

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Watkins W6416

Susan

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[fn p. 18]

State of Virginia County of King & Queen: SS

On this 1st day of July 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County of King & Queen, Susan Watkins, a resident of said County and State, aged about seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Joseph Watkins, who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution. That she knows nothing of her own knowledge of the said Watkins's services nor does she know under what officers he served, or in what capacity he acted, Nor does she know when he entered or left the service – that she well recollects of hearing him during his lifetime speak of having served, both, in the regular and militia service, and she has some recollection of hearing him speak of being in service with one Captain Fleet of the aforesaid County of King & Queen – She also heard him say that he was under one Captain Anderson – but how long, she does not now recollect. That he was a resident of the aforesaid County when he entered the service. That she does not remember to have heard him speak of being engaged in any battles, except the siege of York. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim but respectfully begs leave that reference may be had to the public records and papers in Richmond & Washington for his name and service, which together with the testimony herewith submitted, she hopes will be sufficient to entitle her to a pension. She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Joseph Watkins sometime in the month of November (the day not now recollect) 1786, and that her husband the said Watkins died in the month of September 1822 but that she does not recollect the particular day. That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. She further declares that she is unable from bodily infirmity from attending Court.

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ John Lumpkin, JP

S/ Susan Watkins, X her mark

[fn p. 2: family record:

Caty Watkins the Daughter of Joseph Watkins and Susannah his wife was born 4th day of March 1791

Elizabeth Watkins the Daughter of Joseph Watkins and Susannah his wife was born 1st day of December 1794

Jolly Wood Watkins the Daughter of Joseph Watkins and Susannah his wife was born the 18th of September 1800]

[fn p. 6: Sally Watkins testified January 9, 1844 in King and Queen County Virginia that Joseph Watkins and Susan Lumpkin, his present widow, were married prior to January 1, 1794 which she knows because she herself was married January 21st, 1790 at which time she recollects that Susan Watkins the lawful wife of Joseph Watkins was not in attendance at the wedding by reason of her advanced state of pregnancy.]

[fn p. 7: Peter Watkins, the son of Sally Watkins gave testimony that his Father's register shows that he was born February 21st, 1791 and that his aunt Susan Watkins, the widow of his uncle Joseph Watkins had a daughter by the name of Catherine who was older than himself.]

[fn p. 11: On June 14, 1843 in King and Queen County, Sally Watkins gave testimony stating that she recalls Joseph Watkins enlisting and serving in both the regular and militia service during the revolution although she cannot give any details other than that he was at the siege of York; that said Watkins was married to her sister, Mary Pruitt, who died about 2 years after their marriage; that about 12 or 18 months after her sister's death, Joseph Watkins married Susan Lumpkin, his present widow.]

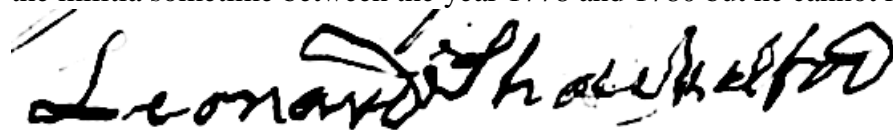
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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23rd day of June 1783, in the name of Joseph Watkins, as a Soldier of Infantry for £ 13.17.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the first January 1782..

Given under my hand, at the Alters office, Richmond, this 25th of July, 1846.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[fn p 57: Leonard Shackelford<sup>1</sup> of King and Queen County Virginia testified on March 7, 1843 that he is a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that he is 84 years of age; that he was well acquainted with Joseph Watkins at the time of the revolutionary war; that he served a tour of 3 months service with Watkins under Captain Hansford Anderson in the militia sometime between the year 1778 and 1780 but he cannot recollect the particular year.



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[fn p. 72: Cadman Smithy gave testimony on March 20, 1844 in King & Queen County that he is the husband of Catherine Watkins, the daughter of Joseph & Susan Watkins; that the family record of the ages of 3 of the children of Joseph and Susan Watkins has been in his possession for many years.

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S6085

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband service as a private in the Virginia service.]