Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Oliver Walker S18260 VA
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To the Honorable House of Delegates and Senate for the State of Virginia assembled this your Petitioner Oliver Walker, being a man of about 80 years of age and having suffered much in the Revolution War during Seven years Regular Sevis and am now a pore man and infirm'd and not able to get my Living and I hope that, that generous government which I spent 7 years in regular servis in to secure our Independanc will now give me something to seport on in my Last days and your Petitioner will ever feel in duty bound to Pray &c

In enlisted in to the regular service in the year 1777 in Bedford County Virginia in the Company of Captain William Campbell, and was discharged for ill health on the 28th of August 1778 and I was drafted for the six succeeding summers on different services and in the Command of John Luney [sic: John Looney] a Captain in the Militia & Captain David Mays and others for the above term of 7 years.



Logan County To Wit

This day appeared Oliver Walker before me, Francis R. Pennell, a Justice of the peace, for said County, And made Oath, That he enlisted into the service of the State of Virginia, in the first Regiment of the line, then Commanded by Colo. William Christie [William Christian], & in the Company of William Campbell, and under Lieutenent Daniel Trigg, and was discharged for inability, at Williamsburg, on the 28th of August 1778
Given under my hand, this 4th of August 1825

Dec'r 12th 1825 ref'd to Claims/ 1825 Dec'r 16 Reasonable/ 17 Reported/ 21 Bill drawn

[The following are from the federal pension file.] Virginia } Sct.
Logan County }

On this tenth day of January 1834 personally appeared before me Joseph Straton, a Justice of the peace for said County, Oliver Walker, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States at the house of Mathew Ralston near New London in the County of Bedford [now in Campbell County], and State of Virginia aforesaid in the month of July 1776 with one Henry Ayres [Henry Ayers, pension application W445], a recruiting officer. That the Company to which he was attached was made up at New London as aforesaid, and commanded by Captain William Campbell, Lieutenant Daniel Trigg, and George Lambert Ensign [pension application S8810] – that the first sargeant was named William Neil that he was marched with the rest of his company from New London as aforesaid through the City of Richmond to Williamsburg at which place they joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. William Christie [William Christian], the number of which he does not recollect [1st Virginia Regiment], that they were stationed at Williamsburg during

the greater part of the succeeding winter, and early in the spring were marched from thence to Hampton and remained there some time, at which place their forces were augmented; – That they were then marched back to the City of Williamsburg, at which place they were stationed until the 28th of August 1777 making about thirteen months service, at which time and place he received his discharge signed by Captain William Campbell, the officer before set out —

This Declarant further states, that shortly afterwards [in 1778] whilst living with one John Moore, in the County of Botetourt in said State, he was drafted to serve in the Army of the United States, and was marched through the upper Country of Virginia to the Delaware Towns (Indian) to join the Army commanded by Gen'l. [Lachlan] McIntosh, and that after some time they were marched back to said County of Botetourt in the winter following making a six months tour. This declarant further states that in the spring following he was again drafted at Fincastle, Virginia, and was marched to James Town and joined the Army commanded by General Lafayette, that he fought in the battle of James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] – He declares that he was marched by Captain David May from Fincastle Virginia to the State of North Carolina, and fought at the battle of the Reedy fork [Skirmish at Wetzel's Mill on Reedy Fork of Haw River, 6 Mar 1781] under Colo. William Preston and Colo. [Otho Holland] Williams – that his Major was Joseph Cloyd. That he was engaged in several skirmishes with the British and received his discharge from Captain Looney – That his discharge was stolen some 10 years afterwards with his pocket book and other papers

This declarant further states, that the whole period of his service as aforesaid was upwards of three years, but the precise time he does not remember by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any

Oliver Walker

Giles County State of Virginia October 28th 1833

This day Julius Webb came before me Robert M Hutcherson a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Giles and made oath as follows to wit That himself and Oliver Walker was drafted and served a touer of Three Months under Captain Joseph Loony under the command of General Campbell in the Revolutionary War and was both discharged and returned home in the last of August 1781 J Webb

Giles County State of Virginia the affidavit of Julies Webb – The further Statements of said Webb in adition to a former affidavit Given before Robert M Hutcherson on the 28th day of October 1833 That in adition to three months tower that I served with Oliver Walker now of Logan County I was well acquainted with the said Walker and had been for a long time before the touer of three months service in the war of the Revolution in the year 1781 but I well know that the said Walker went a touer the lenth of which I do not well recolect at this time and further that when I first became acquainted with the said Walker he was dressed in Clothing like a Soldier and said that he had been long in the Service and I beleve that he had served as he states Given from under my hand this 17th day of March 1834

Julies Webb

On this 18th day of March 1834

Catherine Anderson aged about 77 years of age makes the following statements on oath that She was acquainted with Oliver Walker now of Logan County & State of Virginia in the time of the Revolutionary War that her husband was by the name of David Willson [David Wilson?] and that him and said Oliver Walker was drafted and went to Carolina together and afterwards the served a touer in the lower part of Virginia together the lenth of which not well recolected and further that she has been acquainted with the said Oliver Walker for manay years since the war of the Revolution until he

remooved farther west and is now living in the County of Logan as I am informed Given under my hand this day above written

Cathrin Anderson

NOTES:

At the skirmish at Wetzel's Mill Walker was evidently part of the corps referred to as the Botetourt Riflemen. For further details see http://southerncampaign.org/newsletter/v4n123.pdf p. 60. A letter dated 16 Dec 1835 refers to Walker's "poor widow."