

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Watson S31455

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State of Kentucky Madison County: SS

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Jas. Dejarnett, Richard Braddus & H. B. Hawkins Justices of the County Court of Madison County aforesaid now sitting Joseph Watson a resident of said County & State aged 75 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 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.

That in 1778 he went out in the militia in the County of Albemarle Virginia & served a tour of duty in guarding the British Prisoners formally belonging to General Burgoyne's Army – that they were stationed within about nine miles of Charlottesville in said County of Albemarle. That he was in a company commanded by Captain Wallace. That he was in the service in this Tour three months.

That he was again called out in the militia from Albemarle County in 1779 or 1780 does not recollect the name of the Captain in whose company he was, but recollects that Colonel Lindsey was his Colonel – that he was marched down below Richmond – that before his tour was out he was attacked with the Rheumatism & went home on furlough – before his furlough was out he applied as directed to Colonel Marks, who extended his furlough to the end of his tour, his complaints still continuing – He thinks it was a three months tour – That in the summer of 1781 he was again called out in the militia from same County – was in Captain Benjamin Harris' Company – Holt Richison [Holt Richeson] was the Colonel – that he continued in service till the 15th following when in consequence of his ill health he was discharged – thinks he was out on this tour between three & four months – that he has no documentary evidence of his services except the discharge of Colonel Richison & the Surgeon, which he herewith forwards. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Joseph Watson, X his mark

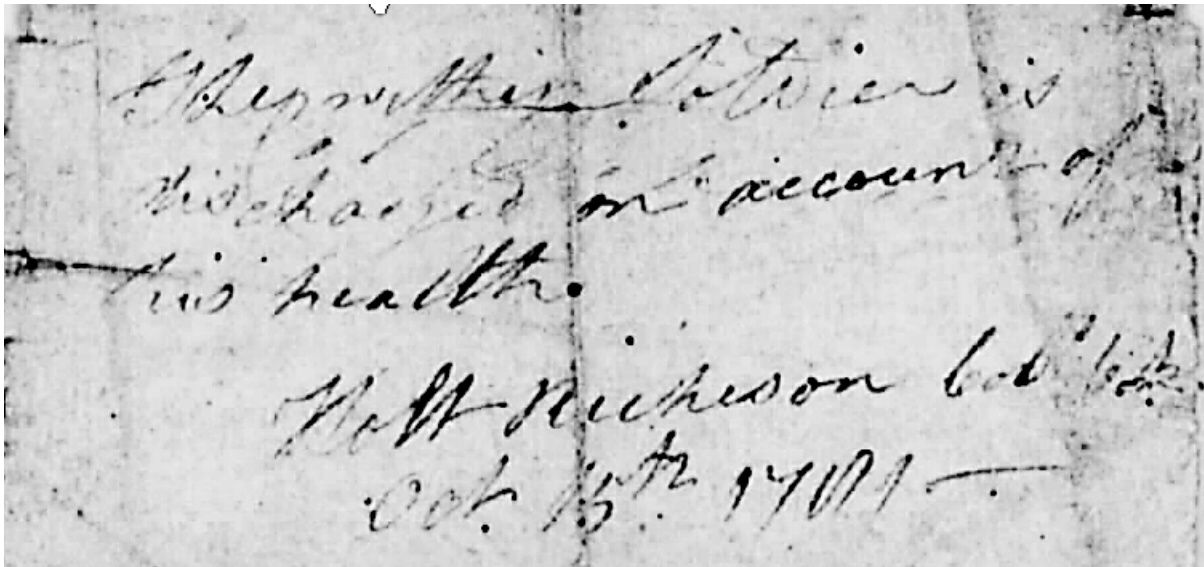
[William Kindred & William Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The [indcipherable] Soldier is discharged on account of his health

Holt Richeson Colo. C. B. ??

Oct. 15th 1781



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J. [indecipherable]



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]