

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Watson <sup>1</sup> S41301

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Virginia Albemarle County to wit

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Walter Watson resident in said County aged Sixty-four 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he the said Walter Watson enlisted for the term of three years in August of the year 1780 in Prince George County in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Capt. Madock [sic, Maddux or Mattock?] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Smith in the line of the State of Maryland on Continental establishment, that he continued in the said Regiment until they joined the Southern Army when he was transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Howard [John Eager Howard] and served under Capt. Mason [perhaps Thomas Mason] & afterwards under Capt. Bruff [Capt. Lieut. James Bruff], that he continued to serve in the said last mentioned Corps until 1783 when he was discharged from the said service in Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland. That he was in the Battles of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781], Camden [probably the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of Edward Hughes. That he is by occupation a farmer and now lives on a piece of land which he rents at the rate of \$20 a year, that he is afflicted with the Rheumatism & in consequence thereof is frequently disqualified from Laboring, that his family at present consists of his wife who is five years older than himself and very infirm, and an unmarried daughter aged thirty years, the rest of his children having married and left him.

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

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt6407-160-55

viz.: 2 Shoats, 6 Barrels of Corn, 19 lbs Bacon, 2 Bushels of wheat, 15 stacks [?] rye about 15 or 18 Bushels, a parcel of flax growing, 2 old Barrels, 2 [word too faint to discern] hens & 20 young do, 9 old hens & 30 Chickens.

S/ Walter Watson<sup>2</sup>

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1834

I hereby Certify, that it appears from the payrolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Walter Watson private received from John Hamilton, agent of the Maryland line the sum of \$80 for arrears of pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1780 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1782. Also, the sum of \$80 for pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1782 to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1783 and also the sum of \$20 from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1783 to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1783 when his time expired.

S/ Thomas Karney, A. G. S. Md.

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Albemarle County Virginia August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1824

Sir

At June or July court last for this County a certain Walter Watson delivered into court (of which I was a member) a Schedule for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the acts of Congress. On inquiry of his neighbors it is said said Watson has conveyed his property (land) to his son in order that he may [indecipherable word]<sup>3</sup> within the meaning of the Acts aforesaid. He is able bodied & free from wound and bruise, as I believe. This communication is made under the conviction that said Watson is not a proper subject to receive the munificence of the US.

Respectfully your Obedient Servant

S/ Charles Brown

[p 35: copy of a deed dated August 18, 1813 from Walter Watson of Albemarle County Virginia to Benjamin in Watson of said County by which Walter, for the consideration of \$300 paid to him, conveyed to Benjamin a tract of land containing 98 acres more or less.]

[p 11: On March 31, 1855 in Albemarle County Virginia, the veteran, then stating his age is 95, applied for his bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 30, 1824, for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> Not the actual signature of the veteran since the document is a certified copy from the records of the Albemarle County court

<sup>3</sup> *to bid.*