

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Watson S16287

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State of Kentucky, Fleming County

On this eighth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before William P. Roper Judge of the Fleming Circuit Court now sitting John Watson a citizen of the County of Nicholas State of Kentucky aged 72 years the 11th day of December last, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: That he entered the Army of the United States in Washington County in the Western part of North Carolina as a volunteer under Captain James Wilson and John Survier [sic, John Sevier] Colonel in this tour served three months do not recollect the year but was in Ferguson's defeat, was discharged by the Colonel and returned home. At the time that Cornwallis was taken, the year not recollected, volunteered and served three months more under Captain James Wilson, Sevier Colonel and Marion General we marched to the Santee River in South Carolina, was in the battle of King's Mountain had several scouts on the waters of the Santee was in skirmish in taking the British hospital on the waters of the Santee was discharged by the Colonel in South Carolina and returned home was born in the State of Pennsylvania Bedford County moved from there at the commencement of the revolutionary war to Washington, North Carolina is now Tennessee about the year 1790 moved to Kentucky and have resided here ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not found on the pension roll of any State has no documentary evidence or knows of no person by whom he can prove his service.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and date first above written. S/ John Watson {SEAL}

[William McCord and James Buchanan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana, Rush County

On this fifth day of May in the year 1834 before me William Dill Wickham a Justice of the Peace for Said County of Rush personally appeared John Watson who on his oath declares that he is the Identical same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain ~~Wilson~~ Wilkins in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky from thence he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of Indiana where he intends to reside and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Kentucky to the State of Indiana, That he is old and infirm and unable to labor for a livelihood that his Children with whom he lived removed to the State of Indiana and that it became necessary for his Support to remove thither with his

Children as he has no family except his wife.

S/ John Watson

Sworn to and subscribed on the undersigned and interlined before signing. Given under my hand and seal this fifth day of May in the year A.D. 1834

S/ Wm D. M. Wickham, Justice of the Peace {Seal}

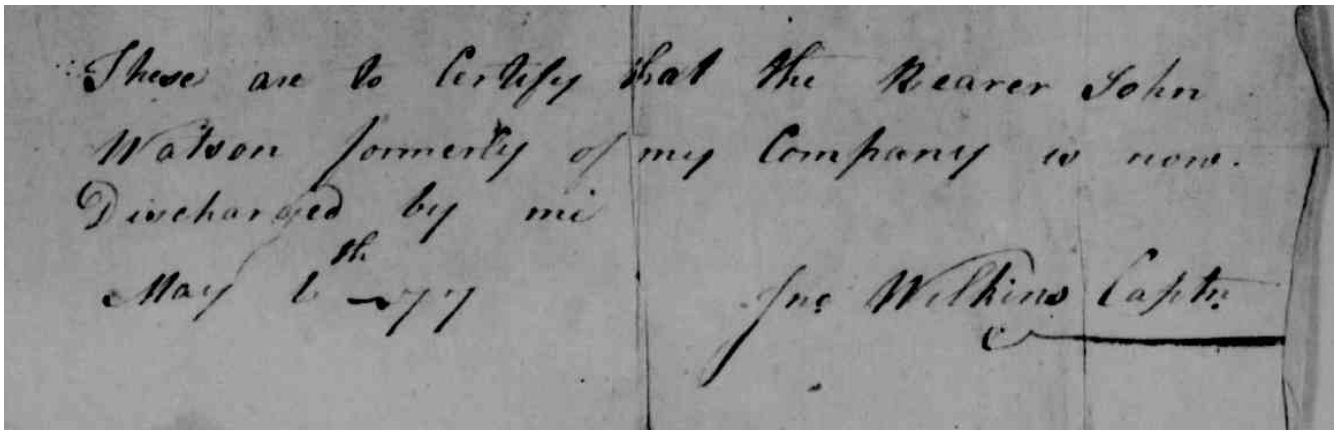
[Michael McCord and Gabriel C. McDuffey identified the veteran as the same person who is a pensioner of the United States.]

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Watson formerly of my Company is now
Discharged by me

May 6th -77

S/ Jno Wilkins, Captn.



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The Secretary of War

Flemingsburg Kentucky June 4th 1827

Sir

Here is the discharge of an old Soldier who has forgotten the name of his Colonel in whose Regiment he served. He was enlisted in Bedford County Pennsylvania, sometime in 1775 or 6 and was discharged in June 1777 he well remembers that the Lieutenant who wrote the discharge for the Captain was groggy when he wrote it & dated it in May instead of June. He intends to apply for a Pension, but asked that a search may be made for the name of his Colonel, as he has not the means of finding out -- To enable you to aid him, he says, he thinks one Captain Brown enlisted him, and that he was transferred to Captain John Wilkins Company from Bedford, ~~and was marched in his company from that County~~ & was discharged at Amboy.

Please send your reply to Major William P. Fleming of this place, who will send it to the old man.

Yours very respectfully

S/ David Trimble

[A certificate in the file indicates that the pension payments were made through March 4th, 1841. I presume that is the date on which the veteran died but there is no conclusive statement to that effect in the documents in this file.]

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