

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Watson R11211

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Virginia:

At a Court held for Buckingham County the 13 day of August 1832

On this day personally appeared in open Court, William Watson a resident of this County aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he was drafted in the militia in Powhatan County Virginia August 1777 and was marched under Captain Robert Hughes to Williamsburg in Virginia from thence to Yorktown in Virginia. After remaining in service about five weeks was discharged. Afterwards on the first day of February 1780 was again drafted as a militia man and marched under Captain Richard Crump to Cabbin point [Cabin Point], from thence to Stoner Mills near Norfolk Virginia, after serving five weeks more was discharged – Afterwards in February 1781 was drafted in the militia and marched under Captain Robert Hughes to Guilford [Guilford] North Carolina, was in the battle [Guilford Court House March 15, 1781] at that place under the command of General Lawson, remained at that place seven weeks, and was then discharged – And on the next day after returning home was called on as a militia man and marched under the command of the aforesaid Captain Richard Crump to Petersburg in Virginia and from thence followed on after General Cornwallis' Army to Powhatan County, was there taken sick and left the Army, having served in the last tour about six weeks – That he paid a substitute \$30 to relieve him from the service in the year 1778 – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present – And he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State – And the Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states –

I Rolfe Eldridge Clerk of the court of Buckingham County do hereby certify the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of William Watson for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of my office this 29th day of August 1832.

S/ Rolfe Eldridge, CBC

Virginia, Buckingham County to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Watson who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is, and has been for the last forty-seven years a resident of the County of Buckingham where the annexed declaration was made and that he hold actual service rendered as a soldier and has expressed in the said

declaration, amounting to seven months and that he can't obtain the testimony of any living witness to the services stated in said declaration set forth by reason of deaths and removals.

Given under my hand the 22nd April 1833

S/ George Christian

Powhatan County to wit

Personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Gallu Wilkinson who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is well acquainted with William Watson of Buckingham County & he well knows that he was twice drafted from the County of Powhatan and was gone for some length of time before he returned to him. Given under my hand this 21st of August 1834.

S/ William Walthall