

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Walker W8979

Eleanor

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State of South Carolina Chester District: On this 19th day of January, 1848, personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary in and for the District & State aforesaid, Adam Walker, a resident of the said District aged 59 years, son of the late Alexander Walker deceased, 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 July 4th 1836, granting Pensions to widows of Revolutionary Soldiers. That this declarant the aforesaid Adam Walker in the behalf of himself & the other heirs of the aforesaid Alexander Walker deceased states that the said Alexander Walker was and Officer and Soldier in the Army of the Revolution the heirs understand and as such he served the United States against the Common Enemy. That during the Revolution as well as since the aforesaid Alexander Walker resided on the waters of Sandy River, Camden but now Chester District South Carolina and served under Captains John McClure, John Steele, John Mills of the South Carolina Militia in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Lacey and was generally in service from the fall of Charleston in May 1780 till the end of the war, during which service he was slightly wounded in an engagement with the enemy at Hanging Rock or Rocky Mount, also that on the account of the said Alexander Walker's adherence to the cause of Liberty, he was forced, by the Tories, to remove his family from his neighborhood for oath while which he did to Charlotte North Carolina where they were protected from the Tories, who infested his neighborhood.

This declarant further states on his oath, that the said Alexander Walker was married in the year 1775 to Eleanor White and as husband and wife they lived together till the death of the said Alexander Walker which took place on the 4th day of August 1799, and that his widow the aforesaid Eleanor departed this life on the 10th day of October 1839 not having intermarried after the death of her said husband.

This declarant also states on oath, that he has in his possession his parents, the parties aforesaid, old Bible containing a Registry of the births of their children, from which it will appear that the first child, named, Charles was born in July 1776, John in November 1777 & Robert in October 1779 together with several subsequent births, all of which he verily believes to be and the original Record is hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before
S/ Peter Wylie, U&CCOCD

D/ Adam Walker

State of South Carolina Chester District: On this 4th day of April 1848, personally appeared in Open Court, and before the Court and before the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now opened & held and Chesterville in the District of Chester & State aforesaid Adam Walker, a resident of said District & State, of Lawful Age, 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 July 4th, 1836, granting Pensions to widows of Revolutionary Soldiers.

That this declarant the aforesaid Adam Walker in the behalf of himself and the other heirs of the late Alexander & Eleanor Walker both deceased, States That the said Alexander Walker was an officer and Soldier in the Army of the Revolution as the heirs do understand and as such he served the United States against the Common Enemy. That during the Revolution the aforesaid Alexander Walker resided in Camden but now Chester District South Carolina and served under Captain John McClure, Steel & others, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Lacey of the South Carolina Militia, during which time he was slightly wounded in an engagement with the enemy.

This declarant further states on his oath that the said Alexander Walker was married in the year 1775 to Eleanor White, and as husband & wife they lived together till the death of the said Alexander Walker which took place on the 4th of August 1799, and that his widow the aforesaid Eleanor departed this life on the 10th day of October 1839 not having intermarried after the death of her said husband, leaving surviving the following seven children viz.: John Walker, William Walker, Philip Walker, Nancy Love, Adam Walker, James Walker, & Ann Walker, who are the only surviving children of the said Eleanor Walker deceased and all of Lawful ages.

This Declarant further makes oath, that the family Register showing the ages of the Children of the aforesaid Alex & Eleanor Walker submitted with other papers in this claim he verily believes to be. Also that he has no record or documentary Evidence of his father's service other than that found in the Comptroller General's office of this State, and that he feels assured the account from that office submitted is that of his father.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written before the Court.
S/ J. Roseborough, S/ Adam Walker

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State of North Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me Alexander Gibson, one of the acting Magistrates in and for the District aforesaid John Bishop¹ one of the surviving Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution a resident of the State & District aforesaid, and made oath, in due form of law, That he was during the days of the Revolution as well as since well and intimately acquainted with Alexander Walker deceased of Chester District, also with a number of his brothers viz.: John, Adam, Robert and Charles Walker, all of whom were Soldiers in the Army of the Revolution, that lived on the waters of Sandy River Camden, but now Chester District South Carolina -- This deponent further makes oath that the said family of Walkers belonged to, and served in a Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Edward Lacey, and that from deponent's knowledge of the Revolutionary services of the aforesaid Walkers he is of the opinion and believes that after the fall of Charleston in May 1780, till the end of the war, That they were generally in service. That during the above time deponent was on different occasions in the service with the aforesaid Walkers but cannot now at this late day identify any particular

¹ [John Bishop S9279](#)

service rendered individually by the said Walkers further than above stated.

This deponent also states on his said oath, that Alexander Walker above named lived in time of the Revolution in Captain John McClure's, Mills', & Steels', beat and served as he believes under the said Officers in Lacey's Regiment of militia. Deponent further makes oath, that in the year 1780, their Country was overrun by the British and Tories, and that many of the Whigs who had families to protect removed them up into North Carolina at and about Charlotte, and that the said Alexander Walker having a family, it was said, was one amongst the number that removed their families to North Carolina for protection from the British and Tories, that such was the enmity existing between the two parties in this Country that those persons who had taken up arms in defense of their Country were called rebels and their homes were plundered indiscriminately by the Tories at every opportunity.

This deponent further states that the aforesaid Family of Walkers, all of home he believes are now dead, were bowled during the war and done good and important service during the Revolutionary Struggles which he is and ever has been duly appreciated by the friends of Liberty in this Country. Sworn to and subscribed this 25th January 1848 before me.

S Abraham Gibson, Magistrate

S/ John Bishop, X his mark

South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me, John Charles, one of the Magistrates in and for the said District Priscilla Terry a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged about 84 years, and made oath in due form of law, to the following statement, relative to the Revolutionary services of Alexander Walker deceased of Chester District and State aforesaid. That this deponent the said Priscilla Terry resided during the days of the Revolution on a plantation joining that on which the said Alexander Walker lived, and that she was well & into acquainted with both him & his wife Eleanor whose maiden name was White, at home the said Alexander was married, at or before the commencement of the Revolution.

This deponent further states, that the said Alexander Walker was a Soldier in the American Army during part of the war, and rendered, as she then understood and believed, good services to his Country. That she now well and distinctly recollects of it being said that the said Alexander Walker was slightly wounded, in an engagement with their enemy and also that he received a ball through his hat, while in an engagement. That deponent saw the said hat with a hole in it, which was said to have been made by a ball from the enemy's guns. Also that the said Alexander Walker, lived in Colonel Edward Lacey's beat, and said Colonel Lacey commanded a Regiment of militia & was she believes generally in service during the War, & that there was Captains McClure, Mills, Bond, [illegible name] & others belonging to said Lacey's Regiment, and that she believes that the said Alexander Walker served under some of the aforesaid officers in Colonel Lacey's Regiment of Militia.

This deponent also states that the said Alexander Walker did, in time of their most troubles, removed his family up into the edge of North Carolina, to get away from the Tories who had overrun the Country and that during his absence the Tories killed off his stock, on account of his age in the calls of freedom.

Sworn to & subscribed this 31st day of January 1848 before me

S/ John Charles, Magistrate

S/ Priscilla Terry, X her mark

State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me John Roseborough Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Chester District Major John Walker, a Resident of the District and State aforesaid, and declared on oath relative to the application of the heirs of the late

Eleanor Walker deceased of the District of Chester, widow of Alexander Walker for a pension, namely that he is the second child of the parties aforesaid, and that from the best information he could obtain he was born in the month of November in the year of our Lord 1777 and that has now, and has had for the last fifty years, a record of his age showing that his birth took place at the time above stated.

This declarant further states on oath that he distinctly recollects the Revolutionary War, also recollects, that on or about the year 1781 known as running summer, that his father the aforesaid Alexander Walker with his family left his plantation in Chester District, and went up into the edge of North Carolina to get away from the British and Tories who were over running the Country and that after making one crop in North Carolina they returned back to their plantation in Chester District.

This deponent further states on oath that in relation to the Revolutionary Services of his father the aforesaid Alexander Walker, his knowledge is traditional, that he has often heard his father speak of his revolutionary services, of his having been wounded in an engagement with the enemy, of his being under Colonel Lacey & Captain John McClure & others of the South Carolina Militia; That he with Captain John McClure at the Battle of the Hanging Rock, which he thinks took place in 1780 in which battle the said Captain John McClure received his death wound from which he soon after died, that on said occasion he has often heard his father say that if Captain John McClure had taken his advice together with that of the Gastons & others, in regard to his movements against the enemy, his life might have been saved in said engagement. That he recollects hearing his father say he was at Sumter's defeat, near fishing Creek & the Catawba River, that he has heard him speak of Captain Steele as being in the Service, and he has often heard him relate many circumstances which occurred during his revolutionary services that he heard him speak of being at the battle of Rocky Mount

S/ John Walker

Sworn to & signed April 11th 1848 before me

S/ J. Roseborough, Clerk

[fn pp. 2-4: family record]

Charles Walker was born July 22, 1776

John Walker was born November 6, 1777

Robert Walker was born October 30, 1779

William Walker was born February 20, 1782

Philip Walker was born January 22, 1784

Agness Cunningham Walker was born may 20, 1786

Adam Walker was born April 7, 1788

James Walker was born March 16, 1791

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State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me John Roseborough Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the District and State aforesaid Alexander McCullough a resident of said District aged 58 years, and made oath in due form of law, to the following Traditional Statements relative to the Revolutionary services of Alexander Walker deceased of Chester District husband of the late Eleanor Walker deceased of the said District

viz.: That this deponent had an uncle by the name of Robert Kelsey who was one of the brave men that rendered good & important service during the War of the Revolution, and that for

some years prior to his death, which took place in Chester District in 1824, he lived in the family of deponent and that deponent has on many occasions heard him speak of many treats and hardships during said war, also of the Officers he was under, together with many of his messmates, amongst whom was the above named Alexander Walker whom he ever represented as a brave and faithful Soldier. That the following occurrence deponent has often heard him relate. That at one time in Camps the soldiers had amused themselves with pleating hat bands of hair, and that the said Alexander Walker had one that was quite broad and that in an engagement with the Enemy a ball struck said Walker's hat, cut the brim and struck the hat band which knocked him down, that he immediately jumped to his feet saying Robert I am not killed yet, and to the best of deponent's knowledge & recollection this was at a place called Fullifinny [sic, Tullifinny²] near the sea board, also that his said on for Robert Kelsey has often told him that himself and the said Alexander Walker served in the Militia of South Carolina, in the Companies of Captains John McClure, John Steele & others in Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment. Deponent also says that his uncle has often told him that the said Alexander Walker was with him under Captain McClure at the battle of the Hanging Rock in 1780, at which place the said Captain received his death wound and that several other places which deponent does not now recollect. Sworn to and subscribed this 10th of April 1848 before me

S/ J. Roseborough, Clerk

S/ Abraham McCullough

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South Carolina York District: Before me personally appeared one Robert Wilson³ a resident of said District and Pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Alexander Walker of Chester District South Carolina then Camden in time of the Revolutionary War and also with his four brothers who were also soldiers of the Revolution and were called the five Walkers and were the terror of the Sandy River Tories among whom they lived.

Deponent knows of his own personal knowledge that Alexander Walker Reputed Father of the present claimants and Husband of the Eleanor Walker late of Chester District deceased served a tour of duty in 1780 Captain Tom McClure's [sic, John McClure's] company Sumter's Brigade South Carolina Militia and served in said company until Captain John McClure was killed at the hanging rock in August 1780. Colonel Lacey's Regiment deponent was in the same service but cannot say how long the said Alexander continued to serve at that time but always understood from the said Alexander Walker that he was generally in service until the close of the war and understood that the said Alexander Walker was an officer part of the service in Colonel Lacey's Regiment but cannot say what rank he held in the militia.

Deponent further says that the said Alexander Walker and himself have talked over the war, and their sufferings during the continuance and the robberies committed on his wife during his absence in camp her privations and sufferings with their children and knows that the said Alexander was well acquainted with the history of the times and was a man of very respectable character up to the time of his death many years past.

Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd day of April 1849 before me

² This MIGHT be a reference to the engagement on May 4, 1779 at Tullifinny Hill.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/tullifinnyhill.htm> I am somewhat doubtful, however, because that engagement involved troops from the coastal regions of South Carolina—I doubt militia men from Chester District would have been in that engagement, but I could be wrong.

³ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

S/ A. S. Wallace, Magistrate

S/ Robert Wilson

[Tombstone inscriptions]

"Sacred to the memory of Alexander Walker, who departed this life, August 4th 1790 time, in the 55th year of his age."

"Sacred to the memory of Elleanor Walker, wife of Alexander Walker, who departed this life October 10, 1839, aged about 80 years, -- was born in the County Antrim, Ireland."