Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Waters S41293
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District of Virginia: SS

On this twenty fourth day of September 1818 before us the subscribers Justices of the County Court of Amelia for the said district, personally appeared William Waters aged eighty-three years, resident in the County of Amelia in the said district, who being by us first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said William Waters enlisted in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Everard Meade of the 2nd Virginia of troops of Virginia on Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the ___, when he was discharged from service in Morris Town [Morristown] in the State of Pennsylvania [sic, New Jersey; or possibly, the veteran intended to refer to Norristown Pennsylvania?] that he was in the battles of __and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before us the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Eccleston

S/ Rodophil Jeter

S/ Dabney Miller

S/ Asa Vaughan

Virginia: In Amelia County Court November 27th 1819

William Waters an old poor revolutionary soldier whose application for a pension has been returned from the war Department for further amendments – this day produced to the court the certificate of a certain Jacob Seay which is the [indecipherable word] on the other side qualified to before Rodophil Jeter Esquire one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for this County which said certificate is ordered to be forwarded to the war office. And it is further ordered that it be certified that the court is satisfied of the truth of said certificate.

S/J. T. Leigh, Clk.

Virginia In Amelia County Court February 24th, 1820

William Waters a very old extremely poor and distressed revolutionary soldier whose frequent applications to the war office for a pension has been so often returned for amendment Ordered that it be now certified by the Court that the court are satisfied of the credibility of Jacob Seay the witness who has given his certificate and have no hesitation in certifying that his certificate

deserves credit. It appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the applicant has had his house burned, and he now states he is discharge (which he received was burnt amongst his other papers – the Court further certifies that the applicant is a very old and illiterate man, and that from his ignorance and present state of his record he does not appear to be able to state the time of his entering or leaving the service.

S/J. T. Leigh, Clk

I Jacob Seay¹ of Nottoway County, in State of Virginia do hereby Certified that William Waters of Amelia County and State aforesaid enlisted as a regular Soldier for the term of two years under Lieutenant Samuel Cox in January 1776 and was joined to Captain Evret Meads Company which was attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment, which was commanded by Colonel Spotswood and he the said Waters in taking the small pox in the town of Wilmonton [Wilmington?] Caut [caught] cold and with other hardships [which] occasioned pains, consequently was not fit for duty, and in consequence of which he said Waters was discharged in the year 1777 in the month of July or August I am not certain which, by Brigadier General Weeden [George Weedon] in Morris Town, I further state that I wrote the discharge of said Waters which was afterwards signed by the proper officer.

Given under my hand this 21st day of June 1819

S/ Jacob Seay

Virginia Amelia County to it

On the 24th day of August 1820 personally appeared before the Justices of the peace sitting for the County of Amelia in open court being a Court of record for said County William Quarters aged about eighty-six years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he went into the service under Captain Everard Meade and served about 11 or 12 months as may be seen by his former declaration and the evidence taken a year or 2 ago in support of his claim all of which has been sent on to the war office and it is presumed is therein filed reference thereto being had for more particular description or information – and by virtue of which declaration and evidence a pension was allowed as per warrant from the war office dated the 24th day of April 1820 allowing a pension of \$8 per month from the 24th day of September 1818 which appears to be registered by J. H. Henshaw clerk in Book B volume 8 page 197 and numbered 16762 which was duly signed by J C Calhoun, Secretary of War.

And 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 viz.

one horse of the value of

\$40.00

¹ FPA S25430

2 cows & a calf	30.00
one sow & 6 pigs	6.00
	\$76.00

95 acres of poor land in which I hold a life estate only and there is no person in my family except my wife aged about 62 years and infirm.

Given under my hand & seal the day aforesaid

S/ William Waters, X his mark

[Facts in file: veteran died June 13, 1824; there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 24, 1818 for one-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]