

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Watson W18292 Lydia fn??¹NC
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[fn p. 72 et seq.: family record]

Lidia horner [Lydia Horner] Doughter [Daughter] to G^orge and Elizabath [Elizabeth] his wife was born October the ye 5 day 1758

Christain horner Doughter to G^orge and Elizabath his wife was born May the 6 day 1760

Thomas horner the Son of G^orge horner and Elizabath his wife was born Faburey ye the 7 day 1781

Prisilla horner was born January the 23rd day 1763

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George Watson Son of John & Lydia Watson was born January 7th 1776 Independence the same year

James Watson was born October 20th 1778

Betsy Watson was born January 20th 1782

Sally Watson was born February 14, 17 80

David Watson was born January 20th 1784

Polly Watson was born February 27th 1786

Dolly Watson was born June 6th 1789

John Watson was born January 3rd 1791

Lee Watson was born March 6th 1793

William Watson was born March 1st 1795

Lucy Watson born March 11th 1797

Mark Watson born June 4th 1799

Green Watson born July 4th 1802

John Watson Sen^r was born the 20th of August 1751

Lydia Watson wife of John was born October 25, 1758

When I am dead and in my grave, & worms my body Eat -- When I am gone good people all may read my name Compleat

S/ J. Watson Sen^r
5th Augt 1819

¹ [On the day this transcription was made, the page numbers assigned to the digital images on Footnote.com were nonsensical.]

[fn p. 412]

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this 8th day of September 1832 John Watson of the County & state aforesaid personally appeared before me William Horner one of the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions, the said Court being one of record and of unlimited jurisdiction in respect to amount in civil cases -- [illegible word or words] for said County, [John Watson] aged about eighty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he is now so infirm that he has not the physical ability to travel to Hillsboro, the seat of justice for said County; That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. -- That in the month of September next after Gates defeat,² This declarant joined the service in the Town of Hillsboro said State for a tour of three months under General Butler [John Butler] -- Major Sharp was his aid de camp -- Captains Johnson & Rainey were in the same service. This declarant was commanded by Captain John McFarling [sic, John McFarland?] -- McFarling did not march from Hillsboro at that time -- General Butler at Hillsboro gave this declarant the appointment of Commissary & assistant quarter master under Captain James Haven, who had immigrated a short time before from one of the northern states to North Carolina. -- The troops accompanied by this declarant marched to Salisbury NC where he served in the office of aforesaid during 3 months, and remained several days after the expiration of the three months for the purpose of settling his accounts with John Brannan the Commissary of issues --

This declarant served a second tour of three months under the command of Colonel Thomas Palmer -- he joined headquarters at Salisbury NC at the distance of 110 or 120 miles from his residence -- The names of other officers, the declarant cannot now remember -- This tour this declarant served as a substitute for James Cain, now living in Orange County aforesaid.

This declarant further saith that he served a third tour of three months as the substitute of Thomas Horner now living in the said County of Orange, that he joined the service on Haw River about thirty miles from his residence under Captain James Moore who commanded Cavalry. This declarant served as a light Horseman under said more. Soon thereafter he was under Captain Debarren & Colonel Malmady [sic, Malmedy] & Major Henderson. This was about the time of the battle at Guilford C H NC. He joined the service a short time before the battle, and was with Colonel Malmedy who was on the scout to destroy & intimidate the Tories. The night of the Battle of Guilford he was marched so near the field of battle, that he distinctly heard the wounded. He was not in the battle. -- At Guilford his Colonel took up his march and the next day but one, he joined General Greene's Army. He stayed up with the Army but a few days but continued on the scout after the Tories. This declarant in this tour acted as first Sergeant. He was afterwards discharged by Captain Moore at home each tour was something more than three months. This declarant further saith that his discharges have been lost for many years. He can prove as he is informed his first and third tours of service by Thomas Horner³ of said County & State, and his second tour by James Cain of said County & state. He does not now know any other person living in a convenient distance, by whom he can prove his service, except William Duke & Captain who saw him in the service at Salisbury.

This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the

² August 16, 1780.

³ FPA S8682

present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed on the day & date above stated before me
S/ Wm Horner, JP S/ J Watson, Sr.

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State of North Carolina Orange County:

James Cain of the County and State aforesaid having appeared and been qualified according to law before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County maketh oath, that he was drafted in the revolutionary war to serve a tour of three months, and that he hired John Watson as a substitute who was received and served the tour for him.

Sworn & subscribed to before me Jonathan P. Sneed one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County & state aforesaid this 12th of September 1832
S/ J. P. Sneed, JP S/ James Cain

State of North Carolina Orange County: Thomas Horner of the County & State aforesaid having appeared before me and having been qualified according to law and maketh the oath that he volunteered in the revolutionary war to serve a tour of three months in the cavalry and his family being unwilling that he should leave home he employed John Watson to perform said service who did perform said service.

Sworn & subscribed to before me Jonathan P. Sneed one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County this 12 September 1832

S/ J. P. Sneed, JP

S/ Thomas Horner

Thomas Horner further swears that John Watson volunteered under Captain McFarland to serve a tour of 3 months and that he joined said company and at the end of 3 months or a little after he returned home from said Service the day & date as above.

S/ J. P. Sneed, JP

S/Thomas Horner

[Thomas Horner, Abner Parker and John Taylor & James Cain stated that the veteran is a man of good honest character.]

[fn p. 168: owing January 19, 1838 in Orange County North Carolina, Lydia Watson, in the 80th year of her age, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Watson, a pensioner of the US for his services in the revolution; that she married him January 10, 1775; that she has no record of her marriage but distinctly remembers the date from the birth of her first child as shown in a memorandum of the births of her children; that her husband died July 15, 1835 and that she remains his widow. She submitted the family records as set forth above in support of her application.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.49 commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months service in the North Carolina militia, 3 of which were served in the cavalry.]

[Veteran's widow, video Watson, was pensioned at the rate of \$62.49 per annum commencing July 15, 1835 and ending July 1, 1848.]