

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Walker S6340

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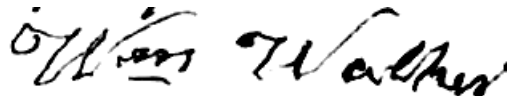
14th July 1832 Aerygreen [Airygreen ?] Cumberland County & State of Virginia

The declaration of William Walker of the place, County and State above named in order to obtain a pension as a revolutionary soldier, Answers the questions proposed by the Secretary of the board of War viz.:

When and where were you born? &c &c Agreeable to the register handed me by my father I was born in the County and State above written on the 26th day of February 1757. And from that time until now when at home have ever lived within a mile of the same place. I enlisted as a rifleman under Captain John Morton of Prince Edward County the 19th day of February 1776 and in a few days after marched to Portsmouth Virginia and was organized in the 4th Virginia Regiment. The following all the names of the Captains composing the Regiment, viz.: Morton, Dark [perhaps William Darke], Brunt [probably John Brent], which were rifle companies, Lucas [James Lucas], Forkner, Riddly [probably Thomas Ridley], Mason [Nathaniel Mason] and Mathews [Thomas Matthews], Lawson [Robert Lawson] being Colonel Commander. We remained at this place until about the 10th of September when we were called to go to the North to reinforce General Washington, whom we met in his retreat to the further part of the State of Jersey. The first combat that I was in was at Brunswick covering a party that was taken down the bridge. The next was at Currell's ferry on Christmas morning 1776, being on picket at that place a party of the enemy fired upon our ferryboat, killing one man, when several fires passed from each side. The same day in the evening we crossed the ferry moving on to Trenton [December 26, 1776], the 4th Virginia Regiment being the vanguard. The Company to which I belonged being the oldest company commanded by Captain Wales who formerly had been an officer in the British Army were in the front of the whole. After taking the Hessians we returned back to Currell's ferry from which place I was sent as a guard with some wounded Hessians and sick Americans to a hospital which prevented me from being with my much beloved General and brothers in arms at the battle of Princetown [Princeton, January 3, 1777]. I rejoined my Regiment about the 10th of January at a village called Chatham. From this time until sometime in March I never was at any one time 48 hours out of actual service. In this place I beg leave to bring in the names of a few officers whose conduct in this winter's campaign claims a monument to the breast of every American. Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan], Richard Parker, Jos. Parker [Josiah Parker] and Charles Scot [Charles Scott] With each of whom I was in several combats. But passing over many interesting circumstances, from the above time to the latter part of August 1777, went on our march to meet the enemy in the State of Virginia as we supposed we were met immediately after passing Chester with an express that the enemy was landing at the head of Elk [River]. At this place 8 hundred men chiefly volunteers called the detached light infantry I being among them the following are the names of the field officers commanding this party, Rich. Parker

[Richard Parker], Colonel Heath [probably William Heth] with a glass eye Colonel Crawford [perhaps William Crawford] with his leather hunting shirt, pantaloons and Rifle, Colonel Martin [perhaps Alexander Martin] from North Carolina, General Maxwell [probably William Maxwell of New Jersey] being the commander we marched to a place called Iron Hill where we remained until the 2nd of September, the enemy being as yet stationary when a very bloody conflict [Battle of Cooch's Bridge or Iron Hill, September 3, 1777] ensued. As no historian has noticed this I refer you to Washington's Official letters. For myself I can say that this detachment on that day deserved well of their country. Between this and the 11th of September we had the second combat and on the 11th commenced the action of Brandywine in which we were engaged the greater part of the day with some few intervals. The next combat that I was in was at the White horse [Battle of the Clouds or Battle of White horse Tavern]¹ on the 16th of September. After which I rejoined my Regiment and was in the battle at Germantown on the 4th of October. Omitting to notice many interesting circumstances from this time until sometime in February 1778 at Valley Forge I received my discharge from Brigadier General Charles Scot, which is either misplaced or lost. After this I returned home but I did not remain idle. I rendered my country very essential service in exercising and training the militia of my County and met the enemy at every point when they ventured to come into Virginia. In February 1781 I volunteered myself in a company of militia commanded by Captain Dick Allen [Richard Allen] in the grade of first Sergeant for the term of three months in defense of the neighborhood of Portsmouth when we got to head quarters in the vicinity of Suffolk we were organized and placed under the command of Colonel Posy [Thomas Posey] a Continental officer until he was called to go [to] the action at Guilford in North Carolina [March 15, 1781]. After which we were placed under Colonel Downman [Raleigh Downman]. General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] commander – in this tour [tour] I was in a very warm combat near the long Bridge where Fordyce fell the 9th of December 1775. After serving 3 months I returned home for a short time. But when the enemy made their appearance at the Point of Fork I volunteered myself and joined Steuben (General). In this short tour I was organized in no particular Company, but served as a reconnoitre after the enemy fell below Richmond I retired home a while. On or about the 11th September 1781 I marched from the County of Cumberland to the Siege of York under the command of Captain Dick Allen & was 7 weeks on this tour having to march to the Barracks beyond Winchester. In this tour I likewise served in the grade of first Sergeant under which grade I claim my pension. Soon after this I was appointed by the worshipful Court of Cumberland Captain of their Militia. In the year 1787 I commenced a preacher of the gospel and the next year resign my military commission. I appoint the Rev. Luther Rice as my agent to receive payment of my pension as it shall become due. 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 the agency of any state.

S/ Wm Walker



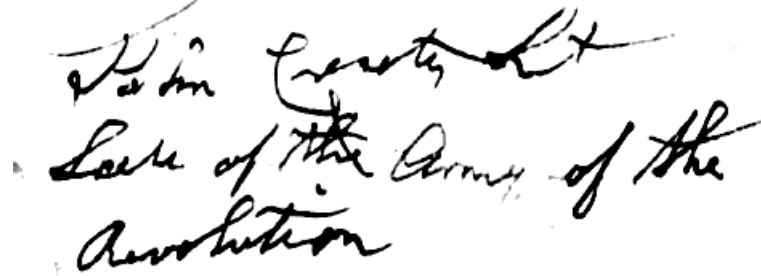
Prince Edward County State of Virginia

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the above named Wm Walker in the year 1776 at which time he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the 4th Virginia Regiment and continued so to be until 1778 at which time he was discharged. He discharged his duty to his

¹ This engagement is also referred to as the Battle of Warren and the Battle of Goshen

Country as a faithful soldier and has been a respectable citizen ever since to my knowledge.
Given under my hand this 16th day of July A.D. 1832

S/ John Crute, Lt.²
late of the Army of the Revolution

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The text reads "John Crute Lt" on the first line, "late of the Army of the" on the second line, and "Revolution" on the third line. The signature is slightly slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$86.90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line and militia; 19 months & 8 days as a private and 4 months and 12 days as a Sergeant.]

² [John L. Crute S24980](#)