

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wait S7812

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The State of South Carolina Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

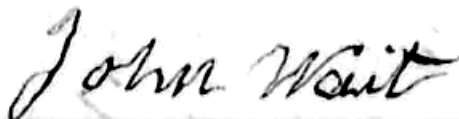
On the 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in open Court, now sitting, John Wait a resident of Laurens district in the State of South Carolina aged seventy-five years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain John Thornton and served in the 3rd Continental Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers, the is: Colonel Mercer, Lieutenant Colonel Wheaton, Major Marshall, Captain John Thornton, 1st Lieutenant Robert Powell, 2nd Lieutenant John Kemp who afterwards exchanged commands with Lieutenant James Manroe [James Monroe] who became my 2nd Lieutenant. He was discharged and left the service of the 8th day of February 1778. That he resided at the time he entered the service in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia. He enlisted for two years and was discharged by General Woodford at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania that he was in the Battle near the White Plains in New York and that the taking of the Hessians at Trenton in New Jersey. He marched from Virginia through Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York and then back into Pennsylvania –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

S/ John Wait



South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the district and State aforesaid Richard Gaines¹ who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was acquainted with and served with John Wait in the Continental Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War and that he served as an enlisted Soldier 2 years in the Virginia line in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer known as the 3rd Continental Regiment of the Virginia line –

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 11th of July 1833

¹ Richard Gaines FPA R3866

Rehoboth Gaines

[fn p. 10: On February 5, 1834 in Laurens district South Carolina Elizabeth Creecy gave testimony that she had known John Wait upwards of 62 years that he enlisted in the 3rd Regiment of Virginia regulars under "Captain John Thorington" in the month of February 1776 and returned in the month of March 1778 and that he had enlisted for 2 years. Fn p. 11: Thomas Gaines² gave an identical affidavit dated February 7th, 1834.

Thomas Gaines]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

² Because Wait gave a supporting affidavit in his claim, I think this is PROBABLY the same man as [Thomas Gaines S38721](#)