

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Watson W4846 ¹ Mary Frances Watson f33SC

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this 16th day of November 1853 before N. M. Whitehead Esquire Judge of the Court of ordinary in and for the district & State aforesaid personally appeared Mary F. Watson, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension due her under the act of Congress of 3 February last (1853) and all previous acts applicable thereto: to wit

That she is the wife of John Watson deceased who was a private in the Army of the Revolution and made a prisoner of war by the enemy and released therefrom upon his parole under the 18th May 1780 as per Certificate hereunto annexed --

That her said husband and her were married on the 26th day of July 1808 -- and that her maiden name was Mary Frances Gaudy [could be "Gandy" or "Gowdy"] as set forth in the affidavits of Elizabeth A. Grayson and W. Lifrage hereunto annexed and that the declarant's husband John Watson died on the 14th day of June 1821 per said certificates of William Lifrage and E. A. Grayson -- leaving the said Mary F. Watson his widow, who has not again married but remains his widow: She further Swears that she has never received any pension under said act of 3rd February 1853 or any other act of Congress nor has she made any application therefore except the present.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court the day month and year just above written.

S/ N. M. Whitehead, Judge

S/ Mary F. Watson



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State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District


Be it known that on this 23rd day of January A.D. 1852 before me the undersigned a magistrate in and for the District and State aforesaid personally appeared Mary McClary who

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being duly sworn made oath according to law that she was well acquainted with Elizabeth McConnell the first wife of John Watson, who was afterwards married to Sarah Bland and a third time married Mary Frances Gowdy to still survives him -- that the said John Watson and Elizabeth McConnell were married sometime in the year 1798 and that the said Elizabeth McConnell afterwards Elizabeth Watson died in the year 1799 -- and that the said John Watson survived his said wife Elizabeth Watson and was married twice afterwards.

Sworn to before me the day and year above mentioned

S/ Mary McClary



S/ Edw. J. Porter, Magt.

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South Carolina Williamsburgh District

Personally appeared before me Elizabeth Ann Grayson who being duly sworn made oath that she was acquainted with Sarah Bland the wife of John Watson who afterwards married Mary Frances Gowdy that the said John Watson and Sarah Bland were married in the fall of the year 1805 and that the said Sarah Watson died some time in the beginning of the year 1807 survived by the said John Watson and that the said John Watson afterwards married Mary Frances Gowdy who still survives and is the widow of the said John Watson.

Sworn to before me this 23rd of January 1852

S/ Edw. J. Porter, Mag.

S/ Elizabeth A. Grayson



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State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a magistrate in and for the District and State aforesaid, William Lipage [could be Lifrage] who being duly sworn made oath according to law that he was present at the marriage which was solemnized between John Watson of Williamsburgh District in the State aforesaid and Mary Frances Gowdy of the said district and State that the same took place on the 26th day of July A.D. 1808 which was said to be the 3rd marriage of the said John Watson. That the said Mary Frances County now Mary Frances Watson is the widow of the said John Watson -- that the said John Watson died the 14th day of June 1821 and the said Mary Frances Watson has from that time remained and now is the widow of the said John Watson.

Sworn to before made this 23rd January 1852

S/ Edw. J. Porter, Mag.

S/ W. Lipage



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I do hereby acknowledged myself to be a Prisoner of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, and that I am thereby engaged until I shall be exchanged, for otherwise released there from, to remain at my plantation in the Parish of Prince Fredericks in the County of Craven in the province of South Carolina and I shall not in the mean time do, or calls anything to be done, prejudicial to the Success of his Majesty's Arms, or have intercourse or hold Correspondence with his enemies; and that upon a Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having Authority thereto, that I shall surrender myself to him or them at such Time and Place as I shall hereafter be required. Witness my hand this 17 day of May 1800

S/ John Watson

Witness

S/ Jno. Hamilton

I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the parole this day signed by

S/ Maj. Stuart

Comy of Prisⁿ.

Copy
I DO hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir HENRY CLINTON, and that I am thereby engaged until I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released therefrom, to remain *at my plantation in the Parish of Prince Fredericks in the County of Craven in the Province of South Carolina*
and that I shall not in the mean Time do, or cause any Thing to be done, prejudicial to the Success of His Majesty's Arms, or have Intercourse or hold Correspondence with his Enemies; and that upon a Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having Authority thereto, that I will surrender myself to him or them at such Time and Place as I shall hereafter be required. *Witness my hand this 17 day of May 1800*
John Watson
Witness
S/ Jno. Hamilton
I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the parole this day signed by
Maj. Stuart
Comy of Prisⁿ.

[p 22: listing of the indents paid to John Watson for service in the militia during the revolution including an indent for 39 pounds 14 shillings 1 1/2 pence for 558 days of militia duty during the period from 1778 or 1782; broken down as follows 56 days in 1778; 28 days in 1779; 210 days and 1781 and 264 days and 1782 as certified by Anderson Thomas Captain.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$67.77 per annum commencing March 3, 1853 for her husband service as a private.]