

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Watson R11202

Bethiah [Berthea] Watson A81SC¹

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[image 646]

State of Mississippi County of Leake } SS: On this day personally appeared before the
Worshipful Court for said County now in Session Mrs. Bethia Watson resident of said County
who in due and solemn form of law doth on her oath declare that she is the widow of John
Watson who was a revolutionary soldier from the State of South Carolina Chester district that she
was married to the said John Watson in the State of Virginia in the year 83 that she is about
Eighty five years of age that the said John Watson served under Wade Hampton and was
honorably discharged at the close of the Revolutionary war in 1780 to 1783, that her said
husband died in the State of South Carolina in the year 1810 [could be 1816] and having become
entitled to pension for said service and not having applied for the same. And under the act of
1832 if living would have been entitled from 4th of March 1831 and if married prior to 1794 his
widow would be entitled from the 4th of March 1836 she the said Bethia Watson widow of John
Watson now prays that her name be subscribed on the Roll of widows of Revolutionary soldiers
drawing pensions, and that pension in right of said husband be granted to her from the 4th of
March 1836 during her natural life subscribed and sworn in open court December 26, 1853

S/ Bethia Watson

S/ M. U. Joiner, JP

State of Mississippi Leake County: Personally appeared before me this day M. U. Joiner acting
Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Mrs. Sarah Watson deposes and saith, she has every
reason to believe that John Watson husband of Bethia Watson now a widow was a soldier in the
Revolution in active service and that said John Watson went from Chester District South
Carolina and that said Bethia Watson is the widow of said John Watson and that said John
Watson and Bethia his wife sustained a loss by fire which consumed all their effects including
bedding, papers &c and that his discharge was consumed at that time.

S/ Sarah Watson

December 26, 1853 S/ M. U. Joiner, JP

State of Virginia, Pittsylvania County

I Langhorne Scruggs clerk of the County court of Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia, do

¹ As of 5/16/23 this man's file was erroneously posted on Fold3.com as part of the file of John Watson W4846 beginning at page 33 of that file.

hereby certify that John Watson was married to Bethiah Watson by Thomas Sparks on the 30th day of November 1784 as appears from the records of the said court.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 24th day of April 1854

S/ L. Scruggs, Clk

[image 671: image of the signature of the widow as follows:

Bethiah Watson]