

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Wallace (Wallis) ¹ W6408

Kisiah Wallace f46SC

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State of Tennessee, Jackson County} SS

On this 13th day of February 1834 personally appeared before the worshipful court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Jackson County Tennessee in open Court, Samuel Wallace a resident in the County of Jackson & State of Tennessee aged Seventy-Four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 about the middle of June say 15th of that month with Captain Thomas Brown & in the 40th Regiment of the line under the following named officers --

Applicant enlisted as a regular soldier a common private for five years at the time above stated under Captain Thomas Brown in Colonel or General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Army or Regiment – He enlisted in York County South Carolina, was in a battle called Hook's defeat [sic, Huck's Defeat or Williamson's Plantation, July 12, 1780]² on the waters of Fishing Creek a water of the Kattawba River [sic, Catawba River] in South Carolina, he is not entirely certain but thinks this engagement was with a part of Cornwallis's Army ^{date of the battle not recollected}. From Fishing Creek he was marched on to the State of Georgia to a place called Mt. Pelier where we built a station on the Oconee River, thinks the distance from Fishing Creek to Mt. Pelier is about 200 miles & in marching to that place crossed the Savannah & Saluda rivers, but does not recollect much about the situation of the country through which they were marched. General Sumter had command of this Army or it was his division of the Army but he Sumter was not with them ^{applicant was at Charleston South Carolina then for some time}. Applicant remembers that their muskets were branded with the No. 40 which he was informed was for the No. of the Regiment to which he belonged if his memory is correct as to that point, after the expiration of the five years for which he enlisted he was discharged by Captain Brown which discharge has been worn out & lost for many years, after he was marched from Fishing Creek to Mt. Pelier he remained at that station until he was discharged, he thinks it was called Wilkes County where he was discharged, which was in June 1783 serving his full time of five years out, a greater portion of the tour Applicant was stationed at the two points above mentioned when not marching. --

Two years after applicant was discharged from his five years service which was after peace was concluded, he again enlisted in the Indian war under Captain Charles Williamson in Wilkes County State of Georgia for two years to guard the frontiers of Georgia, does not now know whether he was considered a regular or not but engaged for that time & was stationed at

¹ BLWt27579-160-55

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

the High Shoals of Oconee, General Williamson & General Clarke had command. -- Shortly after he was stationed at this place they were attacked by the Indians & had a considerable engagement in which he was wounded in the thigh & bears the scar to this day – there were 300 men here, out of which there were about 60 of the Americans were killed & wounded, was stationed at this place the two years & after his time of enlistment was out he was discharged by his Captain Williamson about 15 miles from the Garrison at one Janes [? could be “Jones” or “Lanes”], he again received a written discharge which has been lost for many years. Applicant enlisted & entered the Campaign in June 1785 & was discharged from the same in June 1787 but cannot particularly state the day of the month – In his first tour he was in service five years, & the one last mentioned two years, making in all seven years of his actual service.

In declarant's first application he felt confident his name would be found on the rolls in the War Department which was returned to him with that as one of the objections, since it was returned from the Department he has traveled about on foot several hundred miles in different parts of the state endeavoring to procure testimony until he has worn out his papers almost entirely carrying them with him, he has procured the testimony in the way of affidavits, of several persons hereto annexed which is all he has been able to get which if not sufficient he will be deprived of his pension for the reason that his officers did not return his name to the war offices.

Applicant has no documentary evidence to show his services as his discharges are lost as aforesaid, nor can he procure any more the affidavits hereto annexed particular that of Samuel Killough, & John Wallis he had to get done the best way he could & by a person who knew but little about it, & it is now informed by his friends who mites [?] this that Killough has not sign his name to it, applicant cannot read & did not know it until he was informed, but saw said Killough swear to it himself & applicant is too old & infirm ever to make another attempt to get, & is well satisfied he knows great deal more of his services than these stated.

Answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

1st Was born in York County State of South Carolina in the year 1760 on the 14th or 15th of September

2nd I have no record of my age, it was in my father's Bible which fell into the hands of a brother in law & cannot tell what became of it.

3rd When called into service or when I enlisted I lived in York County South Carolina with my father, while I was in the service my father moved to Georgia, from there I moved to Illinois, then to Rutherford County Tennessee, then to Jackson County Tennessee where I now live

4th I enlisted both times, the first time the recruiting officer offered me \$8. I told him I did not want it, he then told me to take it to my father & upon taking the money he claimed me as a soldier & I went, the Second tour, I enlisted voluntarily

5th Captain Charles Williamson, Captain Tom Brown, General Sumter & I think there was a Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] & Major John Wallace – the general circumstances stated as above set forth

6th At the expiration of the first tour received a discharge from Captain Brown, the second from Captain Williamson both of which have been lost for many years

7th Besides the affidavits of Claiborne Gentry, William Maxwell & others here appended Benjamin F. Butler a clergyman and Asa Murphy will testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution, & if I had the means of paying for it, could have had the affixed affidavit drawn by some person who knew how to do it, as they knew much more about my services than there stated, particularly those of Killough & Wallis who were with me in the Army

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state except

the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Wallis, X his mark

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

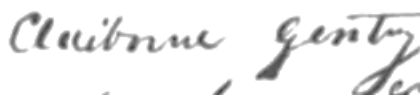
[Benjamin F. Butler and Asa Murphy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Davidson County

Claiborne Gentry³ a citizen of Davidson County Tennessee, being seventy-four years old States that in the year 1780 then a citizen of Stokes County North Carolina, he volunteered in the service of the United States under Colonel Martin Armstrong & was marched from North Carolina to South Carolina & joined General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Army in York County in said State, affiant was at the battle of Hooks defeat [sic, Huck's defeat] and about five months before that battle he became acquainted with Samuel Wallace the present applicant for a pension now a citizen of Jackson County, he formed his acquaintance with him in the Army when they were soldiers together & were together in the battle at Hook's defeat, during the five months of his him acquaintance with said Wallace we were both soldiers together, the said Wallace belonging to the 40th Regiment, and witness belonging to the North Carolina line, and were so situated that we had frequent opportunities of being together & forming an acquaintance – Witness saw Captain Thomas Brown & knew him by sight but had but little personal acquaintance with him. Witness volunteered for nine months & after the battle of Hook's Defeat his time was out & he was discharged & went home, never saw Samuel Wallace in the Army after nit[sic ?], nor discharged but having formed habits of intimacy with him, he frequently inquired for him & heard & knew from the information of various sources that the said Wallace continued in the Army for a considerable length of time after witness was separated from him at Hook's defeat. Witness has heard Mr. Wallace's Declaration which was returned from the War Department read over & from the character of the man and his own personal knowledge of him has no doubt of the correctness of the same & believes it to be true. Samuel Wallace had the character in the Army of a brave, candid honest man. Although witness was not in the Army at the time, he knew that said Wallace entered the Army in June 1778 & was discharged in June 1783, & were always understood of his other services & never heard it doubted by any one.

S/ Claiborne Gentry



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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

Samuel Kellougher and John Walis a citizen of Rutherford County Tennessee, Kellougher being Seventy four years old John Walis being Seventy years old States that in the year 1778 that they became acquainted with Samuel Walis ^{a regular in 46th Regiment}. I Kellougher the witness was in the Army two years with S. Walis and was well acquainted with Samuel Walis the present applicant for a pension now during the two years and was with Samuel Walis when he was wounded to witness all so States that he was present when the said Samuel Walis got his honorable discharge John Walis the witness was well acquainted with Samuel Walis in the Army and knew that he served under Captain Charles Williamson the witness knew Samuel Walis all so when he was under Thomas Brown the witness believe the said Samuel Walis to be an honest

3 [Claiborn Gentry S3391](#)

man and would not doubt what he would say, he had the character and the Army of a brave candid harted [sic] man, said Wallis first enlisted in June 1778 & was discharged in June 1783. State of Tennessee, Rutherford County: on this day of December 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Kellougher and John Walis one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and made oath that the statement contained in the above affidavit is true that I believe thays [sic, these] witness to be the age that is stated in the foregoing affidavit and that they are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit

This day came John Wallis and made oath according to law that the written affidavit is just and true swore to before me this 28 day of December 1833
S/ Daniel Bowman, JP

S/ John Wallis, X his mark

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State of Tennessee, Jackson County

William Maxwell⁴ a Citizen of Smith County Tennessee and now in the 80th year of his age personally appeared before me James W. Smith a justice of the Peace for said County of Jackson this 11th day of February 1834 and states he first became acquainted with Samuel Wallace [spelled "Wallis" throughout this affidavit] the present applicant for a pension in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War affiant cannot now with certainty state the dates but from the best of his recollection thinks it was in the latter part of the year 1779 or forepart of the year 1780 affiant was a citizen of Mecklenburg County North Carolina affiant had served two previous tours [of] duty in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier there being another call for men volunteered again for three months and under Captain William Alexander called Black Bill Alexander marched from York County South Carolina the adjoining County to Mecklenburg in North Carolina and was marched to Charles Town in South Carolina as well as my Recollection serves me General Rutherford of Roan [sic, Rowan] County N. C. was our General and General Lincoln had the full command at Charles Town during the time I was stationed in and about that place during the time was there I was frequently sent out in scouting parties while a soldier at that time in Charles Town I formed an acquaintance with the said Samuel Wallace who was from York County South Carolina then at Charles Town a private soldier in the Regular Army of the United States in the 40th Regiment having frequent opportunities of seeing each other and being together and being from adjoining counties and Wallace being quite young I became attached to him and felt interested in his welfare and as far as I could notice his conduct in the Army He was a private and was looked upon as a brave and faithful young soldier, after my tour of service was out I was discharged and left said Wallace then at Charles Town with the Army. After this there was another call for men to go to South Carolina I again enlisted rather as it was called volunteered for another tour and marched under my old Captain Alexander he was sick part of the first Tour and did not command me the whole time we marched from North Carolina Joined the Regular Army as well as I can recollect near White's Mill on Fishing Creek South Carolina where I again saw my friend and acquaintance Samuel Wallace still a Brave soldier in the Regular Army not long after we joined the Regular Army we was both in the Battle called Hooks Defeat in South Carolina from Hooks Defeat we marched to a place called the four holes after staying there a short time I was discharged and went home, leaving my friend Wallace in the Regular Army myself having served several tours of duty after the above mentioned in the southern Army always when in the Army inquired after and sought out my friend Samuel Wallace and have no hesitation in saying he served four years as a faithful soldier in the Regular Army during the Revolutionary war from information I

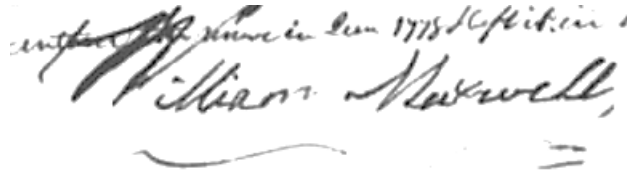
4 [William Maxwell R7046](#)

believe he served five years but from my own knowledge as above stated know he was four years in the Army and that he has always been esteemed as a Revolutionary soldier I have known the said Samuel Wallace down to the present day and believe him to be in Honest man and a man of truth, from my own knowledge & the information of others applicant entered the service in June 1778 kept it in to [ends here]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date above written.

S/ Jas. W. Smith, JP

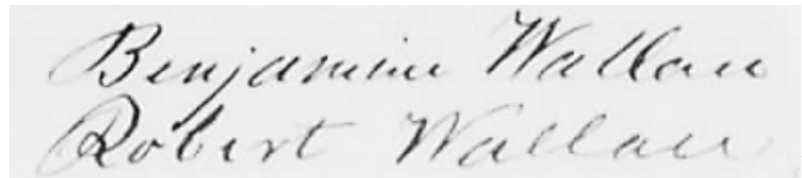
S/ William Maxwell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Maxwell". Above the signature, there is some faint, partially legible text that appears to say "entered the service in June 1778".

[p 28: On October 22, 1840 in Greene County Illinois, the veteran filed for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Tennessee agency to the Illinois agency his having moved there with the "expectation of bettering his condition in life". He signed this document with his mark.]

[p 19: On February 26, 1853 in Greene County Illinois, Kisiah Wallace, aged 58, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Wallace, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in April 1816; that her husband died November 1, 1843 and that she remains a widow. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 13: On March 1, 1853 in Jersey County Illinois, Robert Wallace and Benjamin Wallace gave testimony that Samuel Wallace and Kisiah Hardcastle were married in Rutherford County Tennessee in April 1816; that they are children of Samuel Wallace by his 1st wife (not named); that Kisiah Wallace is his 2nd wife; that they were present at their father's marriage to Kisiah Hardcastle.

A photograph of two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Benjamin Wallace" and the bottom signature reads "Robert Wallace".

[p 15: On March 16, 1855 in Greene County Illinois, Kisiah Wallace aged about 62 filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner stating that she married him in April or May 1815; that he died in Greene County, Ill., November 9, 1845.]

[Facts in the file: Samuel Wallace married Kisiah Hardcastle in Rutherford County, Tenn. in April 1816.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]