

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Watson W6413

Hannah

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Virginia, to wit,

On this 22nd day of March 1824, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of Halifax, Philip Watson aged seventy-one years, the 20th day of October, 1823, and a Resident in the aforesaid County of Halifax, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said Philip Watson Enlisted for the term of three years on the 16th day of January in the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina, Granville County in the company commanded by Captain Richard D. Cook [Richard Donaldson Cook], in the 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams in the Line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps for some time until the Regiment became reduced, when he was put in the first Regiment under Colonel Clarke in which Regiment he continued until the 27th day of January 1780, when he was discharged from the said Service, in Halifax County at Colonel Long's in the State of North Carolina, that he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth Courthouse and many skirmishes and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services, Except the Certificate of William Hill Secretary of the State of North Carolina, the Certificate of John Locke,¹ the Certificate of Judge Henderson and the Certificate of Samuel Chappell,² all of which papers are herein enclosed and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed --

No property no Occupation no ability to labor

And that his family consists of his two daughters, to wit, Elizabeth Watson born 25th of January

¹ Sic, probably [John Lock S41782](#)

² Sic, Samuel Chappell or Chapel FPA W6671

1792, Mary Watson born 23rd October 1805, and that they are unable to contribute but little to his support and makes oath that he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.³ --

State of North Carolina

I Leonard Henderson one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State aforesaid do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Samuel Chapel & John Locke & somewhat acquainted with their character, that I have no reason to believe that they are unworthy of credit. I therefore think that it is quite probable that they are affidavits given the one before the Elias Gay & the other before Wilson Daniel justices of the peace for the County of Granville, as to the revolutionary services of Philip Watson a private in the 9th Regiment of the North Carolina line are correct; I also am of opinion from a personal examination this day made of the said Philip Watson that he was a private Soldier during a considerable part of our revolutionary war. The said Philip Watson half also exhibited to me a certificate made by William Hill, Secretary of State, taken from the rolls of his office, that the said Philip Watson was a private in Cook's Company of the 9th Regiment. I believe the said certificate to be in the handwriting of the said William Hill.

August 2nd 1823

S/ Leo Henderson

The said Philip Watson states on oath that he is not worth ten dollar in any worldly substance.

S/ L. Henderson

State of North Carolina Granville County June the 7th Day 1820

T This day came before me the Elias Gay one of the justices of the Peace for said County Philip Watson and made appear by the oath of Samuel Chappell that he the said Watson did serve three years in the Regular Army in the Revolutionary war.

Sworn to before me &c.

S/ Elias Gay, JP

The said Watson did serve in Cook's company in the 9th Regt.

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 1st of June 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that Philip Watson a private in Cook's Company of the 9th Regiment was mustered on the 16th of January 1777 for 3 years and was discharged on the 27th day of January 1780.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

North Carolina Granville County: This day came before me Woodson Daniel a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, John Lock, & made oath that he was a Soldier in the war against Great Britain that he then to waited in the emancipation of the American people, that about the year 1778 he formed an acquaintance with Philip Watson a private been in service in the first Regiment, the said John Lock being also I Soldier in the same Regiment, the 6th, 7th & 9th regiments having recently been transferred to the first Regiment.

S/ John Lock

³ I wonder why he didn't list his wife as a member of his family at the time he filed for his pension. I didn't see an explanation of this omission in the file.

Sworn to before made this 9th Day of June 1820

S/ Woodson Daniel

[On January 31st, 1839, in Halifax County Virginia, Hannah Watson, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Watson, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him October 12, 1789; that he died October 8th, 1829.]

[On February 10, 1844 in Halifax County Virginia, Hannah Watson, 76, a resident of Halifax County Virginia, made application for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Watson, deceased, a private in the North Carolina regular service and a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution.]

[Marriage bond issued October 12, 1789 in Lunenburg County, Commonwealth of Virginia to Philip Watson & David Dunn to secure the marriage of Philip Watson to Hannah Dunn.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 22, 1824 for his service in the revolution.]

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]