

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Charles Walker S7802

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia

Campbell County; to wit

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Honorable King Thomas Senr Richard Perkins Allan [last name illegible] & Edward Blothers[?] Justices in the county of Campbell now sitting Charles Walker a resident of the said County and state aged 72 years the 28th day of September next, who being first 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 for six months under Robert Adams Captain, Charles Lynch Jr Lieutenant and Mathew Arther Ensign. I joined company at Pruets near the mouth of Fallen [sic] River in Bedford, now Campbell, some time in August 1780 and marched with Col. Lynch's Regiment, through Charlotte county, Prince Edward, Amelia and Dinwiddie to Petersburg and encamped at Old town Bridge near that place at which I was discharged about the middle of December following having served about four months, our Regiment having joined General [Robert] Lawson's Brigade on their arrival at Petersburg. I saw General Lawson frequently while there.

And on the first of May 1781 I was again called to Maj'r [John] Wards. I entered the service again under Capt Adam Clements Robert Cobb Lieutenant and Shadrack Brown Ensign and marched from Wards to Salisbury North Carolina where we remained about two weeks we then march and joined General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at the siege of 96 [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 June 1781] where we remained until sometime in June and until the siege was raised. from 96 marched to Charlotte Town with the sick & wounded where they were left. I also remained here until sometime in August making rather more than three months, when I was discharged. That he has no documentary evidence in relation to his said service. 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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Charles Walker

State of Virginia}

Campbell County to wit.}

On this 10th day of June 1833. personally appeared in open court, before the justices of Campbell County Court, Charles Walker, a resident of the County aforesaid, aged seventy two years, who being first 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 the 7th 1832. in relation to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war. The said Walker saith that he entered the service of the United States as a private in Militia of Bedford, now Campbell County Va, in the year 1780. as a volunteer under Capt. Robert Adams; that he joined his company at a place called Pruets near the mouth of Falling River, in s'd county. that he and his company marched from that place, under Colo. Charles Lynch Sen. to Petersburg, and encamp at a place called Old Town Bridge: we remained at that place till December, when being discharged I returned home. This was a four months tour. I served at this time at least four months. Charles Lynch Jr. was a Lieutenant in this Capt. Adams Company; and Matthew Arthur was Ensign. While at Petersburg, this company & regiment was under the Command of Gen Lawson. Baron Steuben was there once or twice to inspect the troops. That his next service was also in the militia of said County as a private, during the next year, to wit 1781: he was called out, rendezvoused at place called Wards on Stauton [sic: Staunton] river, under Capt. Adam Clement; Major Ward, Major [Charles] Rose; from thence marched to North Carolina, to Salisbury; from thence to a place or fort called ninety-six in South Carolina; while the British were in the fort. Gen Green then was in command with our army besieging the enemy then in that fort. He remained there till the siege was broken up, the enemy having received reinforcements. Our army was compelled to retire without taking

the fort, although we had made an entrenchment even up to the walls of the fort, so that our men with their hooks or poles could and did reach up from the trench to the walls of the fort and pull down their bags of sand placed on the top of the walls for their defence. When the siege was [illegible word] we marched to the town of Charlotte North Carolina with the sick and wounded where after remaining there some time, he was discharged and returned home. having served three months or more; certainly three months at least. That he has no discharge, having lost his papers. that he does not know of any living witness to said service - nor has he any [illegible word] whatever to prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever. [signed] Charles Walker

- Interrogatories propounded by the Court.
- 1st Where and in what year were you born?
Ans. I was born in King George County, northern neck of Virginia in the year 1760.
- 2^d Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?
Ans. I have none.
- 3rd Where were you living when called in to service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live?
Ans. I then lived where I now live; in Bedford, now Campbell County; on the waters of Falling River; where I have ever lived since I was seven years old.
- 4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so, for whom?
Ans. In my first term I volunteered. the second I was called out & went to Carolina.
- 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.
Ans. I recollect the names of Genl. Lawson, Baron Steuben, and Colo. Lynch when I was at Petersburg; but I cant remember the names of the officers of other regiments. I recollect the names of Genl Green, Colo. [Henry] Lee of the Horse troops, Colo. [William] Washington, my own Maj'r. Ward & Major Rose in Carolina. The circumstances of my service are fully detailed in my declaration.
- 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?
Ans. I received but one; I don't recollect the name of the officer who gave it ; and that is lost.
- 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the r~~e~~olution.
Ans. Paulet[?] Clark Esq. John Cobbs, Revd Samuel Armsted. [illegible word] Robert Smith, Samuel Pannill Esq. Alex'r William Leach and many others-

NOTE: On 19 June 1835 Frances C. Walker assigned power of attorney to an agent to collect the pension owed from the last payment to her deceased husband, Charles Walker, until his death on 3 Jan 1835.