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Pension Application of Walker Baylor X53

VA

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[The file jacket is inscribed as follows: Continental (Va.) Baylor, Walker Dis./ No papers. X53 is a number assigned by HeritageQuest.

The file includes a typed summary with the following excerpt:

“The Revolutionary War records show that a Walker Baylor served as Captain in that war. He received a pension of \$150 per annum under the Act of June 7, 1785, which pension began September 4, 1789. His name was first placed on the pension roll of the Virginia Agency, from which, on April 10, 1809, it was transferred to the pension roll of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Agency. His pension was increased under the Act of April 27, 1810, to \$20 a month, that rate to commence December 29, 1808. This pension was allowed because of disability incurred in service, the nature of which is not shown.”

The file contains a copy of a letter from the Pension Office dated 31 Mar 1821 to Walker Baylor, Esq. of Woodlawn near Paris KY informing him that in order to obtain a new certificate of pension he must make oath to the loss or destruction of the original, and also offering guidance in obtaining proper evidence of continued physical disability.

F. B. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April 1775, to December, 1783* has the following:

Baylor, Walker (Va.) Lieutenant Third Continental Dragoons, 28th June, 1777; Captain, – February, 1780; resigned 10th July, 1780. (Died 1823.)

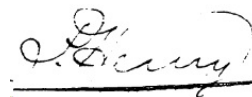
The following are from [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some online images are partly or totally illegible.]

It is hereby Certified that Mr. Walker Baylor was a Captain in the 3^d. Regiment of Light Dragoons and was wounded by a Cannon ball at the battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] being then in the service of the United States. November 27th 1786.

T. Meriwether [Thomas Meriwether] – formerly/ Maj'r. 1st. V. S. R.

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that Walker Baylor Gent about 26 years of age late a Captain in the 3^d. Regiment of Light Dragoons, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of The United States as to entitle him to the sum of Forty five pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786
GIVEN under my hand at Richmond, this 27th day of November 1786.

[Gov. Patrick Henry]



Caroline [County] April Court 1787

Ordered that the Sheriff pay Walker Baylor the pension Warrant of [illegible word] Forty five pounds
A Copy John Pendleton DC

[The left portion of the following is missing at the places marked *.]

[*]88 Rec'd of Dan'l Coleman the [*] sum of Forty five pounds [*] for my Brother Walker.

John Baylor

May 19th 1787

Rec'd payment in full for the within
Test/ John Armistead

Fanny[?] Baylor for Walker Baylor

[The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#).:]

I Walker Baylor a Captain in the third Regiment of light dragoons in the Virginia line on Continental establishment do decalare that I in the month of January 1777 was appointed a Cornet in the 3^d Regiment and was at the battle of Germantown in 1777 severely wounded by having my left foot & ancle very much fractured by a cannon ball which rendered me unable to do duty for about fifteen months while I was confined by my wound I was advanced to a Lieutenancy in the same Regiment as soon as I got able to do duty I joined my Regiment which was in the latter part of 1778 then quartered at Frederick town Maryland and was advanced to a Captaincy in the same Regiment. I served through the campaigns at the Southward untill the surrender of Charlestown in 1780 [May 12] when my helth had become so infirm in consequence of my wound that I was unable to do duty and there being a sufficient number of officers in the Regiment I was by Col. [William] Washington who then commanded the Regiment sent home as supernumery and was never after called into service but never resigned my commission nor was I ever casiered [cashiered] or superceded but was in service at the close of the war in 1783. My wound has ever since been very troublesome to me and has rendered me almost incapable of doing any business which required me to walk

I do farther certify that I have received from the State of Virginia but four thousand acres of military land warrants. Given under my hand this 20th day of February 1822

Attest

Walker Th. Baylor
Alexander Lohr
Enoch Betterton



Formerly a Captain in the 3 Regiment of Light Dragoons

I knew the aforesaid Captain Walker Baylor now Major Baylor in the service from the year 1778 to the close of the war & have been acquainted with him ever since he continued in actual service until after the surrender of Charlestown & I have no doubt but he continued in the service to the close of the war. Given under my hand this 23^d day of February 1822

Witnessed by Mary Lewis [Abraham Buford] formerly
Col 11th Virg'a Reg't



I Certify that tho not Personally acquainted with Capt Walker Baylor I knew him to have belong to Col William Washingtons Regiment of Cavalry & that he received a grievous wound at the northward in an engagement with the enemy, that he served also in south Carolina under Col Washington who (I well recollect) in conversation with me since the revolutionary war mentioned Capt Baylor as having with his Corps in the affair of Lenues ferry on Congaree in 1780 [sic: Leneud's Ferry near Jamestown SC on Santee River, 6 May 1780] – I served myself in the revolutionary Army from 1775 to the definitive treaty in 1783. my acquaintance in the Army was pretty general & I have every reason to believe that the foregoing certificate of Capt Baylor is strictly correct and Particularly that he served to the end of the war and ended his service Honourably. Given under my hand this 2^d day of March 1822

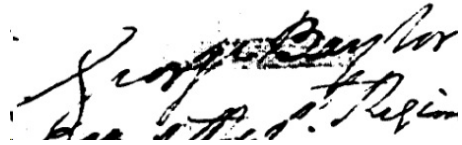
[William B Wallace, pension application S42612]
Late 1st Lieut in the 1st Regt Artill'y on Continental
establishment Revolutionary war
Witness/ F Wallace/ John Walker/ Nannie hall



I do hereby certify that Walker Baylor Sr.[?] was appointed a Cornet in the late 3^d Regiment of Light Dragoons by me, the 27th of January 1777 & that he was promoted to a first Lieutenancy the 1st of June 1777 & also that he was promoted to a Captancy in Febuary 1779. Capt. Baylor resigned the 10th of May 1780

Caroline Coty.
April the 13th 1783

[George Baylor]
Colo. of the 1st Regiment
of Cavalry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Baylor" with "Dec 10th 1780" written below it.

Two warrants of 2000 acres each issued to Captain Walker Baylor 23rd May 1783 upon Certificate of the Executive of same date for three years service as a Captain of Cavalry in the Virginia Continental Line. No other warrant appears to have issued for the service of said Walker Baylor in the war of the Revolution.

Wm. G. Pendleton Esq'r

Land Office/ 1 April 1822.

Dear Sir Your letter of an old date came lately to hand – your Enquiries Relative to Capt. Walker Baylor, I can answer some of them, as we served in the same Reg't. during the Revolution. Capt. Baylor was appointed a Cornet in the 3^d Reg't. of Light Dragoons in January 1777 – he was wounded at German Town – his appointment as Capt. I do not recollect; but that fact may be ascertained by application to the war office; also as to his Regnation, every thing you wish, may be had at the war office, therefore I would recommend it to you to apply there – all the other circumstance you mention has escaped by recollection. Capt. Bedkin, I knew in the Army – what has become of him, I know not.

I am very Respectfully your obd'nt. Serv't. C. Jones [probably Churchill Jones]
Chatham May 17th 1822