

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Waters S39113

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Circuit Court February Term 1826

On this the 27th day of February 1826 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record for said County and Circuit James Watters [James Waters] aged seventy-eight years residing in Lawrence County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath Declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows: that he entered for the term of three years in the Town of Little York in Pennsylvania in the month of April 1778 that he enlisted as he called it before the board of War Thomas Quick being perhaps the Elisting [sic, enlisting] officer – that he served in the Campaign commanded by Colonel Joseph Crockett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath in the 7th Regiment of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment that in New Jersey he was transferred at Trenton to the Company commanded by Captain White in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ball of the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Line that he continued to serve until Discharged in Williamsburg in said last mentioned Company – and Regiment about four months after the Expiration of his time of service expired about July 1781 which discharge he has lost. That he was in the battle of Monmouth and at the fall of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina] when he was taken Prisoner and Exchanged at Jamestown in Virginia 15 months after he was taken. That he was after his discharge at the taking of Cornwallis at York as a substitute under Ch [sic? Colonel?] Lewis that this is his first application for a pension that the reason he did not apply sooner that is prior to the first of March 1823 is because he was told that he had to prove his services by two good witnesses which he could not do having no other testimony except his own oath. That his family consists of himself by occupation a Tanner but not able to do much by reason of age and a sore leag [sic leg?] which frequently lays him up for months together with his wife Eliza aged 60 years very infirm – his son James aged 18 years healthy and able to support himself -- his son Jacob in the 17th year able to support himself – his daughter Sally aged 12 years healthy, his daughter Polly aged 9 years healthy, that he has disposed of none of his property since the 18th March in the year 1818 but to support his family and 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

S/ James Waters

Schedule

3 cows & calves, 2 sows and 7 pigs, one pot, one oven, one dish and 4 plates. I have nothing coming to me and I owed \$38.

S/ James Waters

Sworn in open Court this 27th February 1826

S/ Josephus Irvine, Clerk

[fn p. 2: In an amendment dated January 1, 1827 also given in Lawrence County Tennessee, the veteran list of the changes in his property since March 18, 1818; he states that he had a claim for 22 1/2 acres of land lying in Rutherford County Tennessee which he sold without ever having made entry on to the land to William Whitfield for a mare & colt and two Cows and a calf; that the mare and colt died with the yellow water; that one of the cows died; that he killed the calf for beef and has one cattle yet; that he had at the time (March 1818) another mare which also died of the yellow water; he gave a colt to his daughter Elizabeth when she married William Peevyhouse in 1823.

S/ James Waters

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January one, 1827, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]