

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Watson S40643

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Beaver County: SS

On the 14th day of April 1814 before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Beaver in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, personally appears, James Watson aged eighty years resident in Beaver County, who being by me first sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navil Service of the United States in the revolutionary war, that he the said James Watson enlisted a Soldier in Pittsburgh either in the latter end of 1776 or beginning of 1777 for three years in the company commanded by Captain George McCormick in the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson, that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States under different captains until the winter of 1780 when the term of his enlistment expired when he was discharged at Pittsburgh I Colonel John Gibson, that he was continued whole time of his Servitude on the Western frontiers and in building forts and on expeditions against the Indians &c. That he is old and decrepit and nearly blind cannot tell one person from another but by their voices, and in very reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support that his house was burned some years since and his discharge was consumed and that he hath not been heretofore placed on the Pension list by any law of the United States –

Sworn to and declared before may the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Drennan

S/ James Watson, X his mark

Beaver County SS the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

On the 19th day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Beaver James Watson aged eighty-one years who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said James Watson enlisted in the Fort Pitt State of Pennsylvania in the month of February 1775 for the term of three years in the Company commanded by Captain George McCormick in the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental Establishment that he served in said Court three years and that he was discharged in the month of February 1778 at Fort Pitt in the State of Pennsylvania by Colonel John Gibson and that he was an Artificer he was not in any Battle; and that he has no other evidence now in his Power of his said Services except what accompanies his former application to the War office dated the \_\_ day of \_\_ he was placed on the Pension list Pennsylvania agency as will appear by his Certificate Signed by the Secretary of War bearing date of the \_\_ day of \_\_ No. \_\_ And in

pursuance of the 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  
act of the first of May 1820,

Schedule of property &c

No property, I owe no person nor does any person owe me.

S/ James Watson, W his mark

Declarant saith his occupation is a Shoemaker but am Blind & unable to follow it for several years past.

Sworn to and declared in open Court the 19th of September 1820

S/ James W Watson, W his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 14, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to James Watson S40643

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 23 January 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

Pittsburgh Dec'r 9th 1784

Sir Please to settle my acc't for Depretiacion with Lt. Jos Tannahill [Josiah Tannehill W8777] and deliver him my Certificate [undeciphered] of Land Warrant and you will oblige your &c To the Auditors of Public Acc't James Watson for State of Virginia Copy/ Markes Vandewall

I do Certify that James Watson soldier in Col. Rich'd Campbells [Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] Comp'y 9<sup>th</sup> V. Reg't was Inlisted on the seventeenth day Jan'y 1777 for three years and served his time faithfully till the ninth day March 1780.

Given under my hand at Richmond [undeciphered] Dec'r 31<sup>st</sup> 1784.

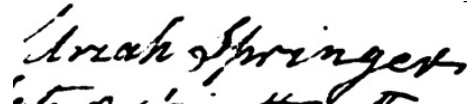
Copy Markes Vandewall Rob't Vance [Robert Vance VAS348] Late Cap Virg Line

I Certify that James Watson enlisted as a Soldier in Capt Geo. McCarmicks Comp'y of thirteenth Virg'a Reg't on Continental establishment about the later end of the year 1776 or early in 1777 and that he served three years the full term of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged the later end of the year 1779 or early in 1780

sworn before

Thos. [undeciphered]

Uriah Springer [R10017]  
late Capt in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virg'a  
regt on Continental



[Certified in Fayette County PA 20 Dec 1822.]

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Union Town Fayette County Pa.

Sept'r 6<sup>th</sup> 1821

I certify that James Watson was an enlist Soldier in the company Commanded by Captain George McCarmic in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, and, that he served in said Reg't three years or upwards and that he was honorably discharged.

Uriah Springer  
late Capt. in the Virg'a line  
on Continen'l establishment

