

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Watkins S31460

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State of Kentucky Henderson County: Sct.

On this 27th day of December 1832 before me Lewis Day an acting justice of the peace and a member of the County Court of said County, which is a court of record, appeared John Watkins a resident of Harrison County aged upwards of seventy-six years, having been born in Buckingham County Virginia on the 7th day of June 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 law of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. That whilst an apprentice in Charlottesville he volunteered in the Virginia Service for the United States in the first of the summer of 1775 for six weeks under Captain Charles Lewis & Lieutenant John Marks in Colonel Charles Scott's Regiment, that he marched from Charlottesville through Richmond to Williamsburg where he remained the balance of this tour: That afterwards as well as he recollects, in the rotation in his company he served a tour of six weeks under Captain Landen Jones [Landon Jones], beginning in the latter part of the summer of 1776 in Colonel Brooking's [Vivian Brooking?] Regiment, that he marched from Buckingham County Virginia where he then resided through Richmond to Williamsburg, thence to Little York, thence to Hampton, thence to the day near the guard ships, where he remained the balance of the tour. That afterwards, in the latter in the 1776 or beginning of 1777 he served another tour of six weeks, under Captain Robert Carey in Colonel Joseph Cabell's Regiment; that he marched from Buckingham Courthouse Virginia to Charles City, New Kent & through the intermediate Country to New Castle, Pamunkey &c until the Expiration of this tour. That afterwards (time & year not recollected) he served a tour of 4 weeks guarding the British prisoners & Tories at Charlottesville under Captain Landen Jones. That afterwards, in the beginning of the year 1780, he served a tour of 3 months under Captain Anthony Winston and Colonel __ Regiment & Major Binns Jones in General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade or General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] – which not recollected. That he marched from Buckingham County Virginia through Cumberland County to the Isle of Wight [County], & was stationed at Cabin Point, thence to old Jamestown, thence to Williamsburg, which finished this tour. That in the spring of 1781, he served a tour of 3 months under Captain Perkins, as well as he recollects, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ not recollected & Major Binns Jones & under General Lafayette. That he marched from Buckingham County Virginia through most of the Counties of Hanover, Caroline, Goochland, Spotsylvania & other Counties Virginia which finished this tour. That he knew & served with Generals Lafayette, Lawson & Muhlenberg, Colonels Charles Scott & Lewis with many others – whom he does not recollect. That he received several discharges, which have been long since lost or destroyed. That his age is recorded in his own family Bible, taken from that of his father;

that he lived in Buckingham County Virginia from the termination of the revolution up to 1818, when he moved to Harrison County Kentucky where he now resides & has resided ever since. He states that there is no person that he knows of, living, that he can prove his services by, except Robert Watkins, who served one of said 3 months tours with him, and knows of his having served & going to serve the other terms above specified, who is now present testifying to the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, Except the present – that he verily believes that he served full 11 months in the service of Virginia for the United States, and finally declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or territory whatever.

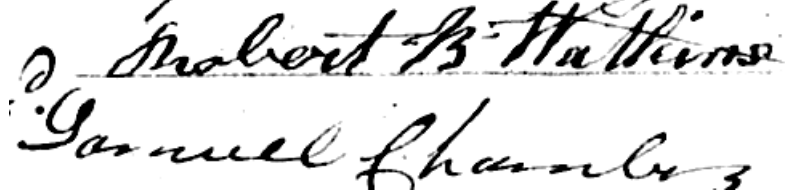
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis Day, JP

S/ John Watkins

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Watkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

[Robert B. Watkins and Samuel Chambers gave the standard supporting affidavit

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Robert B. Watkins" and the second is "Samuel Chambers". Both are written in a cursive style.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months & 4 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]