

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Waits (Wates) R11006

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State of Alabama: SS: Nathan B. Garrett On this 2 day of March 1855 personally appeared the declarant Littleberry Hutchins, a resident of the said State and County of Randolph aged Sixty years, who being first duly sworn in open court 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 the 7th 1832. That Samuel Waits enlisted as a volunteer in the Army of the United States in or about the year 1780, or 1781, and served in No. of Regiment not known, under the following officers Captains not recollected, in a Regiment commanded by Col. Waters [Philemon Waters] and that he the said Samuel Waits was at the time of his enlistment a resident citizen of Newberry District and State of South Carolina. He entered the service at larks Station [Lark's Station] Some time in 1780 or 1781, and served two towers [tours] of duty as a private soldier amounting in all Seven months in actual service and that he was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in South Carolina and served as a Whig upon the American Side, and the declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that the name of Samuel Waits or that of his own is not on any pension roll of any agency in any State (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of South Carolina, Declarant makes this statement in right of his wife Katharine Waits who is a daughter of the said Samuel Waits deceased, he died sometime in the date 1836 the day of the month not recollected, and left a widow Susana Waits who also died in 1844 day of month not recollected there is now left 7 heirs all children of Samuel and said Susanna Waits The following is a list of their names, Henry, James and Jacob, were the sons, Katharine Hutchins, Dolly Horn, Rosanna Robertson and Sarah Mathews daughters, he makes these statements from what he has always heard the old man report of himself in regard to his revolutionary services and many others and that he also heard the old man his father-in-law who was Samuel Waits (sometimes spelled Samuel Wates) Sworn to his services as above stated and also heard John Hilborn¹ sworn who testified that he was in the service of the revolutionary war and a citizen of Newberry District SC and that Samuel Waits was with him in the war seven months and also with him in the battle at the Eutaw Springs in 1781 and he has every confidence in the truth and veracity of both Samuel Waits and John Hilborn and that their uniform and upright conduct through life forbids the idea of their misrepresenting in old age any act of their youth, and further the old man Waits my father in law has frequently told me that he served, off and on a great part of the revolutionary war. The said

¹ Sic, [John Hillburn S31745](#)

Hilborn being in actual service with him only 7 months, that he makes this declaration as the duly and legal and authorized agent for all the heirs of the said Samuel and Susana Waits deceased, and declarant further states that he refers the department to the affidavits of the said Samuel Waits and John Hilborn which should be on file in the department, together with the affidavits and certificates hereto attached all of which will go to confirm what he has stated, all numbered here in their regular order, James Culberson, No. 1, Lanky T. Johnson, No. 2, John Stinson No. 3, Henry West No. 4, Joel D. Newsom No. 5, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

S/ Littleberry Hutchins, X his mark

S/ Nathan B. Garrett, JP

[p. 5: On February 3, 1855, Lankey T. Johnson testified in Troup County Georgia that he was present when Samuel Waits gave sworn testimony that he was a soldier in the revolution a "large portion of said war as an American soldier." The affiant also gave testimony that the Samuel Waits was about 80 years of age when he died about the year 1836. This affiant also names the same heirs as set forth in the above application.]

[p. 7: On May 7, 1855, Henry Hutchin testified in Randolph County Alabama that Samuel Waits died April 18, 1836 and that his wife Susan Waits died June 10, 1844.]

[p. 13: On February 5, 1855 in Troup County Georgia, Joel D. Newsom testified that he was in the house of Samuel Waits "when he took the oath he had served as an American soldier in the Revolutionary war for some considerable time" which testimony was given in 1832 in front of Newsom as a justice of the peace.]

[p. 17: On June 26, 1855, Winey F. Holemon [also spelled "Holdmann"] (formerly Winey F. Monk [?]) gave testimony in Coweta County, Georgia, that she was present at the marriage of Samuel Waits to Susan Tidmore in 1796 to the best of her knowledge in the state of South Carolina, Newberry District 16 miles from Newberry Court House on the road leading from Newberry to Charleston.]

[p. 19: On February 5, 1855 in Troup County Georgia, John Stinson gave testimony that he was present when Samuel Waits gave sworn testimony to his having served in the revolutionary war; that he the affiant has no doubt that Waits was of sufficient age to have fought in the revolution; that Waits and his wife lived together as man and wife and had a large family.]

[p 21: On February 3, 1855 in Troup County Georgia, Henry Wert gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Samuel Waits; that he heard Samuel Waits state that he served as a Revolutionary Soldier during a portion of the said war as an American soldier; that he, the affiant, has no doubt that Waits was of sufficient age to have served in the war; that said Samuel Waits and his wife lived together as man and wife during the affiant's acquaintance with them; that said Waits died in 1836 survived by the heirs named in the above transcribed application.]

[p 23: On February 5, 1855 in Troup County Georgia, James Culberson gave testimony that in 1832 when there was to be a lottery for land that he, the affiant, went to the home of Samuel Waits, who was then an elderly man, who stated that he was entitled to participate in the land

lottery because of his services as a revolutionary soldier and that Waits took the oath required by the statute in such case.]