

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Watts S16286

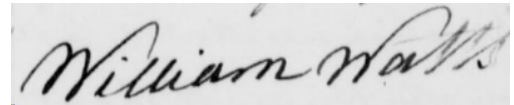
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State of Indiana } SS Washington Circuit Court

Washington County } Sept. Term 1832

On this 26 day of September 1832, personally appeared before the Judges of the Washington Circuit Court William Watts, a resident of the said County of Washington, and State aforesaid aged 74 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1775 and served in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following officers: that he was enlisted by Capt. John Everett, a recruiting officer, at New London, Campbell County Virginia [in Bedford County until 1782], in the latter part of the year 1775; marched from thence to Albemarle Court House in Virginia, there joined the company commanded by Capt Abraham Hite [pension application S46385], which was attached to the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line Soon after this, our Regiment marched from the barracks near Albemarle Court House to Charleston South Carolina; was in the battle which took place in [blank space; should be 28] June 1776, when Sir Peter Parker attacked the Fort at Sullivan's Island [Fort Sullivan, afterward Fort Moultrie]. Col [William] Moultrie had the command at the Fort – Our Regiment was then ordered into Georgia to keep the Tories in subjection, where we remained about three months. Our Regiment was then ordered to the north, which joined the army under General Washington a short time previous to the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], was in the battle of Brandywine, in the same company commanded by Capt Abraham Hite, recalls Gen'l. Washington, Lafayette, and [John] Sullivan at that battle, – after which marched with his Regiment to New Jersey and was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and from New Jersey again marched with his Regiment to Charleston South Carolina, and was there when that place was attacked by Sir Henry Clinton in 1780, and after the place had been besieged for near 40 days our army was surrendered by Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln [on 12 May] to Sir Henry Clinton, remained a prisoner for some time, and was then taken with other prisoners, & ordered on to Cape Fear, he understood at this time that the prisoners were about to be transported to England, & that he felt at the time that he would sooner die than be transported there, – he therefore whilst on the march to Cape Fear in the night, suddenly left the ranks, and ran into a swamp, where he remained till next day, when he set out for Virginia, and whilst on his way there he was taken up and accused of deserting – he admitted he had deserted, but it was from the British, & related the circumstances. he then went to Headquarters at Hillsborough [North Carolina] joined the company commanded by Capt Taylor and served in the same about one year and was then discharged, which discharge is lost – he served in all nearly six years — he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state —
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



NOTE: On the pension certificate is written “Died July 20, 1834.”