

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Watts R11218

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State of Virginia County of Culpeper: SS

On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting Frederick Watts a resident in said County and State 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 act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the year 1755 about & was in the County of Culpeper as he has always understood from his parents and has been in Culpepper ever since.

That he first entered the service in the year 1777 about the first of September under Captain Waugh and marched to the North and joined General Washington's Army in Pennsylvania. That he continued with Washington till about the first day of December following when he was discharged with his Regiment. That he was drafted in said service, and was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Barbour, at first, afterwards Major Roberts commanded till he joined the Army, when he was attached to Crawford's Regiment. This tour was about four months. That in the spring of 1778 he was again drafted and marched under Captain Bradley and Lieutenant Rueben Zimmerman [Reuben Zimmerman]. That he went nearly to Richmond and was countermanded. That he was not long in the service at that time, but had [indecipherable word], for a tour which [?] was two months. That he was not again in the service himself, but had a substitute in service two years – That he can prove the above service by the certificate of Reuben Moore, Almond Vaughan,¹ and Thomas Vaughan.

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.

Sworn and subscribed this day

in open court

S/ Frederick Watts, X his mark

I Reuben Moore² a resident of Culpeper County Virginia, certify that I was with Frederick Watts who subscribed the above Declaration was in the company of Captain Waugh in which I was Lieutenant, and marched with us to Washington's Army as he states, and that he performed that tour faithfully that I have known him ever since, and consider him entitled to full credit in what he states.

Sworn to and subscribed this day in open court

S/ R. Moore

I Almond Vaughan a resident of Culpeper County Virginia hereby certify that I was with

¹ FPA W6342

² FPA W8466

Frederick Watts in the tour of which he speaks in his Declaration as being countermanded near Richmond and knows that he performed that service – I also was with him in the northern service tour certified to by Captain Moore.

Sworn to and subscribed this day in open court

S/ Almond Vaughan

And the Court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant, he being under oath and which he answered as hereinafter recorded viz.:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the County of Culpeper about Xmas 1775

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no register. My Parents told me what date I was born.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I have said I was born in Culpeper, I have never lived out of that County, and now live in it.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted each time I was in service.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I stated in my Declaration the names of many officers I was with, and also the circumstances of my service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received a written discharge – but was dismissed with the company

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I might name James Hansborough, Esquire, Peter Hansborough, and Martin Malle and others, I prove my service as set forth in my Declaration.

[Note: a note in the file indicates that this claim was rejected because the veteran only the latest that he served 5 months and not required 6 months to qualify for a pension under the 1832 act. Also, I did not include copies of the signatures of Reuben Moore or Almond Vaughan because those appeared to me to be in the handwriting of the scribe and not the actual signature of the affiants.]