

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Watson W4096
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[fn p. 184: on October 24, 1845 in Hertford County North Carolina, Mrs. Barsha Watson, 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act, as amended, stating that she is the widow of Micajah Watson "who as she has understood was first drafted into the service, and served his term out and afterwards enlisted in the Army of the revolution in the company of Captain William Caswell for 3 years on the 26th of November 1777 and served out his enlistment as a private -- She declares that she has heard her husband the said Micajah Watson say that he was at the siege of Charleston, and that he was taken prisoner at the capture of that City -- She further declares, that she thinks from what she has heard, that he was at some time under the command of Colonel Hardy Murfree -- She further says he was at one time under the command [balance of sentence illegibly faint]. She also declares that she was married to the said Micajah Watson in the year 1782, 3 or 4, the precise time she does not now recollect = and that her husband the said Micajah Watson died in the year eighteen hundred & seven or eight -- That she was not married to him, the said Micajah prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1790 viz. about the time above stated -- She further declares that she has remained a widow since that period."]

[fn p. 140: on September 6th, 1855 in Hertford County North Carolina, Barsha Watson, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Micajah Watson, a revolutionary war soldier; she states that she is a pensioner under the 1848 act; that she married Micajah Watson in Gates County North Carolina in Jan. [?] 1782; that they were married by Isaac Pipkin, a magistrate; that her name prior to her marriage was Barsha Holland; that her husband died in Hertford County in the month of January 1803 or 1804; and that she has since his death remained a widow.]

[fn p. 41]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State
I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify

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that it appears of record in this Office, that a Warrant for the services of Micajah Watson a private Soldier in the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war was issued on the 20th day of 1792 for 365 acres of land No. 3786, for 4 years services, drawn by Colonel Hardy Murfree, and that I believe the said Micajah Watson to be the same person, mentioned, or named in the musterrolls as Michl. Watson, and for these reasons, the name of Micajah Watson does not appear on the musterrolls, and no land warrant was issued in the name of Michl. Watson.
Given under my hand this 29th day of November 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 250]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the revolutionary War, that Michl Watson a private Soldier in Captain Caswell's Company of the 5th Regiment, entered the service on the 26th day of November 1777 for the term of 3 years.

Given under my hand this 29th of November 1845.

S/ Wm Hill, Secry of State

Sir Novr. 26th 1796

I have sent the conveyance
for your land claim agreed for,
please to sign it

And Am Your H. Servt.

H. Murfree

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[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for the services of her husband in the revolution as a private.]