

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Waters S11668

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State of Kentucky Estill County: SS

On this 17 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Welborne, Samuel Tipton, & Sampson Watters justices of the County Court in & for the County of Estill aforesaid, now sitting, John Waters, Senior, a resident of Estill County aforesaid, aged 80 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 & served as herein stated –

That he volunteered & served a Tour of duty in the Militia from Stafford County in Virginia in the year 1777 or 1778 under Captain John James, James Hoar Lieutenant, Colonel Garrel or Garrard commanded. We marched down Potomac River to check Lord Dunmore. We were stationed near old Colonel Will Brent's Establishment – while there Lord Dunmore who had been higher up the River returned & burned up Brent's whole Establishment –wheat stacks & everything of the kind – we followed them down the River – but they burnt all the houses close to the River except one Harris who was a Tory – that he was out on this tour up & down the River about three months. That he volunteered & served a second Tour in the Militia from same County he thinks in the following year but cannot be positive as to dates – George Burroughs was his Captain – __ Gaddis was Lieutenant, – Major Will Williams was along as an officer. We were stationed for some time about Colonel John Cook's Establishment – thinks he was out on this Tour about two months. That he volunteered under same officers from same County & served a third Tour some short time afterward – was marched down on the Potomac River – was stationed again near Colonel Cook's Establishment – thinks he was out on this Tour twenty or thirty days – The year Cornwallis surrendered he volunteered from Stafford County as aforesaid in the Militia & when out the latter part of August – he was in a company commanded by Captain Will Hardin – James Prim [James Primm?] was Major & Colonel Phillips commanded – we were marched immediately to York. We went to Fredericksburg & got our arms – & then on to York – he thinks he was in General Weedens [George Weedon's] Brigade. He recollects also the General Demarcus [Marquis de Lafayette] the French General – he continued out from this Tour to the surrender of Cornwallis & then marched with the Prisoners to the Barracks above Winchester – was discharged at Elk Run Church – reached home Christmas Eve – was out four months or more on this Tour. He states that a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis he received a wound in the hand from a Bayonet, while the troops, to which he belonged & the French were engaged with the British – he received a wound while an attempt was making upon some of the British works. He was born in Stafford County Virginia – has no record of his age, but has always understood he was born in 1753 in August 25th – he has lived in Kentucky 27 or

28 years; in the now bounds of Estill County most of the time – He has no documentary evidence to prove his services – he had four written discharges, but they are all lost or mislaid – he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to establish his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Waters, X his mark

[Samuel Kelly, a clergyman, and Daniel Harris and Henry Beatty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Estill County: SS

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Estill County court aforesaid now sitting John Waters a resident of said County & who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplementary to his Declaration made in this Court on the 17th day of September 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that by reason of his great age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service as a soldier of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than ten months as a private, or volunteer, in the militia in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War – and for such service he claims a pension. That he was living in Stafford County Virginia when he went into service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. He states that he resided in Virginia after the war most of the time in Stafford County, till he removed to Kentucky near thirty years ago where he has ever since resided. He states that Samuel Kelly, a clergyman, Colonel Henry Beatty & David Harris of Estill County have long known him, then his neighbors & can & have testified concerning his character & their belief of his services.

Subscribed & sworn to on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Waters, X his mark

[fn p. 13: On September 9, 1857 in Estill County Kentucky, Elza Waters, 71, a resident of Estill County Kentucky made a claim under the 1839 act stating that he is the son and heir at law of John Waters deceased who was a soldier of the revolution and pensioned at the rate of 30 or \$48 per annum; that his father died at his residence in Estill County Kentucky May 12, 1838 leaving a widow Elizabeth Waters who died January 3, 1841 she never having applied for a widow's pension; that his parents were married in Prince William County in the State of Virginia in the year 1781; that his mother's name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Fraizer. He signed his application with his mark. In the affidavit given by supporting witnesses, they state that the widow died survived by the applicant and 3 other children (not named).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]