

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wagster (Waggister) S38459

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[fn p. 23]

South Carolina Edgefield District: On the 5th day of July 1819 before me the Subscriber Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said district Personally appeared William Wagster aged seventy-three years resident in the district and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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, that he the said William Wagster enlisted as a private in the town of Charlestown in the winter of 1777 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Gervais or Gervy [John Lewis Gervais] belonging to the fifth Regiment of the South Carolina Continental Troops commanded by Colonel Huger who was commanded by General Howe [Robert Howe] and afterwards by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] that he continued to serve till Charlestown was taken by the British on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1780 which was upwards of 3 years -- years that finding that the place would be taken he got a written permission from Colonel Huger to pass and repass as a British prisoner of war which was intended to screen him from the British and Tories -- that he was in the battle at Savannah commanded by General Howe and several skirmishes etc. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Wagster, X his mark

S/ John Simkins, Judge

[fn p. 25]

State of Alabama Monroe County: County Court of the term of February 1828

On this day being the 20th day of February in the year while Lord 1828, personally appeared in open court,* [*said Court being a Court of record having a seal, having jurisdiction to any amount and proceeding according to the course of the common law] William Wagster resident in said County of Monroe aged eighty-nine 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 1st May 1820. That he the said William Wagster enlisted to serve during the war in the month of August or September in the year of our

Lord 1777 in the State of South Carolina, in the Company commanded by Captain Jarvis [sic, John Lewis Gervais], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Eugee [sic, Huger], of the 5th Regiment in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until the taking of Charleston, when the said Corps was deposed he then served in various Corps as a volunteer until the close of the war, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name has been placed on the pension list that the number of his pension certificate is ___¹ that he made out a schedule of his property about eight years since and placed the same with Hon. Eldred Dupkins [?] In South Carolina to be forwarded to the proper department, and that he is unable to account for it not reaching its place of destination.

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 18th 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 18th 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 of real and personal property belonging to William Wagster	
one quarter section land 3rd quality words \$1.25 per acre	\$190.00
one small horse	45.00
20 head of cattle at \$4	80.00
25 head hogs at \$1 per head	25.00
one table -- \$1: 4 chairs -- \$2 -- 1 spinning wheel \$2.50	5.50
one oven -- \$.50 -- spider \$1: 2 pots \$4 -- 2 pails \$2	7.50
6 knives & forks -- \$2.50; 6 plates -- \$.50; one dish -- \$.50 -- pitcher \$.75	4.25
4 plows \$1: one ax \$.50: horse gear \$1; grubbing hoe \$.50	3.00
Due From McKinzie by note due 25 th Dec. last	14.00
Due From Erva Hill by note due 25 th Dec last	12.00
Due from Erva Hill by note due 25 Dec last	4.00
Due from Cullin Minims by open account	<u>7.50</u>
	\$397.75

That he is by occupation a farmer or laborer, that by reason of his age she is not capable of performing much labor. His family consists of himself, his wife aged about 67 of very low and bad health, unable to perform the ordinary domestic affairs of the house and an orphan boy named William Grand [?] aged about 14 of tolerable health and able to assist in the management of the affairs.

Since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have taken place and have been made in my property.

A tract of land containing 100 acres lying in Edgefield District South Carolina sold to Riddick Provy [?] in 1819 or 24 \$325 with which money he removed to Alabama purchased the land he now owns and laid out in clearing and improving the same.

S/ William Wagster, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 20th day of February 1828 before Henry W. Taylor Judge of the County Court of Monroe County in open Court

¹ His pension certificate was Numbered 12250

[fn p. 64: On December 24, 1831 in Butler County, Alabama, William Wagster filed for a new certificate of his pension

[fn p. 3: On June 2, 1835 in Butler County Alabama, Stanmore Watson gave testimony that William Wagster died February 6, 1832; that his widow has since died and that Mary Watson, wife of Stanmore Watson is the only surviving heir of William Wagster and his wife.]

[fn p. 11: On June 5, 1838, a Memorial and petition filed with Joel R. Poinsett, Sec. of War, by Mary Waggester of Claiborne in Monroe County Alabama in which she states that she is the widow of William Waggester; that he died February 6, 1832 having an arrears of pension due him; that Stanmore Watson has obtained that arrearage by fraud, he having no claim as heir to either William Waggester or Mary Waggester, the veteran's lawful widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 5, 1819 for 3 years service as a private in the South Carolina line during the revolution.]