

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Watson S15695

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State of Kentucky Anderson County: On this 12th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the court of the County of Anderson, now sitting John Watson a resident of the United States, Anderson County & State of Kentucky, aged 73 the 11th day of May next, 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.

The declarant states that in the year 1776, in the month of June, he was drafted in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and served as a private soldier in Captain John Donilson's [John Donaldson's] Company of militia as a guard on the frontiers against the Indians, and was stationed at Colonel William Preston's fort at Draper's Meadows on New River, where he served three months. This service beginning on the 9th of June & terminating on the 9th Of September of the year 1776, he was residing in Pittsylvania County Virginia at the time he was drafted, marched through Botetourt County into Montgomery was in no Battles during this period, the Indians scalped three children that had gone out a little distance from the fort during this service, had a written discharge from the service, but which has been lost, he received Continental money for his services during this tour of service, In the year 1781 in the month of March he was drafted and served as a private in Captain Josiah Shaw's Company of Militia, in General Robert Lawson's Regiment and joined General Green [Nathanael Greene], the next day after the Battle of Guilford, at Troublesome Iron works in Rockingham County North Carolina, on Monday morning 10 or 11 o'clock and on Monday marched against the British on & [indecipherable word or words] the Rocky River & Pedee & one of the River that he does not recollect, thence to Camden South Carolina, the British guards firing on us as we approached Camden, and after serving three months, was discharged in May or June, he was in the Infantry, it having been ascertained that he had a rifle, his discharge in this instance has also been lost, the declarant states that he has no documentary evidence whereby to prove his services & that he knows of no person [other] that his Br. [brother?] William of Indiana, whose Testimony he can procure, to testify to his services, he was born A.D. 1761 in Louisa County, State of Virginia he has a record of his age at his house [in] Anderson County State of Kentucky: when called into service he lived in Pittsylvania County Virginia: since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Pittsylvania County & 29 years in Kentucky, he now lives in Anderson County, State of Kentucky. I am known to Randall Esq.: Jordin H. Walker, Andrew McBrayer.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this 12 day of November 1833

S/ John Watson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail on the "n".

[Jordin H. Walker, a clergyman, and Randall Walker Esquire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11: On June 23, 1851, Elizabeth Watson of Fayette County Indiana signed a power of attorney in which she states she is one of the children and heirs at law of John Watson late of said County. She signed the document with her mark. In a supporting affidavit she is identified as Elizabeth Watson, aged 57.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]