

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wallace W8980 Ruth fn40SC
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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this 12th day of May, 1846, personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the acting Magistrates in and for said County, Ruth Wallace, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 89 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836.

That she is the widow of William Wallace deceased of Rutherford County who was a private Soldier, and an officer, in the South Carolina Militia in the Army of the Revolution and served the United States as follows the is: in the year 1779 he the said William Wallace then residing in what is now called York District South Carolina, entered the service, as a volunteer, on the last of July under Lieutenant James Martin & Major Ross of the Militia and was marched on to Briar Creek (Georgia) where they had an engagement with the Enemy about the first of March, and that soon after the said Battle, he the said William Wallace was discharged having been in the service about 2 months --

His next service was in the summer of 1780, after the fall of Charleston, he the said William Wallace volunteered under Lieutenant Andrew Miller & Captain Martin with whom he joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] on Haglers Branch North Carolina, and remained under the said General from about the first of June, till the middle of October, making a term of about 4 & a half months.

His third & last tour was in the spring of 1781. He the said William Wallace served a tour of duty to Orangeburg as Lieutenant under Captain Miller, was out in service in this Campaign two months: Making in all eight & a half months service for which declarant claims a pension,

She further declared that she was married to the said William Wallace in New York District South Carolina in the month of June, 1775, that her husband the aforesaid William Wallace died on the 3rd day of March 1800, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

She also declared that she has no family Record, showing either the date of her marriage nor the births of their children nor has she any record or documentary evidence in support of her said husband's services.

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year first above written.

Before me

S/ J. Gilkey, JP

S/ Ruth Wallace, X her mark

State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this 5th day of October A.D. 1846 personally at appeared before me John Gilkey, one of the acting magistrates in and for said County, Ruth Wallace, widow of William Wallace deceased a resident of the County of Rutherford and State aforesaid, an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of the 4 July, 1836, and made oath in due form of law, that when she and her husband the said William Wallace left York District South Carolina where they had resided during the days of the Revolution & for a number of years since, they received letters from the Beersheba Church, to which Church, Society in South Carolina they belonged, showing that she and her said husband had been for a number of years, regular members of the aforesaid Church, and that they had walked worthy of their profession.

She further makes oath, That the aforesaid Letters of Church membership was granted to herself & husband on the 14th day of February 1800, five years after their leaving South Carolina by G. G. MacWhorter R. Kenndy & others ruling Elders. She also makes oath, that the reason of her long delay in applying for her pension are that not till within some 3 or 4 years had she learned that any provision had been made for the benefit of the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers, and that after learning such was the case, she had availed herself of the earliest opportunity to make her application.

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year first above written.

Before me S/ J. Gilkey, JP

S/ Ruth Wallace, X her mark

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These are to certify that William Wallace and Ruth his Wife have resided in Beersheba Congregation for many years bypast previous to the end of the year 1795 and hath behaved themselves in a sober Christian manner clear of Church Censure or public Scandal and obtaining the Ordinance of Baptism for their Children without having the opportunity of the other Seal of the Covenant by reason of the want of a stated Ministry in the Congregation and as such we recommend them to any Christian Society where Providence may order their Lot.

Certified by us this 14th Day of February 1800

S/ George G. MacWhorter, M.G.

S/ Robert Kennedy }

S/ John Peters }

Ruling Elders

S/ John Chambers }

[fn p. 21: certificate dated June 8, 1846 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office showing account paid to William Wallace for 37 days under Lieutenant James Martin at Brier Creek and 1779 -- 114 days under Lieutenant Andrew McClain & 37 days as Lieutenant.]

[fn p. 28: On June 5, 1846, Jane McCullough of York District South Carolina gave an affidavit that she is 86 years old; that she was at the house of Oliver Wallace in York district when William Wallace and his wife returned after their marriage in 1775 or 1776; that she came to this country from Ireland in 1773 in company with William Wallace; that William Wallace married Ruth Porter the 2nd or 3rd year after landing in America; that William Wallace volunteered in the militia and served a tour of duty to Briar Creek under Major Ross; and that William Wallace was generally out in service during the balance of the war.]

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South Carolina York District: Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District, McCaslin Wallace¹ a resident of the District and State aforesaid, and made oath, in due form of law, to the following statements viz.: That he deponent lived in the days of the Revolution in what is now called York District South Carolina, and was intimately acquainted with William Wallace of said District & also with his wife Ruth, who is now a widow, residing in Rutherford County North Carolina, and is an applicant for a pension due to her on the account of the Revolutionary Services of her late husband the said William Wallace deceased.

This affiant further makes oath, that to his own personal knowledge the said William Wallace was out in the Army during the Revolution in the defense of his Country against the Common Enemy. That the first tour that affiant recollects that the said William Wallace was out, was at Briar Creek in the Spring of 1779, at which place there was an engagement with the enemy; and that Matthew Dixon a neighbor who was present at the Battle returned home soon after and reported that the said William Wallace was in the Battle and that he believed was wounded. His wife the aforesaid Ruth on hearing such intelligence started a man after her husband who after a few days returned home & said that he had been in the said Battle but was not hurt was under Major Ross and Captain __ . The next tour deponent recollects was down in the South he thinks at or near Orangeburg; that he was at the house of the said William Wallace on his return from a tour of duty, and that he distinctly recollects of seeing him cutting the blisters off of his feet which he said he had blistered on his way home from the Army -- This affiant also states on his said oath, that the said William Wallace was often out in this service after the above mentioned tours, that he does not now recollect the particulars, nor does he know the names of his officers.

And this affiant further maketh oath, that the parties aforesaid (to wit) William Wallace & wife Ruth was married in or about the beginning of the Revolution in the year 1775 or 6, that during the Revolution affiant was often at the house of the aforesaid William Wallace, and at times too when the said William Wallace was absent in the Army, and that affiant well recollects & knows that said persons had been married some 3 or 4 years before the Battle of Briar Creek in 1779 -- Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of June, 1846, before me
S/ A. S. Wallace, Magistrate
S/ Mcnd. Wallace

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South Carolina York District: On this the 10th day of October 1846, personally appeared before me A S Wallace a Magistrate in and for said District; James Stewart a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged 79 years, and made oath, in due form of law, That he was in the days of the Revolution as well as since, intimately acquainted with William Wallace a resident of said District also with his wife Ruth, who is now a resident of Rutherford County North Carolina to which place they moved from York some 50 years ago.

This deponent further makes oath, that the said William Wallace was out in the service during the war of the Revolution. That deponent's father was out in service at the time of the Battle of Brier Creek in 1779 and that he has often heard his father say that he and the said William Wallace was in the same Company under Captain Martin of the Militia. This deponent also makes oath that he has always understood & believes that the said William Wallace was out in the Stono Campaign. That during the War said William Wallace was often out in the Army and that since the days of the Revolution he the said Wallace has always been considered &

¹ This name is also spelled McCasland Wallace.

reputed to have been a Revolutionary Soldier.

This deponent further makes oath that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the aforesaid William Wallace & wife Ruth was reputed to be man & wife and was a living together as such, at the time he was out to the Battle of Brier Creek in 1779; and that they aforesaid parties (to wit) William Wallace & his wife Ruth did continue to live together up to the death of the said William Wallace.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written.

Before me

S/ James Stewart

S/ A. S. Wallace, Magistrate

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South Carolina York District: Appeared William Carson² a Resident of said District aged eighty-five years a surviving soldier of the revolution and pensioner of the State of South Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum before me the Subscribing magistrate and made oath in due form of law that he removed from Pennsylvania in the year 1777 and settled in what is called York District South Carolina that shortly after he settled in said district he became acquainted with William Wallace revolutionary soldier and wife Ruth who were living in the same neighborhood as husband and wife at the time above stated to wit, 1777 or 1778 and as such they continued to live together until they removed to Rutherford County North Carolina some 50 years past where the said William Wallace died leaving his wife a widow the said Ruth who is now living as deponent understands in said County.

He further say that he was intimately acquainted & often in the family of said William Wallace and that he and his wife Ruth were persons of high respectability and had a family of several children when they removed to Rutherford North Carolina. Sworn to and subscribed the first day of July 1847

Before me

S/ Wm Carson, X his mark

S/ A. S. Wallace, Magistrate

South Carolina York District: Personally appeared John Chambers Senior, a resident citizen of said District aged 75 years before me the subscribing Magistrate and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Wallace Revolutionary soldier now deceased & Husband of Ruth Wallace who is now an applicant for a pension.

Deponent further says that the said William & Ruth Wallace lived within 3 miles of his deponent's father in time of the Revolutionary war and continued to live there until he left for North Carolina some 50 years past.

Deponent's father lived in what is now called York District South Carolina in the neighborhood of Beersheba Church and was a Captain in the Army of the revolution and commanded the Militia of the neighborhood.

He further says that the aforesaid William Wallace & his wife Ruth were persons of good moral character and respectability and was brother to Thomas, Joseph, James & McCastland who was the youngest brother of the family.

Sworn and subscribed this 3rd day of July 1843

S/ John Chambers

Before me: S/ A. S. Wallace, Magistrate

² [William Carson S9305](#)