

## **Pension Application for William Walker**

S.32044

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Delaware then holden at the court-house in the town of Delhi in said county, in open court, William Walker of the town of Kortright in said county afs'd 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in the year 1777 he resided in the Precinct now town of Montgomery in the County of Orange & there belonged to a company of militia commanded by Capt John Hunter—that he continued to reside in that precinct or town & continued to belong to the said company which continued under the command of the same Captain Hunter till & though the year 1782.

That during that time the company was always liable & this declarant was always ready to be called into service & were often called into service & this declarant was often called into service & did actually serve as a private in the militia, under the command of the said Capt Hunter during that time, putting together all his various tours of duty;, at least two years. But owing to his advanced age & infirmities & decayed memory he cannot recollect the precise times & circumstances of the many & various services in which he was engaged as aforesaid & probably of general circumstances of militia service as aforesaid he has no definite recollection at all—He will however state several tours of duty as a soldier in the revolution as distinctly as he can recollect & which he believes to be accurate.

1. In the latter part of the summer of 1777 he was called into service & served as a private under the command of said Capt. John Hunter in mounting guard & working on the fort at West Point. Col. Jacob Newkirk commanded the regiment to which he was attached. He was engaged in this service three weeks. -- He had been engaged in the service in the may preceding & just before he was 16 years of age & under the same Capt. & Col. As a substitute for his James Walker & actually served & was received as such substitute for two weeks.
2. In the summer of 1778 he was called into service under the command of the same Capt. Hunter & the same Col. Newkirk & actually served as a private therein till late in the fall on beginning of winter, below West Point, --on guard - on patrols & on scouting parties.—was stationed at one one time three weeks at a place called [Forrest?] oven where there were iron works—on this tour of duty this season he is certain he was in actual service at least four months.
3. In the autumn of the year 1779 he was called into service under the same Capt. Hunter & actually served as a private for just three months at Fishkill - service was mounting guard & cutting wood for the army. Col. Hathorne

commanded the regiment to which his company was attached. His service might have commenced in August or it might have run into December. He recollects it increased before they were dismissed.

4. In the year 1780 he was in actual service under the same Capt Hunter & Col. Newkirk a good deal of the time but he cannot recollect precisely the times places & circumstances except that he served in the fall of that year forty five days at a place called Warwasing "between the mountains" as deputy quarter master – He was appointed to that office by warrant from Alexander Patterson, Head Commissary of that department. The [sergeant?] is [?].
5. In July 1781 he was in actual service as a private, under the same Capt. Hunter & Col. Newkirk, for fifteen days engaged chiefly in repairing Fort Putnam & the Bomb-proof. [sic]

When this declarant was in service as deputy quarter master as aforesaid, Col. Pawlding took the command in place of Col. NewKirk & Mr. Dewitt was the major—When in service under Col. Hathorn a Mr. Phillipse was major—When in service under Col. Newkirk at one time a Mr. [Curan?] was major.

He was never in any battle – was several times in skirmishes or scouting parties.

He has no written or documentary evidence in support of his claim except a certificate of faithful service signed by his captain John Hunter dated October 15<sup>th</sup> 1782 & hereunto annexed.

The said Capt Hunter has long since been dead & he knows of no one now active who served with him to prove his said service.

He cannot more particularly state the names of his officers nor the circumstances of his services—he was born in the Precinct, now town of Montgomery in the County of Orange State of New York on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1781—a record of his birth is in a family Bible which belonged to his father, & now to him.

He resided in Montgomery till 1787 when he removed to the town of Kortright where he has resided ever since.

He never received an written discharge. Whenever his term of service or tour of duty was ended he was dismissed by his Captain or Colonel or whatever officer was in command. The persons in his neighborhood to whom he is known & by whom he can prove his character for veracity & their belief of his service as a soldier in the revolution & the general belief of his service as a soldier in the revolution & the general belief in the neighborhood are John Ferguson & Marti Ruler.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.  
(Signed) William Walker

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. C.B. Sheldon,  
Clerk.

Letter in folder dated November 20, 1922, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.32044, it appears that William Walker was born June 20, 1761 in Montgomery Precinct, New York, and while residing there enlisted and served as follows.—

In May 1777, two weeks as private in Captain John Hunter's Company, Colonel Jacob Newkirk's New York Regiment, as substitute for his brother, James Walker.

Late in the summer of 1777, three weeks as private in same company and regiment.

In the summer of 1778, three and one half months under Captains John Hunter and Matchen, Colonel Jacob Newkirk's Regiment.

In June 1779, one month in Captain Hunter's Company, Colonel Newkirk's Regiment and in September 1779, three months as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Hunter's Company, Colonel Hathorn's Regiment.

In October 1780, one month and fifteen days as Deputy Quartermaster in Captain Dewitt's Company, Colonel Dewitt's New York regiment, and in July 1781, one half months as private in Captain Hunter's Company, Colonel Newkirk's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 17, 1834, while a resident of Kortright, Delaware County, New York.

In 1842, soldier moved from New Milford Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, to Chenango, Broome County, New York, to reside with his daughter, whose name is not stated.