Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Waldron (Waldren) W9154 Elizabeth fn33VA Transcribed by Will Graves 7/23/11

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State of Ohio Jackson County SS

On this 15th day of October A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common pleas now sitting Philip Waldron a resident of Jackson County State of Ohio aged seventy-three years 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, In April 1780 he entered the service under the command of Captain Robert Davis in Rockingham County, Virginia to rout the Tories collected at the mill of Jacob blank on the South branch of the Potomac [River] to the number of 500 men when he was with others in an engagement, and assisted in taking several prisoners was in service one month which was considered by the General as a full tour of three months, Colonel Harrison [perhaps Charles Harrison] our commander. In March 1781 was drafted for a tour of three months under Captain Gregg [perhaps, James Gregg] served part of the time under him, the residue of the 3 months under Captain Christman [perhaps, George Christman also spelled George Chrisman] of Rockingham County Virginia field officers Colonel Harrison & Major Hamilton [perhaps. Gawen Hamilton], after serving this tour of three months, I volunteered under said Captain Christman and served one month until a reinforcement was collected during which service we had a very severe & long engagement with the British in which many were killed, wounded, & taken prisoners, likewise, we took their baggage this engagement took place the last of June near the burn ordinary [Burnt Ordinary] in Virginia, a few days after (being the 8th of July as he believes) we had a very severe engagement at Petersburg we lost many men killed & several wounded, General Lafayette acting as our commander in this battle, we then returned to the burnt ordinary & were discharged by Captain Christman, returned home, stayed about two weeks, when there was a call for a draft of 14 men out of the company to which I belonged. I persuaded our Captain to beat up for volunteers (instead of drafting) to serve twelve months, if not sooner discharged which [indecipherable word or words] him on the first day of August we left Rockingham County Virginia under the command of Captain Koiger [this MAY be a mistaken reference to Capt. Michael Coger], and marched to Williamsburg (Virginia) where we joined headquarters watching the movements of Lord Cornwallis we then pursued Cornwallis to little York, near York on the night of our arrival we were fired at by the British from a readout on Pidgeon Hill [Pigeon Hill], James Shomion [?] was killed & several wounded we drove the enemy in close quarters, & commenced building batteries under a long & incessant fire from the enemy. I believe the siege lasted 18 days when Cornwallis surrendered during which time I was constantly engaged & was present when he surrendered. I was under the immediate command of Colonel Dark, Major not recollected, General Washington, Lafayette & Muhlenberg were all present, I assisted in taking

the prisoners from little York to Winchester Virginia & was discharged the last day of February afterwards (at Winchester Virginia) making a tour of 6 months. I have had a Honorable discharge in every case, but have by some means unknown lost all documents going to prove the fact, I do not now recollect the number of the Regiment to which I belonged. I was born near Chambersburg Pennsylvania A.D. 1761 was living in Rockingham Virginia when called into service (first drafted & and volunteered) & continued to reside there until 1802 when I moved to what is now called Jackson County of Ohio & have since that period resided in said County of Jackson.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State. Sworn & subscribed the day & date aforesaid. Sworn & subscribed in open court October 18, 1834

S/D. Hoffman, Clk

S/ Philip Waldren

[John Swain, a clergyman, and William Reed gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

George Waldren and George Weise of the County of Jackson State of Ohio do hereby certify that we were acquainted with the present Applicant at the times he was a soldier of the revolution and well recollect of his serving as a soldier in the service of the United States at the several times of which he speaks, Sworn to in open Court this day & date aforesaid

S/ George Waldron, O his mark S/ George Weise, X his mark

[fn p. 9: On August 26, 1857 in Vinton County of Ohio, Elizabeth Waldron, 57, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Phillip Waldron, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 7, 1844 in Jackson County of Ohio; that they were married by Hazell Barbee, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Elisabeth Eutsler [?]; That her husband died in Vinton County Ohio January 1, 1857; that she remains his widow. fn p. 26: she states her birthday as May 8th, 1800.]

[fn p. 4: Certificate from the office of the probate judge in Jackson County Ohio stating that Philip Waldron and Elizabeth Turner were legally joined in marriage by Hayle Barbee, JP March 7, 1844.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing January 1, 1857.]