

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Watts VAS4906
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I Alexander C. Shackelford [Alexander Shackelford S7506] of the county of King & Queen and state of Virginia, do hereby certify that I enlisted on the 3rd day of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, as a Fifer, in the Revolutionary war, under Captain Charles Collier [VAS3068]. on the 28th of the same month (February) I marched with Captain Colliers recruits, to Williamsburg, and was placed in the continental Barracks, where I remained 'till the completion of the new magazine or state Barracks, when I went into said Barracks and remained therein, 'till the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight. Immediately after the receipt of orders to march the troops from Williamsburg to the north, captain collier resigned, and captain abner crump [R13459] took command of the company in his stead. In the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight I marched under the command of captain Abner Crump, attached to the first Virginia Regiment, commanded by col. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500], to Valley Forge, where I was enoculated for the small pox. From Valley Forge I went to monmouth – from thence, to Stoney point [sic: Stony Point]; from thence, to white Plains, and from thence back to Philadelphia, where I stayed ten or twelve days and then returned to Virginia. After remaining with my friends in King & Queen, on a visit, three or four weeks, I went to williamsburg to obtain my discharge (having served out my tour of three years and little more) and was sent by the then governor, to Col. Allison [John Allison W4112], who was in command at Petersburg. I obtained my discharge from col. allison in July seventeen hundred and eighty one, but was taken very sick immediately after, and remained in Petersburg 'till after all the troops left there for the South. I then returned to King & Queen, where I have resided ever since. I was well acquainted with Thomas Watts of this, the county of King & Queen, who enlisted in the service of his country in the Revolutionary war, as a sergeant in Captain Henry Young's [BLWt2466-300] company, attached to the first Virginia Regiment commanded by col. George Gibson. I well remember my cousin Leonard Shackelford's being in the saqme company with Thomas Watts. On my arrival at valley Forge, I there met with the said Thomas Watts who was then in active service as an Ensign, having been promoted to that office after he left Virginia, and which, he held till his return from the north. I did not march to the north at the same time that the company, to which Thos. Watts was attached, did, oweing to my ill health just at the time of their marching, but went on with the 2nd Virg'a Regiment a few months after, and have a distinct recollection of finding the said watts acting as an Ensign when I reached Valley Forge. The said Thos. Watts was in service at Monmouth, Stoney Point, and white Plains, and returned with us to Philadelphia, at all of which places I frequently saw him acting as an Ensign. The said Watts came on with the troops, on their return home; I left him at Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, and came along with maj'r merriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether BLWt1920-400] to Virginia. I did not see the said Thomas Watts again, that I recollect of, untill after I got my discharge and returned home to King & Queen, when I met with the said Watts who was soon after attacked with a violent dissentary and died. I know that the said Watts was in active service more than three years in succession, and was considered a good officer. The soldiers under his command were very fond of him & esteem'd him highly – as witness my hand and seal this 7th day of november A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

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