

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Bennett Watts R11221

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State of Tennessee } On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1851 personally appeared before the  
Smith County } undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County & State  
Thomas Watts aged fifty one years and made oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the provision of the Acts of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 & 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1843, 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844. That  
he is the Administrator of his Mother Susan Watts Deceast who was the Widow of Bennett Watts late of  
Jackson County State of Tennessee that his Father Bennett Watts as declarant allways understood from  
him was a private Soldier from the State of Virginia in the Revolutionary war that he was an enlisted  
Soldier either for Five years or during the war but declarant cannot state which nor can he state whether  
he belonged to the State of Continental line of Virginia or the names of the offers under whom he served  
but declarant distinctly Recollects that shortly after the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 his Father  
the said Bennett Watts made out his declaration and papers for a Pension under said act of Congress,  
which aplication was forwarded to Washington City by Genl Samuel Smith at this date his Father resided  
in Jackson County Tennessee but which claim was not allowed but to which papers for all their  
partickulars in relation to his Fathers said service declarant now refers declarant further states that he  
allways understood from his said Father and Mother the said Bennett and Susan Watts that they were  
legally Married in ogleThorp [sic: Oglethorpe] County State of Georgia some time in the year seventeen  
hundred and eighty eight that previous to the Mariage of declarants Mother that her name was Susan  
Thornton that his Father the said Bennett Watts died in Jackson County Tennessee on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of April  
1825 that at the time of his death he left his said widow the said Susan Watts who survived him and still  
remained his Widow until on the 5 day of October 1839 when she died that at the time of her death she  
left the following named children to wit Mary Roberts and affiant all of whom are still living and are the  
only surviving children of her the said Susan Watts Decst declarant further states, that agreeable to the  
family record kept by his Father and Mother that Mary Watts dect the first child was born on the [blank]  
day of [blank] 1790 but which record has long since been lost and affiant cannot produce it that he has no  
other documentary or record proof in support of his claim declarant therefore makes this declaration in  
order to record[?] the amount of Pension that was due to his said Mother in her lifetime and which since  
her death decends to her children.

Thomas hisXmark Watts