

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Watts S30765

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: Sct

On this 20th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Shelby now sitting Peter Watts a resident in the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky, aged 76 years born in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia in the year 1756, 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted as a private for one year in May 1776 in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Nelson whose Lieutenant was William Dent and whose Ensign was __ Nelson [probably Alexander Nelson] in the 4th Carolina Regiment commanded by Captain Thomas Pogue [sic, Thomas Polk]. We marched from Guilford to Wilmington on Cape Fear River in North Carolina where we were stationed some time, then marched to Halifax from there back to Wilmington and from thence to Hadles point [sic, Haddrell's Point] near Fort Moultrie near Charlestown South Carolina where my time expired and I was discharged which discharge is now lost. Some of the General officers were General Moore, Colonel Bunkum [sic, Edward Buncombe] of the 5th Regiment and Colonel Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] of the 6th Regiment. I lived in Guilford County North Carolina until the year 1779² when I removed to Kentucky, and have lived in said State &, and I now live in Shelby County in said State. My age is recorded in a book in Woodford County Kentucky and in a large Bible at home. I do not know of any living witness by whom I can prove my service positively.

I do hereby relinquish all and every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Peter Watts

[Singleton Wilson and AG Watts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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² The 3rd digit is written over and could be either 1789 or 1799 but it looks to me as if it was intended to be 1779.

State of Kentucky Woodford County: Sct

This day James Carothers³ aged seventy-nine years, personally appeared before me Southy Whittington one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, states as follows that he became acquainted with Peter Watts an applicant for a pension in the month of May 1776 at Guilford Court House North Carolina that said Watts was then a private in Captain John Nelson's company in the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Pogue in General Frank Nash's Brigade. That said Watts enlisted for one year. They both belong to the same company, that in the fall of the year 1776 this affiant obtained a furlough & returned home & that said Watts continued with his company which was ordered on to Charleston or its vicinity the South Carolina. This affiant has seen the declaration of said Watts bearing date 20th of November 1832, and knows the statements therein contained the substantially true = I Certify said Caruthers to be a man of good standing in [illegible word].

Given under my hand & seal this 29th day of April 1833

S/ S. Whittington, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for one year's service as a private in North Carolina.]

³ [James Carothers S10428](#)