

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Walden¹ (Waldin, Waldren) W9878 Mary fn74VA
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[fn p. 49]

United States of America District of Kentucky: Sct.

This day came before me Robert Trimble District Judge of the United States for the District aforesaid John Walden who being duly sworn declared that he served in the Revolutionary War six years & six months, that he first enlisted in Captain Thomas Ewell's company first State Virginia Regiment, that after serving some time, he was transferred & enlisted in the 2nd Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment, in Captain Tabbs [Augustine Tabb's] company, & Colonel Dabney [Charles Dabney] the commandant of the Regiment, that he joined the Continental Army the winter that the British Army occupied Philadelphia & the American troops on Schuylkill [River] that he was in the Battle of Monmouth & the spring after he enlisted during the war under the same Captain Tabb & same Regiment commanded by Colonel Dabney viz. – 2nd Virginia Regiment and Continental line – that he was transferred to Lee's Legion of Horse in Armstrong's troop, the first troop of light dragoons called the troop of Sorrels, Major Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston] and served there until the end of the war, & was discharged in Richmond Virginia in the year 1783 – He had his discharge that shortly after he returned home it was washed up in his breeches pocket & destroyed

He declares that by reason of his reduced Circumstances in life, he stands in need of his country's assistance for support –

He lives in Henry County Kentucky, aged 58 years next September he is obliged to follow the business of shoemaking, for his livelihood, & supports himself by his manual labor. – Wherefore he prays a pension may be granted him &c

S/ John Walden, X his mark

Given under my hand at Frankfurt Kentucky this 20th day of May in the year 1818

S/ Robert Trimble

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I Thomas Landrum² of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky due on oath declare that I was a Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War,

¹ BLWt778-100

² Thomas Landrem {Landrum} FPA S35512

– that while so serving I knew John Waldin who was a soldier in the same Regiment – that according to my best recollection he enlisted to serve for three years & did so serve to the expiration of said term & was honorably discharged, – that he the said Waldin immediately after his said discharge, enlisted again in the said Virginia Continental line to serve during the war, & soon after was ordered to the South, where he was taken, as I then understood, a prisoner of War at Charleston South Carolina, & was A prisoner by the enemy until the peace, & that the John Walden who makes this application for his military bounty Land warrant is the person who rendered the services aforesaid.

Thomas Landrum

[Attested June 6, 1818]

[fn p. 56-57: petition dated December 3, 1818 of John Walden addressed to the speaker of the house of representatives of the U.S. Congress praying to be placed on the pension list. This petition does not contain any facts different than those set forth in his other applications transcribed herein.]

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Scott County Sct.

This day Thomas Landrom personally appeared before me David Herndon a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County and made oath agreeable to law that John Walden who is now a citizen of Henry County Kentucky served in the regular Service in the Revolutionary War during the war in the 2nd Virginia Regiment at Bond and Middlebrook after the Battle of Monmouth under Captain Augustin Tabb and continued in the Army until the close of the said war.

Given under my hand this 17th of October 1820

S/ D. Herndon

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4th District of Kentucky County and circuit of Henry Sct. April Term 1821

On the 5th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the Circuit of Henry) John Walden aged 63 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said John Walden enlisted during the War in the year 1780 or thereabouts in the Company commanded by Captain Augustine Tobb in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brent in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was discharged from the said service in Virginia at the city of Richmond having come round by sea from Charleston by Norfolk (at Richmond about the year 1781). That he first enlisted for 3 years under Ensign Thomas Grimes, and joined Captain Thomas Ewell's company at Williamsburg, that he served until he enlisted during the war, That he was in the battles of Monmouth and taking of Stony Point, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services except the certificates herewith filed to wit that of Thomas Landrum, herewith filed.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a

resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

One Cow and calf worth	\$10	brought up	\$39.50
1 Hoe 1 Ax	2	One small wheel	1.00
		Buckett pale Huggin	1.75
1 Table	8	1 Washing Tubb	1
Shoemakers Tools	2.50	2 Dishes	1.50
1 pot	1	½ Doz. plates	.75
1 Dutch Oven	6	½ Doz. knives & forks	1.75
1 old chest	2		
4 Hoggs	8	Amt. Total	\$47.00

S/ John Walden, X his mark

I the said John Walden do further swear that my occupation is that of a Shoemaker, my ability to pursue it but limited the number of my family is my two children, to wit John Walden, and Sally Walden, also my Wife the age of the said John is 19 years, and that of Sally 24 years, having no capacity to contribute to their or my support and that he is also unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country being disabled by a wound received in the revolution.

S/ John Walden, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 5 day of April 1821 Before me in open Court being a Court of Record

S/ Henry Davidge, Ct Judge

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For the purpose of obtaining the Benefits of the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 I John Walden of the County of Henry in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I was a Private Soldier in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution and served as such to the close of the War. I first enlisted with ensigns Thomas Gaines who belonged to Colonel Brent's Regiment of the Virginia State Troops I first was arranged to Captain Spillman's Company, then to Captain Dudley's, then to Captain Augustin Tabbs whilst in Colonel Brent's Regiment and before my time expired, for which I engaged to serve in it I enlisted for during the War and when at the South I was for a short time arranged and served with Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment from this Regiment I was transferred to Colonel Henry Lee's Legion of Dragoons I first served a short period in Captain Eagleston's [Eggleston's] Troop and from his Troop I was finally arranged to Captain Armstrong's Troop and in it I served to the close of the War at which time I was with a Detachment commanded by Major Joseph Eagleston [Eggleston] who discharge me which discharge was destroyed by accident and I also declare that I afterwards received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States [the remaining page or pages of this document are not in the file as posted on Footnote.com.]

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State of Indiana County Putnam: SS

On this 25th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Amory Kinney president Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana and the Honorable David Deweese and William Elrod Associate Judges for the County & Circuit of Putnam aforesaid the Putnam Circuit Court now sitting John Walden a resident of said County of Putnam and State of Indiana aged seventy-six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated William Brent Colonel, Charles Dabney Lieutenant Colonel, John Lee Major, Augustine Tabb Captain. The names of the Lieutenants and Ensigns not recollected but thinks one of them was named Wilson. That he cannot state the day or the month But to the best of his recollection he entered the service in the summer of the year 1777 and left the service after the conclusion of peace in the year 1783. That he was in the battle of Monmouth under the above named officers which battle was fought in the summer he thinks

[fn p. 13: Joseph F Farley, a resident of Putnam County and John Rice a resident of same gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana County of Putnam: SS: On this 26 day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Amory Kinney president Judge of the Seventh Judicial circuit of the State of Indiana, and the Honorable David Deweese and the Honorable William Elrod Associate Judges for the County of Putnam aforesaid, the Putnam Circuit Court now sitting John Walden a resident of said County of Putnam, aged between seventy-six and seventy-seven years of age, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make and file this his amended declaration (to the declaration heretofore by him made on the 25th day of October 1832 in the Circuit Court of the County of Putnam aforesaid) in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, William Brent Colonel, Charles Dabney Lieutenant Colonel, John Lee Major, Augustine Tabb Captain, the names of the Lieutenant and the Ensign not recollected, but thinks one of them was named Wilson, that he cannot state the day or the month, but to the best of his recollection he entered the service in the summer of the year 1777, and left service after the conclusion of peace in the year 1783. That he was in the battle of Monmouth, under the above named officers which battle was fought in the summer he thinks in June 1777. That he resided in the County of Middlesex in the State of Virginia when he entered the service, that he was a volunteer in the Virginia State Troops, That he marched first to Williamsburg and remained one year or longer, From that place he was marched to the Valley Forge and joined the Continental Army. That from Valley Forge he marched he thinks in pursuit of the British to New Jersey where the battle before mentioned was fought at Monmouth in which he served. That he was marched backwards and forwards in the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and New York, that he was at the taking of Stoney Point,

That he cannot tell who was his immediate commander, but knows that Colonel Posey [Thomas Posey] was the man that pulled down the British flag. That it was thence he first saw General Washington the next day after the Fort was taken – and he also remembers that twelve men were hung upon the Flag staff the day after the taking of the Fort. That after Bluford's defeat [Abraham Buford's defeat May 29, 1780] he was transferred to his Regiment but did not remain long in that; But was attached to Lee's Legion [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and served the balance of his time until the close of the war under him. That his Captain's name was Armstrong first company of Light Dragoons commonly called the Sorrels, That he was taken out of the Foot Service and mounted. That while under the command of Colonel Henry Lee he was at the taking of Fort Watson which was attacked and taken under cover of moving batteries made of moss and Cows hides, that from Fort Watson he was marched to Friday's Ferry and there was at the taking of another Fort that from that place he was marched to Fort Johnson which was taken by shooting arrows into the roofs of the houses with lighted matches to them. That he was marched into Charleston as the British were evacuating the Town and shortly afterwards was discharged at Richmond Virginia by Major Joseph Eggleston of Lee's Legion, he states that he first volunteered for the time of three years, and after the expiration of the three years he enlisted under the same officers for during the war at Boundbrook in New Jersey at winter quarters, That he has no documentary evidence of his services, and that he knows of no person in this State except Joseph F Farley and John Rice citizens of the County aforesaid and neighbors to this declarant and with whom this declarant was acquainted in the County of Henry and State of Kentucky, from whence this declarant moved about two years ago to his present residence in the County of Putnam aforesaid. That he did prove his services by one Thomas Landrum since dead and had his papers forwarded to the proper Department in order to obtain a pension under the form of law of Congress but what deposition was made of them he knows not, That he was born in the County of Middlesex in the State of Virginia on the waters of the Rappahannock River about the 6th or the 8th of the month of March in the year 1756 or thereabouts.

That he has no record or documentary evidence of his age nor has he ever seen any that his information concerning his age and the place of his birth is derived from the tradition of his elder brothers, sisters, and near relatives, his father and mother having both died when he was an infant. That there is no Minister of the Gospel or clergyman of any denomination whatever residing in the neighborhood of Putnam with whom this declarant has any acquaintance, nor does he know of any Minister of his acquaintance nearer than Henry County Kentucky, where this declarant last resided previous to his removal to his present residence and that for that cause he did not procure the testimony of a clergyman when he applied as herein for stated; nor does he yet know of any Minister of his acquaintance by whom he could prove his services nearer than Henry County in the State of Kentucky, That his discharge which he received as herein stated was by accident soon after he received the same washed in his shirt or breeches pocket, and at the time he received the same he supposed it would be of little or no value and that for that reason he did not take a little care of the same. That since the close of the revolution he had resided in [the] following states to wit in the County of Middlesex in the State of Virginia, 3 years – from thence he removed to the County of Fayette in the State of Kentucky where he resided one year; from thence he removed to the County of Scott in the State of Kentucky where he resided between 10 and 15 years; from thence he removed to the County of Warren in the State of Kentucky where he resided 5 years, from thence he removed to the County of Henry in the State of Kentucky, where he resided 27 years; From thence he removed to the County of

Putnam in the State of Indiana the place of his present residence where he has resided for the last two years.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency or Territory.

S/ John Walden, X his mark

[Joseph F Farley and John Rice gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 17: On August 22, 1838 in Putnam County Indiana, Mary Walden, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Walden, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him April 10, 1784; that her husband died December 22nd, 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 19: Sally Rice gave an affidavit in Putnam County Indiana stating that she is the daughter of John and Mary Walden; that her father died in 1835 a pensioner of the United States; that she married John Rice some sixteen years ago, to wit in 1822; that she was 37 years old when she married; that she knows of no record of the births of her parents children or of their marriage; that it is her understanding that her parents were married 2 years prior to her birth.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]