

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Watts W6382  
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[fn p. 64]

I William Davis of the County of Greene in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I am now a Revolutionary Pensioner, about eighty-six or eighty-seven years of age, and that I was well acquainted with John Watts, late of the said County of Greene, and know that he enlisted for two years from the said County of Greene, then (Orange) in the month of March 1776 under, I think, one Captain Spencer and belonged to the 7th Virginia Regiment in General Weedon's Brigade. That I know, because the said Watts and myself, lived very near each other, and I enlisted for the same time and about the same period, under Captain Francis Taylor, in the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by, I think, Colonel Spotswood, in General Weedon's Brigade: We marched to Norfolk first where we remained one year or thereabouts, and then were marched to the North and were together at the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown – and were honorably discharged after having served out the period of our enlistment after which we both returned to the County of Orange, now Greene, and were enrolled in the muster list, in the militia, but whether the said Watts ever performed a tour of duty in that service I do not remember, but I know that he enlisted for two years as above stated and served his time – faithfully out. Given under my hand this 29th day of March 1843.

S/ William Davis, X his mark

[fn p. 66]

Virginia – Louisa County, to wit

I Robert Dalton of said County certify under oath that I was acquainted with John Watts and remember that he married my sister Lucy Dalton, I cannot now recollect the date of their marriage, but I do remember that it was a year or 2 previous to Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] and his troops being at Charlottesville, during the Revolutionary War, which I remember very well for I was as aforesaid a brother of Lucy Dalton and you also the said John Watts intimately.

S/ Robert Dalton



[the above affidavit of Robert Dalton was attested February 23, 1846.]

[fn p. 10]

State of Missouri Randolph County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Elijah Watts Mahaly Austin widow of Renelten Austin Deceased and made the following declaration in order to obtain the amount of Pension due there Deceased father John Watts under act of June 1832 and also to obtain the amount due

them as right of their mother Lucy Watts under act of July 17th 1838 who departed this life in the state of Missouri September the 16th in the year 1844.

That they are children of said John and Lucy Watts – and migrated to this state after the death of their father – that John Watts their father was a revolutionary soldier and served according to the best of information about two years in the regular Army. That such they always understood and they believe was the opinion of their father's neighbors. That they cannot refer to the particulars of their father's service because although they heard him from time to time speak of the incidents he [indecipherable word] in the war of his officers the battles and yet they have found it impossible to testify the same from loss of memory. That as most mankind they heard his various statements with pleasure but no precise care taken in order to retain them with [indecipherable word, probably a miss spelling of "accuracy"], for it was not thought probable they would be called upon in reference to particulars. That their father was a resident of Orange County Virginia at the time of his continuance with the Army and on his return from service and up to his death remained in his old neighborhood and died in Albemarle adjoining Orange. That he never to their knowledge applied for a pension during his lifetime and that they always understood his old friends & neighbors William Daviss Esquire was with him in service and that though in different companies return home about the same time.

In reference to their mother's Drawing [?] they state under oath they are the children of said Lucy Watts who was the wife of said John Watts and continued his widow up to her death as aforesaid in Missouri that under act of July 17th 1838 and March 3rd 1843 they make this application in order to receive whatever amount they be due them that their said mother was \_\_\_years of age at the time of her death and would have applied in her lifetime but for the want of a suitable agent and the difficulty of getting proof and information from Virginia. That their mother's maiden name was Lucy Dalton and she was married to their father John Watts the 9th day of November 1778 as will be seen by reference to the register furnished by Elijah Watts. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 2nd day of October 1846.


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Virginia, Albemarle County to wit:

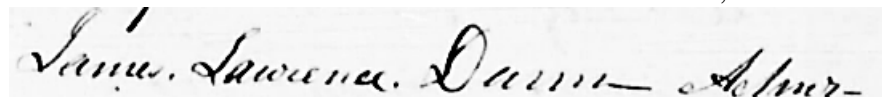
This day personally appeared before me Mr. Lawrence Dunn and made the following declaration under the last clause of the Regulations of the act of June 7th 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of said Act on account of the Revolutionary services of John Watts lately deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That said John Watts was a resident of Orange County Virginia at the time of rendering said services and he continued to reside in the same until a few years previous to his death he moved into the adjoining County of Albemarle where he continued to reside up to his death. That from all the information respecting his services which can be procured he served in and about two years in the Regular Army under Captain Joseph Spencer of the Regular [Army] and in the 7th Virginia Regiment attached to General Weedon's Brigade – that said Captain Spencer was at the time of said services himself a resident of Orange County which afterwards was divided and Greene taken from it – that said John Watts was raised in that portion of Orange County now called Greene in the neighborhood in which the affiant William Davis<sup>1</sup> was raised and still resides and that said Davis had every

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<sup>1</sup> Probably the same as William Davis FPA S8277

opportunity of knowing the length of his services and the officers under whom he enlisted – that said John Watts was at the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown that which places this affiant Davis was himself under command of Captain Frank tailor [Francis Taylor] of the 2nd Virginia Regiment – that the said John Watts although justly entitled to a pension for his services never applied for the same and although he was [indecipherable word] it could be received he never consented that any one should make the effort for him – that after his death the parties interested concluded to make the effort and obtain the enclosed affidavit of William Davis and also sent by Col. Durrett to North Carolina for the testimony of Thomas Dalton which is also here with enclosed that said Watts was drafted in the militia after said service under Spencer but from all the information of the case he hired a substitute for the militia service and know claim is therefore made on account of that time in the militia – that said John Watts departed this life and Albemarle County leaving heirs whose relationship and if necessary be proved before the Court of the County in which they reside – and that he has no other evidence of Watts services than is herein provided and exhibited and that will further information reference must be made to the muster rolls of Spencer's Company.

S/ James Lawrence Dunn, Admr.



[fn p. 8]

Virginia:

At a court held for Albemarle County the sixth day of July in the year 1846.

The Court doth certify that satisfactory evidence has this day been exhibited to said Court that John Watts of Albemarle County (formerly of Orange) Virginia, who was once reputed to have been a revolutionary soldier, departed this life in the month of September 1836 (the day of the month not recollected) having a widow Lucy Watts, who after his death emigrated to Missouri and is dead: she died his widow on the 16th day of September 1844. And that satisfactory proof has also been a decent to said court, that said John Watts and Lucy his wife, left the following surviving children viz.: Mildred Bunn, wife of John Bunn formally Mildred Watts, of Louisa County Virginia, Mahala Austin of Randolph County Missouri widow of Renelta Austin deceased, formerly Mahala Watts, Elijah Watts of the same County, Robert Watts (Rockingham County) Iowa, William Watts, Nelson Watts and Garrett Watts of Lincoln County Missouri. (That Nancy Huckstep wife of Josiah Huckstep formerly Nancy Watts departed this life leaving only the following children viz.: Matilda, William G and Elizabeth: Matilda Melton formally Matilda Watts and her husband Samuel Milton are both dead leaving no children. Elizabeth Ellis formerly Elizabeth Watts and her husband Dudley Ellis are both dead, leaving no children; and that Tyre Watts, David Watts and Thomas Watts are all dead leaving no children.

In testimony whereof I Ira Garrett Clerk of said Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 8th day of July 1846 in the 71st year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Ira Garrett

[fn p. 5: family record:

John Watts was born January 24 1756

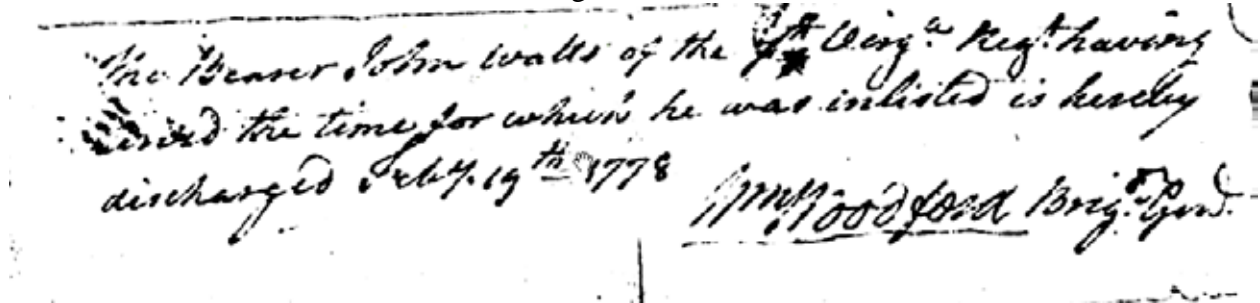
Lucy Dolton [Lucy Dalton?] was born December 15 1761 and was married to the said John Watts November of the 9 in the year 1778

Lucy Watts departed this life the 16 of September 1844]

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The Beaver John Watts of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virg<sup>a</sup> Regt. having served the time for which he was enlisted is hereby discharged Feb<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1778

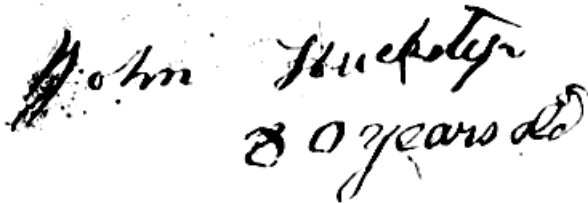
S/ Wm Woodford Brig<sup>r</sup> Genl.



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[fn 82: John Huckstep, 80, testified in Greene County Virginia that he was well acquainted with John Watts; that he, affiant, married John Watts's sister Aggy Watts shortly after the revolution; that he, affiant, knows nothing of his own knowledge of the services of John Watts during the revolution but he recalls having heard him talk about being at the battle of Brandywine; he also understood that John Watts served in a company under Lieutenant William White of Orange County brother of Richard Quiet now alive



John Huckstep  
80 years old

[attested July 3, 1846]

[fn p. 83: Richard White,<sup>2</sup> 91, of Greene County Virginia gave testimony that he was a soldier of the revolution and a pensioner of the United States and a brother of William White who was a Lieutenant in the company of regulars commanded by Captain Joseph Spencer; that he, affiant, and his brother were raised in the neighborhood within 5 miles of John Watts; that Watts was an old acquaintance of his, the affiant. "I know that said Watts enlisted in Spencer's company and served to the best of my recollection 2 years in the same. I saw him in service myself in said company – was present at Orange Courthouse when he marched to this [indecipherable word] Country and went myself to the [indecipherable word] part of Virginia with Spencer's company, in which Watts was. I afterwards saw him in service and whenever we inquired after brother William we also would want to know how John Watts was for he was an old neighbor and relation of our family. After the war my brother William frequently spoke of soldierlike conduct displayed by Mr. Watts in service and such was his feeling that he presented John Watts with a sword which he wore after this war in training his company in Albemarle County...."

S/ Rich'd White 91



Rich'd White 91

<sup>2</sup> FPA S6371

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's 2 years of service as a private in the Virginia service.]