Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Walker W4614
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State of Virginia County of Accomack

On this 27th day of May 1844 personally appeared in open court the subscriber James Walker a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath in right of his mother Elizabeth Walker deceased make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836. That he is the son and Administrator [indecipherable word or words] the estate of his deceased mother Elizabeth Walker, who died on the 8th of September 1837, as the evidence accompanying this declaration will show, and that she was widow to John Walker deceased on the 27th of June 1796, who was during the war of Revolution an Ensign in the Virginia Line, and served for three years, as the certificate of the records of the Virginia Land Office will also show.

The Declaration being made in right of his deceased mother, the aforesaid Elizabeth Walker, He further declares that she was married to the said John Walker in the year 1771 and (that the said John Walker Died in the Year 1796) there is no record of the marriage to be found nor no one now living who can give any testimony of their marriage of the time the marriage took place, But record evidence is here with annexed, that John and Elizabeth first child was born the 10th of March 1772, That she remained a widow up to the time of her death which took place on the 8th of September 1837 which will more fully appear by the accompanying evidence.

S/ James Walker

Administrator of Elizabeth Walker

James Walker.

At a Court held for Accomack County in the State of Virginia on Tuesday the 25th day of June 1844.

It is ordered to be certified that evidence has this day been exhibited to the Court which is entirely satisfactory, that Elizabeth Walker widow of John Walker who was an officer in the War of the Revolution died the 8th September 1837 & that she left the following children who survived her and is Sally Turlington, widow of John Turlington, John S Walker, James Walker, Henry S Walker, Ann Harmon; that Ann Harmon died in the year 1843 leaving John Harmon, her husband and the following children William Harmon, John Harmon, James Harmon, Sally Willis, Ann Savage, Elizabeth Harmon & Catherine Harmon & that James Walker, son of Elizabeth

Walker is her administrator & that Dorothy Wainus Walker, who intermarried with Levi Hutchinson was a daughter of the said John & Elizabeth Walker and died before her mother. A True Copy Test S/J. J. Ailworth, JP

[fn p. 6: On May 25, 1844 in Accomack County Virginia, John Phillips, 82, gave testimony that he lived in the neighborhood of John Walker who intermarried with Elizabeth Killam; that John Walker and Elizabeth were married before the commencement of the Revolutionary war; that John Walker was a recruiting officer during said war; that he was not present at their marriage but they lived together as man and wife and that they had a child Dorothy Wainus Hutchinson, born in 1772, their daughter who intermarried with Levi Hutchinson.]

[fn p. 8: family record of Levi Hutchinson: Levi Hutchinson was born September 2nd 1772 DorothyWainus Walker was born March 10th 1772 And they were both married together December 29th 1792]

[fn p. 11: copy of the Last Will and Testament of John Walker dated November 25, 1795. He names his wife [without stating her name], son John Steward Walker, children: Anne, Sally, Elizabeth, Henry, James; and he specifically directed that the negro George be sold "for what he will fetch but the right not warranted"]

[fn p. 32: On may 25, 1844 in Accomack County Virginia, Benjamin Colona, 82, gave testimony that he was born in Accomack County and continues to live there to the present time; that he was well acquainted with Elizabeth Killam who intermarried with John Walker; that they had 2 or 3 children and lived in one end of the house that affiant's father lived in at the time of the revolutionary war; that John Walker left his family and entered the service in the war of the revolution and was a recruiting officer; that affiant's father was in the service with said John Walker during the revolution; that affiant well recollects said John Walker visited his family in the time of his service that he went into one of the outhouses and took off all his clothing and wash himself all over to be clear of the lice that were in his clothing; that while John Walker was in the Army, one of his children fell into a well and cut her head and hurt herself otherwise very much; that their daughter, Dorothy Wainus Walker later intermarried with Levi Hutchinson.]

[Veteran's widow's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$240 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending September 8 1837 (the date of her death), for her husband's service as an Ensign in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to John Walker W4614

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 30 April 2020.

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I do hereby certify that John Walker of Accomack county now deceased enlisted a soldier in the ninth Virginia regiment on Continental establishment in the latter end of the year 1775 or the begining of the year 1776 that he marched with his said regiment joined the Army was promoted to the rank of an Ensign and was taken prisoner with the ninth regiment at the battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777]. And he returned home by permission of the Commander in Chief (as I believe) with reputable character in the year 1779.

John Cropper Jr. [W3781] formerly

Lt. Col. Comm'dt. 11th Virginia Regiment

Virginia, Accomack County 4th Septem'br 1809