

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Richard Waters W11722

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State of Maryland

City of Baltimore towit

Be it remembered that on the Sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, Richard Waters aged Sixty and upwards, residing in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, an applicant for a Pension under the 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" personally came before me the undersigned and then and there did make the following Declaration under Oath by me administered to him.

that he the said Richard Waters entered the Army of the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant in the first Regiment of the Maryland line on the tenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven — that he was appointed Captain on the seventh day of April seventeen hundred and eighty, and that he received arrears of pay from the first of August seventeen hundred and eighty to the first of January seventeen hundred and eighty three — that he continued in the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution upwards five years — that from his reduced circumstances, needs the assistance of his Country for Support therefore makes application for Pension under said Law. [signed] R Waters

State of Maryland, Baltimore City Court SS.

ON this Fourth day of June 1821, personally appeared in open court being a court of record, having common Law Jurisdiction in and for the said City of Baltimore Richard Waters aged Sixty five years, resident in the City of Baltimore in said State of Maryland who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he received a warrant appointment as Lieutenant in December seventeen hundred and Seventy Six, was commissioned in the first Maryland Regiment the first of the year Seventeen hundred & Seventy Seven and served during the whole Revolutionary War. That he was in the Battle of Brandewine [sic: Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777], The Battle of German Town [Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777], the Battle of Monmouth [NJ, 28 Jun 1778], The Battle of Camden in South Carolina [16 Aug 1780], was in the Storm[ing] of Stony Point [NY, 15 Jul 1779], and the Siege of York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. That he often courted Danger beyond his tour of Duty and believes suspicion never reached him — and before the close of the war was appointed Captain as by reference to his former declaration will appear. He also declares that his Brother John Waters went into the Army of the Revolutionary War under General [William] Smallwood, as Lieutenant, and was killed by a Cannon Ball at the Battle of White Plains, in the State of New York [28 Oct 1776], and for whose services himself, or any of his family never received one cent. That his Pension Certificate appears to be 2227. That his Pension commenced on the 16 April 1818 and he has received payment from that date to the 4th of March 1820, and he is identically the same Richard Waters to whom the Pension Certificate was heretofore granted — and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

A Schedule of property which belongs to Richard Waters.

One Negro woman aged about 50 years, and }		
one negro Girl aged Eight years }	valued at	\$150.—
Furniture	valued at about	50.—
		<u>\$200.—</u>

My Family consists of

Eliza Jane Waters, (my wife) aged about 35 years
John Waters, my son aged about 17 years
Margaret Waters my Daughter about 15 years, and
Virginia Ann Waters (Infant, about 7 months old,

That the Declarant is not now engaged in any occupation or business. And by casual occurrence has become lamed and also by a dislocation of his left arm he is rendered incapable of pursuing any kind of active business

[signed] R. Waters

NOTE: On 19 May 1853 Elizabeth Jane Waters, 66, applied for a pension stating that she married Richard Waters on 20 Dec 1818, and he died 25 August 1829. On 12 May 1853 in Talbot County MD Richard C. Hollyday and Thomas R. Hollyday deposed that they were present at the marriage of "Colonel Richard Waters of the City of Baltimore and Elizabeth Jane Boyle" at the home of their late father, Henry Hollyday of Talbot County. On 10 Sep 1863 Elizabeth J. Waters applied to have her pension transferred to New York City, where she had moved because her children lived there.