Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Neal Watson S42056 Transcribed by Will Graves fn9NC 6/17/10

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State of North Carolina Lenoir County: Court of Law of July term 1822

On this 2nd day of July 1822 personally appeared in open Court, the said Court being a Court of Record, proceeding to the Course of the Common law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings & having power to fine and imprison, Neal Watson, sixty-seven years 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 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Neal Watson enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Quinn, in the 10th North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong, in the Continental establishment, that he enlisted for nine months, on the 20th of July 1778, and served out his term and then enlisted again and served to the end of the war, and was discharged at Wilmington North Carolina. He was not in any engagement -- he has no other evidence of his services at present within his power, then the attached certificate of the Secretary of State of North Carolina, and the annexed affidavit of James Huggins. 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 except the following -- one sow, one ewe and one lamb -- one gun -- his wife has [indecipherable word], a wheel, a loom, the residue of the furniture of his house he occupies, belongs to his grandson who permits him the use of it, his family consists of his wife of his own age and his grandson Shadrach Randal aged eighteen years -- declarant is by occupation a farmer, but infirmity disables him from performing but little labor. Attest S/ C. Westbrook S/ Neal Watson, X his mark

At the same time personally appeared James Huggins of Jones County and made oath that he was a Soldier of the Continental line of North Carolina in the War of the Revolution -- he knows the declarant Neal Watson, and that he was a soldier in the same line, and that he served

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both in the North and in the South, deponent believes not less than two years.

S/ James Huggins

Attest S/C. Westbrook, CC

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 26 May 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 in the revolutionary war that Neal Watson a private in Captain Quinn's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 20th July 1778, for nine months -- nothing said of his discharge.

Given under my hand this 26 May 1820 S/Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 2, 1822, for service in the North Carolina line.]