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Pension Application of Mason Watts S17760

VA

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The State of Kentucky

Campbell County Sct.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the Campbell Circuit court now sitting within and for said County, Mason Watts a resident of Ripley County in the State of Indiana aged 68 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1778 with Elias Edmunds [Elias Edmonds VAS2004] and served in the second state Regiment of Artillery of the Virginia line under the following named officers Lieut Blackwell [Samuel Blackwell VAS2173], Capt Edmunds & Col. Thomas Marshall [VAS494], the names of the other officers he does not recollect in Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] County Virginia and marched from there to York [Yorktown VA], & remained there guarding the fort, erecting breast works & performing other military duty two years & six months – and was then marched to south Carolina and arrived within fifteen miles of the Hanging Rock where Bluford was defeated by Tarlton [sic: Col. Abraham Buford S46372 defeated by Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton at the Battle of Waxhaws, 29 May 1780], and from there retreated back to near Guilford Court house [NC] where the army under Genl [Horatio] Gates came up, and was then ordered on with this army to Deep river & remained there a few weeks, and was then marched back to Richmond Virginia and discharged having served three years the time for which he enlisted — 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 and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid [signed] Mason Watts

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1833

The bearer Mason Watts, about, as his appearance indicates, and he asserts, sixty eight years of age, having satisfied me that he is the person who by that name served in Captain Elias Edmonds company of Colo. Thomas Marshalls regiment of Virginia State Artillery in the war of the American revolution, (for at sight I did not know him) I hereby certify, that I recollect his name, and then knew him, as a private soldier in said company and regiment in 1778, 9, 80 being myself in the same service and do verily believe him to be the same person whose figure corresponds with my recollection of said Watts's person, though I cannot say I should have known his face, so different are the features of youth and age: in this case, however, there is nothing repugnant. He says he formerly lived in Shelby County of Kentucky and that he went to Indiana about 1796 or 7 and has continued to reside there.

Witness — H. Marshall [Humphrey Marshall S31234]

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 17th day of September 1783, in the name of Mason Watts as a Soldier of Artillery for £74.18.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to John Kay and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 19th day of 1834./ J. Adams Smith 1<sup>st</sup> Clerk  
acting AUDITOR

NOTE: On 27 Apr 1853 Peter Watts assigned power of attorney to pursue any claims as heir of Mason

Watts, who died in Jennings County IN on 12 Mar 1850 leaving no widow. The instrument was witnessed by James McAlexander Watts.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.