

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Waters VAS4891
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virg'a Fauquier County Towit

This day personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace in and for the county afores'd, Spencer Anderson [S37672] of the Town of Warrenton, aged 83 yrs & upwards, and being first duly sworn, saith, That he was well acquainted with John Waters before the commencement of the revolutionary War and that the s'd John Waters entered the regular Service in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in a troop of horse which was commanded by Henry Lee. That the s'd Waters was a sergeant in the said troop, and that in that capacity he several times returned to Virg'a to recruit men for that troop. The s'd John Waters was a native born citizen of Prince Wm. County, and went from that county when he enlisted into the s'd service. This affiant further states that he believes that the s'd John Waters did serve in the War till the close thereof. He states that when Lee was ordered to the South that the s'd Waters as one of his troop also went, and this affiant did not see him, as he still remained in the northern service, till after the close of the war, when he frequently saw the s'd John Waters, and repeatedly heard him say that he remained in the said service till the close of the War. And this affiant further states that the s'd John Waters did serve faithfully thro' the period that he was in service as above stated. Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of Nov'r 1833.

Fauquier County To wit

Personally came before me, a justice of the peace in & for the County afores'd William Tomlin [S6261] aged 75 and upwards, and made oath that he [undeciphered word] knew John Waters and that he was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary War. That s'd Waters was generally considered an active & energetic man & soldier. That when Lee's Legion to which he belonged, was marched to the South, this aff[ian]t saw no more of s'd Waters, till after the close of the War. And he does not believe that s'd Waters did continue his service till the close of the War and faithfully performed s'd service. The said Waters was a sergeant in Lee's Legion. Given under my hand this 25th day of Dec'r 1833

I Wm B Harrison [William Butler Harrison VAS1054] late of Lees Legion a Cornet in the Revolutionary war do here by Certify that I was well acquainted with John Waters who was a Ser't in s'd Legion & did serve in said Legion from the later part of the year 1776 or early in the year of 1777 to the end of said war Feby the 15 1834[?]



The affidavit of Patrick McCuen [Patrick McEwing (McCuin, McEwin) R16267] aged 85 years and upwards, taken on this the 18th day of Jan'y 1834 at the house of Thos; Nelson in the county of Prince Wm. as follows to wit. That he personally knew John Waters in the War of the revolution – that he found him in service in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and that he was then, and he beleives continued to be, a recruiting sergeant in Lee's Legion. And this affiant further states that the said John Waters continued in the service till the close of the War according to the best of his belief and recollection at this time. This affiant further states that the s'd John Waters went from the same part of the County that he did himself, and he was an active & good soldier – And further this affiant saith not.

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State of Virg'a Fauqu'r Co. to wit

personally came before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for the county afors'd Spencer Withers [S6400] a citizen of Rapp[ahannoc]k County, aged 69 yrs and upwards, and he being a person whose statement is worthy of full faith and credit, and he being first duly sworn according to law – deposeth that he was well acquainted with John Waters late of Fauq'r Co & who was a Serj't in Lee's Legion during the War of the Revolution. That he saw s'd Waters in the Southern Campaign in the capacity afors'd and that he was sometimes engaged in recruiting for the army. Affiant recollects distinctly of hearing s'd Waters say that he had enlisted for the war, and advised myself and others to do so too. The s'd John Waters went in to the service from P'e. Wm. Co. Va and further he saith not. Given under my hand this 5th day of Sep'r 1834. Wm. Thompson

To the Executive of Virg'a.

Your memorialists Elizabeth Saunders – Susan Farrow of the Town of Warrenton, County of Fauquier – represent that their father John Waters enlisted in the Virg'a Continental Line, in Lee's Legion, in the year 1776 as they believe, and was appointed a Sergeant in s'd Legion, and continued in that capacity to serve to the end of the war of the Revolution. Your memorialists state that their said father enlisted for the War as they have been informed. Their s'd father was an active & energetic soldier and faithful in the discharge of all his duties as they have always heard. He went from Prince William County, and died in Fauquier County. Your memorialists state that they had two brothers, the one living in Kentucky, namely John Waters – and Landy Waters of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper], and that arrangements have been made by them for the receipt of their respective portions of whatever may be allowed on account of the Services of their s'd father, and they therefore pray that the claims of your memorialists may be referred for examination [part missing] their memorial. And that such proofs as your memorialists may produce, may be taken in aid of the public records in order to maintain their claim for the Land bounty given by the State of Virg'a to noncommissioned officers of the grade of their s'd father – and they will ever pray &c Elizabeth Sanders Susan Farrow
[11 April 1835]