

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Watts VAS1231

vsl 8VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 8-page file indexed under the name of James B. Johnson. The papers in this file relating to Johnson are illegible as posted. Some of the papers relating to Watts are legible and are transcribed below.

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Warrants have issued to John Watts for service as a Captain, but no Land Bounty warrant has issued to the name of John Watts for service in any other Capacity.

Land Office

22 November 1822

S/ William G Pendleton, Reg.

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Kentucky Clarke County Sct.

John Watts appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he Enlisted in Staunton Virginia in the year 1781 for 3 years in Captain [indcipherable name, appears to be "Brown" but no officer by that name is listed as having served in the capacity described by this claimant] Company of the Cavalry in the Legion of Horse Commanded by Colonel Armung [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] (A Frenchman) in the Virginia Continental service and that he continued to serve until the close of the War in 1783 at which time he was honorably discharged in a little York in Pennsylvania – and that he has never received his Land bounty for said Service and that his discharge is now lost.

S/ John Watts, X his mark

[Attested January 11, 1822 by Jeremiah Rogers, JP]

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Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

Frederick Coons¹ appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with the within named John Watts in the Revolutionary War and knows that he said Watts enlisted for three years in the horse service about the year 1781 and that he continued in the said Corps until the end of the War in the year 1783 when he was honorably discharged, as he has stated in his Affidavit within.

S/ Frederick Coons, X his mark

[Attested July 2, 1822 in Fayette County Kentucky by R. S. Todd, JP]

¹ [Frederick Coons S35844](#)

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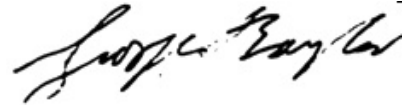
Addendum to John Watts VAS1231 and BLWt2431-300

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 25 January 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do certify that Captain John Watts is an Officer in the 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons and has been in service from the 17th of June, 1776. Given under my hand this 7th Day of October 1783.

George Baylor Colo [W5966]



I certify that John Watts was appointed by the G[eneral] assembly of Virginia in June 1776 (the very day I rec'd my appointment of Captain) to cornet of cavalry & served to the end of the war before which he was promoted to a captaincy. Henry Lee [BLWt1299-500]

Richmond

August 17th 07

late Lt. Col. V.L.



Mr. John Watts has obtained a Warrant for 4666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres for 7 years service as a Capt. of the Cont'l line.

Wm. Price Reg[iste]r

It appears that John Watts is entitled to an additional proportion of land allowed a Captain for five months more than seven years

Sam Coleman