

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Warterfield (Waterfield) S37504

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State of Kentucky Christian County: SS

On this 2nd day of July 1827 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of record for the County and State aforesaid Peter Waterfield, a resident of Caldwell County, one of the Counties of this Judicial Circuit, aged 66 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st May 1820: that he the said Peter Waterfield, enlisted for the term of three years on the 12th day of January 1777 in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain John Gillison, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stevens in the Virginia line, on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until January 1780, when he was discharged from the service in the State of New Jersey: and that his name has never been placed on the Pension list,

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed  
"Schedule"

I have no property of any kind whatever, real or personal.

S/ Peter Warterfield



Christian County SS

On this 1st day of October 1827 personally appeared in open Court Peter Waterfield who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath amend his declaration of the 2nd of July 1827 by assigning the following reasons for not making an earlier application for a Pension, viz. that in the autumn of 1818 he moved from Virginia to Kentucky where he hoped that he would be able to support himself and Family but the continued ill health of some members and his own increasing disability and advanced age have compelled him to reluctantly to throw himself on the

Bounty and justice of his Country. – He furthermore declares on his oath, that on the 18th day of March 1818 he owned the following property and no more viz. two horses which were worth in Virginia about \$46 – and which he was afterwards compelled sale in Kentucky to discharge his doctor's bills and for which he obtained \$44 – one wagon worth in Virginia \$30 and which he also sold in Kentucky to pay out for medical attendance at about \$30 – also two cows & calves which were sold in Virginia for \$20 – This little property amounting in all to less than \$100 on the 18th of March 1818 has all been consumed as before stated in purchasing necessities and in payment of medical attendance on a languishing wife, who died in about 18 months after removal to Kentucky. From the removal of the Physician, who attended his family, and from the roving disposition of the population of this Country, it is rendered almost impossible to obtain proof of the above statements, but it is hoped that the small amount which he possessed in 1818, and his total distribution now will render such proof unnecessary.

His occupation has been that of farming which he is now unable to pursue on account of age and infirmities. His children have all left him, and are poor and not able to support him, without inconvenience to themselves and families. He has no fixed residence, living with his children in succession in order that the burden to them maybe more supportable.

S/ Peter Waterfield



State of Kentucky Caldwell County: SS

On this 17th day of December 1827 personally appeared in open court it being a Court of Record for the County and State aforesaid Peter Waterfield, a resident in said County of Caldwell aged 66 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Peter Waterfield enlisted for the term of three years on the 12th day of January 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Gillison, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stevens in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until January 1780 when he was discharged from the service in the State of New Jersey. That he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension: That in the autumn of 1818, he moved from Virginia to Kentucky where he hoped he would be able to support himself and family: but the continued ill health of some members of his family and his own increasing capabilities and advanced age have compelled him reluctantly to throw himself upon the bounty and justice of his Country. – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income from any source whatever. I furthermore declare on my oath that on the 18th day of March 1818 I owned the following property and no more, necessary clothing & bedding excepted, the is – 2 horses worth in Virginia about \$46 – which I was afterwards compelled to sell in Kentucky to discharge the Doctor's Bills which and afflicted family compelled me to incur, & for which I obtained \$44 – one wagon

worth \$30 in payment of medical Services, also 2 cows and calves which were sold in Virginia for \$20. This little property amounting in all to less than \$100, on the 18th of March 1818 has all been consumed as before stated in purchasing necessities, and in payment of medical attendance on the languishing wife who died in about 18 months after removal to Kentucky. From the removal of the Position, who attended my family and from the roving disposition of the Population of this Country, it is rendered almost impossible to obtain proof of the above statements, but it is hoped the small pittance which I possessed on the 18th March 1818 and my total destitution now will render such proof unnecessary. My occupation has been that of farming which I am now unable to pursue, on account of age and infirmities. My children have all left me and are poor and are unable to support me, without inconvenience to themselves and families. I have no fixed residence living with my children in Caldwell in succession in order that the burden to them maybe more supportable.

S/ p Peter Warterfield

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of 8 dollars per month commencing December 17, 1827, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]