

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Watts R11215

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State of Indiana Parke County SS

On this the 22nd day of February 1836, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John R Porter Resident Judge in and for the First Judicial Circuit in said State, now sitting, Charles Watts, a resident of Washington Township in the County of Parke and State of Indiana aged seventy-five 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that sometime in the month of October 1778 at the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia he was drafted by one Hany Miller in that County and went and served under Captain Robert Sharp, Ensign Harry Qualls [Harry Quarles?], that we started from one Benjamin Sneed's in said County, who lived on what was called the Virginia Road, and went to a place called Cabins Point [Cabin Point] in that County, we stayed there about a month, and went to Petersburg Virginia, stayed there a week, and was discharged, having served in this Tour twelve weeks, that he is not certain as to the year he was drafted, but thinks he was sixteen years of age at that time, that he does not recollect the names of any other officers than those stated, that in this tour, he was not in any engagement; that their object was to defend the country from an attack expected from the British. That he stayed at home until sometime in the month of July 1779, when he enlisted under Colonel Reuben Lindsay Captain Bennett Henderson, Lieutenant Francis Walker, Sergeant John Johnson in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia, that they started from said Benjamin Sneed's, (a place of rendezvous) and that they joined the Army below Richmond but does not know where, and that he thinks one Wayne commanded the Army that they joined. That [indecipherable word] being in the Army nine weeks, and being in no engagement, he was discharged at a place called Mobbins Hill [Malvern Hills] twenty miles below Richmond, having served in the whole tour thirteen weeks, that there was Captain Mathews in the Army, one Colonel Tole, one Colonel Meredith, that he recollects of hearing of and of seeing, that he was drafted in this tour as well as the first.

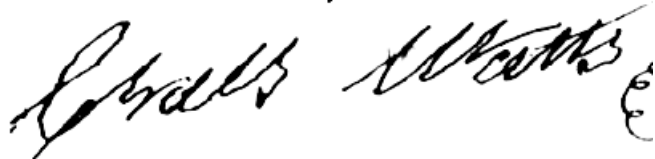
That in the fall of the same year one William Watson who as I understood furnished the Regular Army with Beef, came through Albemarle County Virginia, and pressed me, that is he forced me with others to help him drive Beefs down to the Army, that we went down thirty miles below Richmond, that we started to go to what was called Bottoms Bridge, that we went six miles further and found the Army, having served in the Tour five weeks.

That he has given all the facts or particulars that he knows of, that he cannot recollect the matters and things that took place, owing to his old age, and consequent loss of memory, That he has no documentary evidence, that he knows of no person living, whose testimony he can

procure, who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Charles Watts

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Watts", with a stylized flourish at the end.

[Scott Nall & William Cummings gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Ans. 1st. was born in the County of Albemarle in Virginia on the 14th day of April 1761

Ans. 2nd That he has no record of his Age, that he supposes there is one in Albemarle County 8 miles below Charlottesville.

Ans. 3rd That he was living in Albemarle County State of Virginia when called into service, that a few years afterwards he moved to Rockbridge Virginia, where he has lived until he moved to the state of Indiana.

Ans. 4th That in the first tour mentioned above he was drafted, in the 2nd was drafted, and in the 3rd was pressed by William Watson as above mentioned.

Ans. 5th That he cannot state the names of any other officers than those above stated. That he recollects distinctly the names of one Captain Mathews, one Colonel Tole, one Colonel Meredith, and that in his 2nd tour that Colonel Rubin Lindsey commanded him of Albemarle County Virginia, That he cannot state any other General circumstances of his services than those stated above

Ans. 6th That he believes he received a discharge signed by Colonel Rubin Lindsey, which has long since been lost, that he has now no recollection of the same,

Ans. 7th That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood are Scott Nall and William Cummings that he is not acquainted with any Minister of the gospel in this County having resided in the same, but 6 or 7 months.