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Pension Application of Joseph Watson S11659

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State of Kentucky } Ss.

County of Spencer }

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Spencer County in the State of Kentucky now sitting Joseph Watson a resident in the County of Spencer & State of Kentucky aged Seventy years on the 10th March last, 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 & served as here in after stated. The said Joseph Watson states that he entered the Service of the United States as a Substitute for one Daniel Fisher in the year 1780 in the fall but cant say precisely the month in the Virginia malitia in the company commanded by Capt'n. Joseph Lewis and was marched from the County of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] in Virginia to the County of Fairfax and from thence was turned back home and in February 1781 was called out again to finish the performance of the aforesaid tour which was for two months and was marched to Williamsburg Virginia, from [illegible word] was marched to York & from York back to Williamsburg, we had not been long in Williamsburg when we were driven out by the British my time for two months being about to expire I returned home to Loudon County virginia & was there discharged but dont recollect whether he obtained a written discharge . if so it is long since lost or destroyed. He states that when he entered the service in the aforesaid war he lived in Loudon County virginia that he was in no engagements or actual battles during the term, nor did they see any of the enemy except at Williamsburg as above stated.

The said Joseph Watson states further that he was drafted in the Virginia Malitia in the month of March 1781 and on the 19th day of said month was mustered into Service in Loudon County virginia and was marched from thence to Fredericksburg & from thence to Albemarle Barracks under one Ensign Turberfield [sic: Turberville] and was there placed under the command of one Capt. Thomas Lamb [sic: Nathan Lamme] in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Thomas Posey. from thence we marched & Crossed James River at what is called the point of fork [at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers], we was then [6 Jun 1781] marched & crossed Staunton River , then we halted. we was then ordered by an Express to join General [Anthony] Wayne as he intended to attack the British, we marched back to James River and joined the Army commanded by General Wayne at a place called James Town where we attacked the British when they crossed the river [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], from thence We followed the British to york & was with the Army at the Seige of york until it was ended which resulted in the Capture of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] which event took place on the 19th day of October 1781 as he believes, in November 1781 the Regiment to which he was attached was marched to Cumberland old Courthouse 12 miles from Carters ferry [at present Cartersville] on James River, I was then placed under the command of Clough Shelton as my Captain who superseded said Lamb. we there lay all winter, in February 1782 we marched & joined the Army commanded by Gen'l. Wayne at a place called Ebenezer about 25 miles above Savannah, we lay there until sometime in June when the British evacuated Savannah [11 July], during the above period we were attacked by the Creek Indians at Gibbons's about 8 miles above Savannah where we had a smart action [skirmish at Sharon GA, 24 May 1782]. we lost several men & killed upwards of 26 indians. at another time when [the Bri]tish went out to get cattle on the Ogeechee road we attacked them & killed several of them in this skirmish we had two men killed. In June or July I was detailed on a clothing Guard to Pocaligo Bridge in South Carolina under the command of Lieutenant Jones while on this Guard I was taken sick & in consequence thereof

did not join my company again until in October, which I joined at Ashley Hill 15 miles from Charleston South Carolina under General [Nathanael] Greene from thence we were marched back to Cumberland old Courthouse in virginia 12 miles from Carters ferry on James River, & there discharged about the first of December 1782. He states that if he received a written discharge it is lost. That he has no documentary evidence that he knows one John Ringo [pension application S14290] by whom he can prove his services from March 1781 to December 1782, the said Ringo having been in service with him during said period in the same Regiment, but that he does not know of any other person whose evidence he can procure who can testify to his Services. 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 to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. He states he was born in Loudon County virginia on the 10th of march 1762 has a record of his age made from his Fathers records, moved from Loudon County virginia to Nelson County Kentucky in the year 1806. lived in Nelson County Kentucky until the year 1824 when Spencer County was stricken off & formed he fell into Spencer County & has resided in Spencer County ever since & now resides in Spencer County. [signed] Joseph Watson

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Carter's Ferry lists the following: Joseph Watson/ age 19/ height 5' 7³/₄" / sandy hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ born and residing in Loudoun County where he was drafted on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized 25 May 1781.