in this Tour he entered the Service under the Command of Captain Frederick Dubose for two months.

This applicant states that his memory has much failed him so that he cannot state with any degree of distinctness, the places through which he was marched in the service or the names of the officers under whom [he] served further than is mentioned in this declaration – This applicant now resides within a mile of the spot where he was born in 1762, it was then in the County of Orange. Subsequently formed a part of Caswell County and is now in Person County.

This applicant does not remember whether he ever received any discharge in writing or not – if he did they have since been lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim for a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

This applicant again joined the service under Captain Shadrach Hargis for a term of three months as a substitute for his brother Jesse Walker. And was Stationed for the whole time at the Town of Hillsboro – where he was discharged after the expiration of the three months.

S/ Buckley Walker, X his mark

Bennett Williams Senior¹ of the County & State aforesaid ^{aged about 79 years} personally appeared in open Court this 20th of December 1832 and maketh oath that he served for the terms of three months with Buckley Walker the above applicant in the revolutionary service in the Town of Hillsboro under Captain Shadrach Hargis as he states in his above declaration

Subscribed & sworn to in open
Court this 19th December 1832

Test S/ Jesse Dickens, Clerk

S/ Bennett Williams, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Person County } September 1833

This day Buckley Walker personally appeared before me Hugh Woods one of the Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid & after having been duly sworn deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, the length of time which as passed & the loss of memory the consequence of old age he cannot positively swear to the dates of the different tours of duty which he performed in the revolutionary Service but is well satisfied that he served as herein after stated, On the 10th of June 1778 or thereabouts (& he recollects this date on account of its being the day on which he arrived at the age at which he was liable to service) (16 years) he was drafted to serve as private in a company of militia commanded by Captain Daniel McFarlane of the County of Caswell (now Person) the term of Service was three months, he was marched to Hillsborough where he joined other forces under command of Colonel William Moore & was marched to South Carolina & was discharged he thinks at Ramsay's Mills in the last mentioned State, he was

¹ [Bennett Williams S7956](#)

engaged the whole of this tour in the suppression of Tories & in the march to South Carolina he well recollects of having served the full term of three months & of having received a discharge which he has lost John Clayton² is alive served with him in this tour.

His Second tour was as a private in a Company of militia commanded by Captain Herndon Haralson, he cannot Recollect the date of the commencement of this tour but well recollects that while he was engaged in performing it the battle of Guilford was fought he having met General Butler retreating from the Battle & of having been engaged in burying the dead killed in said Battle & well recollects when he was discharged that he wanted but half a month of serving his full term of 3 months – he has lost his discharge from this tour & knows of no living witness who served with him –

His next Service was as a private in a volunteer company of Cavalry raised by Captain Mason Foally for the purpose of keeping down the Tories in the surrounding Country, he was engaged in this service two months he was first marched to Halifax Court house in Virginia, Thence to the Red house in Caswell North Carolina & thence to Halifax North Carolina & was discharged. John Wilkerson³ who served in this company with him is alive By whom he expects to prove the service in this Company he furnished his own horse –

His next Service was in the company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Frederick Dubose he was a private in this Company furnished his own horse & was engaged in the suppression of the Tories he was engaged in a battle with them on the Alamance in Orange County in this tour he was engaged in Scouring the Country from Hillsboro to Fayetteville (then Cross Creek) to New Bern for the term of two months. He knows of no surviving witness of this service.

His next tour of duty was in a company commanded by Captain Shadrach Hargis in this Company he was a Substitute for his brother Jesse Walker he served three months & was stationed for the whole of the time at Hillsboro he saith that he cannot possibly set forth the dates at which he performed his different tours but well recollects of having engaged as herein before stated (i.e.) in five different tours the first commencing a few days after the 10th June 1778 (the date at which he became 16 years of age) the whole making twelve months & a half – And for this Service he Claims a pension

S/ Buckley Walker, X his mark

[John Dillehay, a clergyman, and Lankin Brooks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On November 5, 1842 in Person County North Carolina Milley Walker a resident of said County, aged 80 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Buckley Walker a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$44.99 per annum; that she married him July 14, 1784; that her husband died May 16, 1838; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 ½ months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[NOTE: Only Bennett Williams' supporting affidavit is contained in the file.]

² [John Clayton S9183](#)

³ [John Wilkerson W26042](#)