

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Larner Watson¹ W6412 Peggy (Margaret) fn67VA
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832
Virginia Madison County: SS

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Madison Virginia Larner Watson a resident of Madison County in the State of Virginia aged seventy years the 1st day of January next who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 and about the first day of July of that year. I enlisted in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Frank Taylor who commanded one of the State Regiments of Virginia the number of the Regiment has escaped my memory (if I ever knew it) but the fact of my enlistment by the Colonel himself is fresh in my memory which happened as follows. I went to the Albemarle Barracks for the purpose of substituting myself for an acquaintance of mine by the name of Henry Lewis and on my arrival there found he had procured a substitute and so it happened that I fell in with Colonel Taylor and he himself enlisted me and paid me the bounty of \$30. The Regiment (Colonel Frank Taylor's) at the time of my Enlistment was stationed as a guard to the Hessian Troops then at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia. I enlisted with the understanding that so long as it was necessary to guard the Hessian troops so long my term of service should continue, I remained at the above Barracks until the last of May 1781 and did not quit the service until the very last of the invalid prisoners was removed. The whole term of my service at the Barracks and in Colonel Taylor's Regiment amounted to about one year and eleven months. The Company to which I was attached in Taylor's Regiment was commanded by Captain Thomas Porter. A short time after my term of service expired in Colonel Taylor's Regiment I returned to the County of Culpeper Virginia (now Madison) the County of Madison taken from Culpeper about the year 1792. In the month of June 1781 and acquaintance and neighbor of mine Mr. George Wilhoite [?] was drafted from the County of Culpeper (now Madison) where we both then lived and are still living for a Tour of two months and he Wilhoite employed me to take his place, I have a perfect recollection that Mr. Wilhoite gave me two thousand Dollars in paper money as his substitute – and that it was only worth about \$20 in specie, I served this tour of two months in the Militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Alcock. I was at first in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Early and in the course of the Tour he resigned; and I was attached to the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Lellard [?]. I

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marched with other troops from Culpeper to Richmond Virginia and at a place called Malbin Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond I was supplied with such arms as the militia stationed at that place could furnish. From the Malbin Hills the troops were marched to various points and at one time near the close of the Tour we were near York town Virginia. A few days after General Washington took command of the Army in the vicinity of York town my two months tour expired and the militia from the upper Country relieved us; and I returned home. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Larner Watson, X his mark

[fn p. 41: John Kehler, a clergyman, and Wesley Fry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

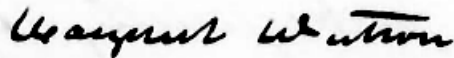
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I George Wilhoite of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged 82 years, do hereby certify that in the war of the Revolution Larner Watson of the County of Madison and State of Virginia was employed by me to serve a Tour in the Militia drafted from Culpeper County Virginia, He no doubt faithfully performed the Tour for me, During the War of the Revolution there was in the County of our marl Virginia Barracks established for the guarding the Hessian prisoners Larner Watson to my knowledge and belief was one of the soldiers employed in that service, I am unable to say what length of time he was so employed; but I have reason to believe it was near 2 years. Given under my hand this 25th day of September 1832

S/ George Wilhoit



[fn p. 19: On June 8, 1845 in Madison County Virginia, Mrs. Margaret Watson, 94, a resident of Madison County Virginia but temporarily residing in Greene County, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Larner Watson, a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him July 12, 1780 in the neighborhood where she now lives then called Culpeper County now Madison County; that she has a record in the handwriting of her son Larkin Watson made many years ago at the request of her husband; that her husband died January 16th or 17th 1840



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[fn p. 27: On April 22, 1853 in Madison County Virginia, Peggy Watson, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Larner Watson a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him July 21st 1803; that her husband died in Madison County Virginia January 16, 1840.]

[fn p. 7: On August 25, 1855 in Madison County, Virginia, Peggy Watson, 83, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Larner Watson; she states in this application that she and her husband were married by Hamilton Goss a Baptist clergyman; that her name prior to her marriage was Peggy Eahart. She signed this application with her mark

[fn p. 5: marriage bond issued in Madison County Virginia to Larner Watson and Elijah Harvey on July 19, 1803 conditioned on the marriage of Larner Watson to Peggy Ahart.]

[fn p. 10: certification by the clerk of Madison County Virginia that Larner Watson and Peggy Ahart were married July 21st, 1803 by Hamilton Goss a Minister of the gospel.]

[fn p. 11: family record:

Births

Water Watson born January 1st 1753 and was married to Margaret Eaheart July 12th 1780

Lucretia Watson daughter of said Larner and Margaret was born April 18th 1804

Lurenacy [?]² Watson was born September 5, 1805

Lucinda Watson was born January 28 1808

Larner Newton Watson was born August 28th 1809

Lurella Watson³ was born June 14th 1811

Larkin Watson was born July 29th 1814

Deaths

Lurella Watson departed this life November 1817

Larner N. Watson departed this life May 2nd 1825

Elizabeth Ann Powell departed this life June 7 1835

Arristarchus Powell departed this life October 11th 1833

Marriages

Lucretia Watson was married to James Simpson June 3rd 1828

Lurenay Watson was married to Ezekiel Lloyd November 1824

Lucinda Watson was married to Arristarchus Powell⁴ December 18 1830

Larkin Watson was married to Lurenna M. Shelton September 10th 1834

Lucretia Ann Watson daughter of Larkin Watson and Lurenna his wife was born November 25th 1835

James Arristarchus Watson son of said Larkin and Lurenna M. his wife was born August 20th 1837

Clarasa Margaret Watson daughter of said Larkin and Lurenna his wife was born December 3rd 1838

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing February 3rd, 1853.]

² War Department interpreted this name as Lurenney Watson

³ War Department interpreted this name as Luritte Watson

⁴ War Department interpreted this name as Aristarchey Powell