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Some Revolutionary **Heroes of Rutherford**

Incidents of The Revolutionary Period in Rutherford County and Sketches of Some of the Participants.

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PART ELEVEN

Felix Walker.

1768 to what became Rutherford this work. county. He was apprenticed as a merchant's clerk at Charleston, S. Officers of the Continental Army, C., in 1769; also engaged in agricul- 1775-1783," 1914 revisal, page 565. tural pursuits after his return to gives the following: Rutherford county. He, in company with Henderson and Boone and others founded the settlement of Boonsboro, Ky., in 1775; was clerk of the court of Washington District, (most battle show that Walker participated man's "Historical Register of Officers" court of Pleas and Quarter sessions horting his men. Seven bullets went It is probable that this was the same His record in the Revolution ral and trading pursuits and was also lead to the opinion that he did ty, where he removed in 1808. He was elected to the United States Congress, as a representative from the western district in 1817 and serv-€d three terms, or until 1823. He was an unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1822, being defeated by only a few votes. He moved to Mississippi about 1824, and engaged in agricultural pursuits and trading, and died in Clinton, Hinds county, Mississippi, about 1828. (The above sketch is condensed from Walker's "Autobiography," with occasional notes from other sources.) The following interesting incident. regarding Felix Walker is taken from Arthur's "Western North Carolina, a History, 1730-1913," (Felix Walker) "was a man of great suavity of manner, a fine electioneer. insomuch that he was called "Old Oil Jug When the missouri Question was under discussion Mr. Walker secured the floor, when

some impatient member asked him to sit down and let a vote be taken. Felix Walker, eldest son of Col. He refused, saying that he must John Walker, was born on the south "make a speech for Buncombe," that branch of the Potomac River, in is, for his constituents. Thus, "Bun-Hampshire county, Va., (now West kum" as it is usually spelled, has be-Virginia), July 19, 1753. He attend- come a part of our vocabulary." ed a country school on the Conga- This biography of Felix Walker ree River, near Columbia, S. C., and is purposely made brief, as he gives in Burke county, N. C. He moved a detailed account of his activities with his father to what became through life in his memoirs, which Lincoln county, N. C., and then in appear elsewhere in connection with

Heitman's "Historical Register of

Richardson's company in the Rifle of the battle of Kings Mountain S. C., 12 May 1780; exchanged 14th tion broke.

ober 1779, a position which he held a brave and meritorious officer from until 1787. Was a member of the Scotland, and it was well he was State House of Commons six times, killed to prevent his doing more misserving in 1792, 1799, 1800, 1801, chief." No other reference is made 1802 and 1806; resumed agricultu- by him to that battle, which would

"In 1781 three months in Captain McFarland's Company, Col. Charles McDowell's Regiment. "On his return home from service he was arrested by the Tories and his discharge was taken from him."

In 1836 he moved to Knox coun- two pence "for Revolutionary Ser-

had eleven children, and among his descendants of today are numbered. Thomas Walker, fifth son of Col. the Pattons, of Buncombe; the John Walker was born in 1759 in Foxes; The Dorseys of Cleveland the present bounds of Lincoln and Rutherford; Coopers, Bettis, county, N. C. He removed to Ruth- tremely young to hold a position of Money back if it doesn't he Hennessees and Erwins, of McDow- erford county with his father, and such trust and responsibility, it was vou completely and sati ell, Burke and Buncombe, and Clays was residing with him at the time doubtless through the influence of Only 600 Poorly Try Cystex to of Rutherford and McDowell, also of the Revolution. He enlisted in the his father that he secured the com- Only 60c. Peoples Drug Store.

the Walkers, Russels, Foxes, War-First Regiment of Continental mission. dells, and Smiths, of Tennessee; Troops, probably in his father's Walkers of Kentucky; Walkers, Ad- company, on 5th April, 1777; comkins, Bogers and Collins, of District missioned D. W. M. Gl., same date of Columbia; Walkers and Taylors, and omitted Sept. 1777. His enlistof Texas; Jones, Coons, Sturgeons, ment period was "For Duration of and Brewers, of Illinois; Reeves of 'War". (State Records, Vol. 16, page California.

1180).

Essential facts of the above, sketch are gathered from "Genealo- find any other reference to him afgy of John Walker, from Ireland. 1720, and Some of His Descendants" it is likely that he served out his compiled by Robert Walton Walker, ienlistment period. of Fort Worth, Texas.

William Walker.

Eutherford county court of pleas and William Walker, the fourth son Quarter sessions a guardian was ap-

"Walker, Felix, (N. C.) Lieuten- of Colonel John Walker, was born pointed for his minor son. This ant-Colonel North Carolina Militia in 1758 in that portion of Tryon would indicate that Thomas Walker at Kings Mountain, October, 1780." county which has since been form- died sometime between April and No references on Kings Mountain ed into Lincoln county, N. C. Heit-'July, 1810.

Joseph Walker.

of which is now in the state of Tenn- either as an officer or private. He of the Continental Army, 1775-83", Joseph Walker, sixth son of Col. essee) in 1775 and 1776, and of the says, "the war was now raging in 1914 Revision, page 566, states that John Walker, was born in what is county court of Washington county, its utmost violence (1779-80). I was he was a lieutenant in a company in now Lincoln county, N. C., in 1760, (now in Tennessee) in 1777 and occasionally with the Whig or Lib- the Second Regiment of Continental and removed with his father to Ruth-1778. Fought in the Revolutionary eral party, though took no commis- Troops raised in North Carolina; erford county, where he was residand Indian wars; lieutenant in Capt. sion as I might have had." Speaking was taken prisoner at Charleston, ing when the storm of the Revolu-

Regiment commanded by James Walker says: "a battle was fought June, 1781. No date of commission His first service in the war for Stuger, from Mecklenburg county, on Kings Mountain 7th of is given. The Roster of Continental independence was in 1776. He was N. C., in 1776; and was captain of a October, 1780, where a com- Troops from North Carolina, appear- appointed a first lieutenant in one company of light dragoons on the plete victory was obtained by the ing in Volume 16, North Carolina of the independent companies au-Nolachucky River in 1776, and part Americans, being all militia, over the State Records, page 1189, shows a thorized by Congress on April 29, of 1777; went as private on several British regulars and Tories, com- William Walker as private in Cap- 1776, for defense of the coastal tours of few weeks each in 1778- manded by Major Ferguson, who tain Blount's Company of the 10th towns of North Carolina (Colonial 1779. He was appointed clerk of the was shot from his horse, bravely ex- Regiment, enlisted August 3, 1779. Records. Vol. 10, page 546).

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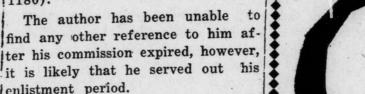
and later became lieutenant, as a ental Army, 1775-1783," page 565, number of Continental officers were as follows:

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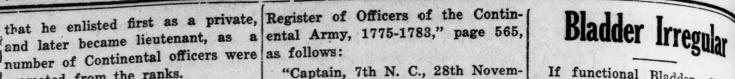
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Thomas Walker.

The author has been unable to



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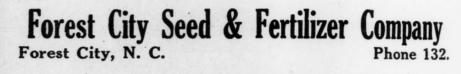


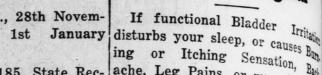
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a land speculator in Haywood coun- not participate in that engagement. John Walker, Jr.

John Walker, Jr., the second son of Col. John Walker, was born in 1755, in Virginia. He removed to North Carolina with his father and continued to reside with him until after the Revolution.

His first service in the Revolution came when he was appointed a second lieutenant in one of the ten companies of Minute Men, ordered raised in the Salisbury district, by the Third Provincial Congress in August, 1775. At the same time two

regiments of Continental troops were ordered raised in North Carolina for service, and his father, John Walker, was appointed a captain in the First Regiment. (Schenck's "North Carolina, 1780-81," page 22; Wheeler's "Historical Sketches", page 80). John Walker, Jr., was appointed a second Lieutenant in one of the four additional regiments of Continental troops ordered raised by Congress April 16,1776. (Colonial Recerds, Vol. X, page 519).

James Reuben Walker.

James Reuben Walker, third son of Col. John Walker, was born within the bounds of the present county of Lincoln, N. C., in 1757. He married Sarah McHerd (born in South Carolina in 1758) in 1784. He removed with his father in 1768 to the plantation located one-half mile above the mouth of Cane Creek and about one mile from Brittain church in Rutherford county. He was the only member of this family of six patriots who served throughout the War of Independence in the capacity of a private soldier. Sometime after the war he removed from Rutherford and settled in Burke county, N. C.

On October 24, 1832, he applied for a pension for his Revolutionary services. He was allowed a pension on his claim No. S. 3447, while a resident of Burke county. His declaration follows:

"In 1776 three months with Capt. John Hardin's Company; Col. Bateman's Regiment, and went to Cross Creek against the Scotch-Tories a little later. Three months in Captain Thomas Lytle's Company, and was out against the Indians.

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