Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Waller S37503 Transcribed by Will Graves fn33VA 7/30/11

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The Statement of John Waller on oath Resident of Pendleton County Kentucky This deponent states that he enlisted as a private in the Service of the United States under the present Colonel John Mountjoy then Captain of a Company in the 10th Virginia Regiment (which was afterwards reduced to the 6th Regiment) on the 7th January 1777 in which Company he served as private and noncommissioned officer in the Continental line during three years which was the term for which he enlisted and received of a Colonel Webb at the Barracks of Philadelphia and Honorable discharge and returned to Virginia and enlisted again under Colonel Thomas Mountjoy and was appointed a recruiting Sergeant and continued in that service until peace in 1783 and that his pay rations and clothing were miserably deficient and if he remembers rightly nothing but the cause he was engaged in kept him in the service and that he knows not that his discharge is in existence he deposited it in the Counsel Office in Richmond when he obtained his land warrant he further states that he is in his sixty sixth year of age & that he never was overburdened with the good things of this world and that from his age and reduced Circumstances that he is in need of the Assistance of his country for support

S/ John Waller

The deposition of Alvin Mountjoy¹ this deponent states on oath that he has been acquainted with the aforementioned John Waller from the earliest period of his youth and he knows of his enlisting with his brother John Mountjoy in the revolutionary war in the year 1777 he has seen him in the service and after his term of service, and he believes he obtained an Honorable discharge for he has been acquainted with him ever since the war and never heard anything the latest against him as to the manner of his leaving the service and he now lives a near neighbor to him in Pendleton County Kentucky, that he himself also served as Captain in the Continental line as did his Brother John by which means he had an opportunity of seeing the aforesaid Waller in the service.

S/ Alvin Mountjoy

The Deposition of Captain Charles Sterne this deponent states on oath that he served in the same

¹ FPA W8471

Company with the aforesaid John Waller and was well acquainted with him for they were both sergeants at the same time and he has now heard his statement read and verily believes it correct.

S/ Charles Sterne

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[Attested May 18, 1818]

District of Kentucky Sct.

On this the 21st day of October 1819 before may the Subscriber one of the Circuit Judges of the Commonwealth personally appeared John Waller age 66 years resident in Pendleton County and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the 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 –

That he the said John Waller enlisted in the service of the United States in Stafford County in Virginia on the 7th day of January 1777 under Captain John Mountjoy of the 10th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line commanded by Colonel Commandant Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] (& Lieutenant Colonel Willis (& Georgia Nicholas was the Major) who died in this state) for the term of 3 years that he served out the whole time for which he was enlisted except about 5 days that he was discharged in Philadelphia by Colonel Webb who was ordered there for the purpose of giving discharges to those whose times were about expiring and he therefore received his discharge on or about the 2 day of January 1780. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown and several other Battles of less importance & that he is reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for Support and that he made a similar declaration before the County Court for the County of Pendleton Kentucky as early as the 15th day of June 1818 which declaration he apprehends has never Reached the Department of War.

Sworn to & declared before me on this 21st day of October 1819

S/ John Trimble, Circuit Judge

Also appeared John Mountjoy Senior² who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was appointed a Captain in the 10th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line and that he did enlist the aforesaid John Waller and that the said Waller continued in the service for the term of at least twenty months and he has good reason to believe he served his three years out. And I do further certify that said Mountjoy is a man of credibility and that full faith & credence all to be given to his statements.

October 21st 1819

S/ John Trimble

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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² FPA S36175

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Addendum to John Waller S37503

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 26 Dec 2022.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia in two files.]

John Waller Serg't in the 6^{th} Virginia Regiment having faithfully served three years the Term of his Inlistment is hereby Discharged from the service and commissaryes are requested to furnish the bairer with provision till the 22^{nd} of January 1780 Given under my hand Philadelphia this 30^{th} of Dec'r 1779.

John Webb Lt. Colo. [BLWt2052-450] 5 Virg'a Reg't

A Copy/ H. Randolph

I hereby certify that [illegible] Waller enlisted under me to serve three years in the conti[nental ser]vice the 20th day of October 1782, and that immediately upon [illegible]ent I appointed him a serjeant, & that he served in that capacity to the conclusion of the war. Given under my hand & seal the [illegible] day of December 1787.

Thomas Mountjoy