

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Watson R11210

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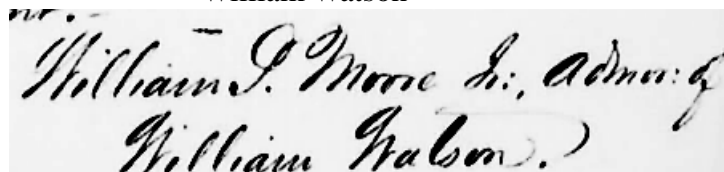
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State of Virginia, Accomack County: SS

On this 29th day of September 1851 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Accomack now sitting William J [?] Moore Jr: resident of the County and State aforesaid administrator of William Watson a Revolutionary soldier, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for the children of the aforesaid William Watson the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. It appears by the affidavit of William Harrison<sup>1</sup> and Jonathan Phillips<sup>2</sup> to revolutionary Soldiers and pensioners of the United States made before Walter D Bayne a Justice of the Peace on the 20th of July 1833 and admitted to record by the Court of Accomack County on 25 of November 1833, that William Watson was a revolutionary soldier and was on actual duty in camp in field and garrison more than two years.

It is impossible now to say or to prove where or under whom William Watson served, all who served with him are now dead. It must be apparent however to all that William Watson made his declaration as required by the law before a justice and the accompanying certificates of his comrades in the war were only made to sustain and prove his declaration as he could not according to the regulations of the war Department have been an applicant for a pension without first having made his declaration. It is believed that his original declaration is now ought to be in the Pension Office, for the particulars of his services I refer to that declaration. William Watson was born in the County of Accomack State of Virginia on or about \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1762 And was at the time of his death, 78 years old. William Watson has never received a pension and I hereby as his administrator relinquish all claim for a pension under any Act except the present.

S/ William ? Moore, Jr., Admin.of  
William Watson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Moore Jr., Admin. of William Watson." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

At a Court held for Accomack County, on the 27th day of October 1851

It is ordered to be certified, that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that William Watson a declaration of whose services in the revolutionary war, has been made before

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W657

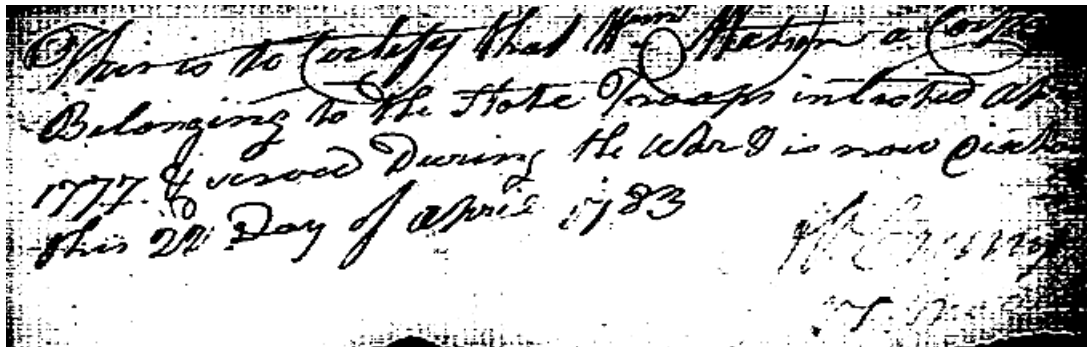
<sup>2</sup> FPA W5535

this Court, was a resident of his County and died in the same on or about the 26 day of September 1840. It is further ordered to be certified that he left no widow, but the following children whose names are Tabitha Mason, Kessey Searson, Sally Kellow and James Watson, and he's were his only living children at the time of his death, and William ? Moore, Jr. is his administrator.

[Note: the affidavits of Harrison and Phillips are not contained in this file as posted on Footnote.com.]

[Note: the following discharge is posted on the web in the online collection at the Virginia State Library. Whether or not this discharge relates to this William Watson, I do not know.

"This is to Certify that Wm Watson a Corp[oral]  
Belonging to the State Troops inlisted Ap[ril]  
1777 & served During the War & is now Discha[rged]  
This 22 Day of April 1783  
Ab Crump [Abner Crump]  
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