

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Waters S7828

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 10th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Moses Waters a Resident of the United States in the County and State aforesaid aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

I was living in Amherst County State of Virginia in the year 1777. I was a volunteer for three months under Captain Jacob Warwick in Augusta County State of Virginia we was marched on to fort Warwick there we was placed in command of Lieutenant James Humphries Colonel Samuel Vance was our Commander at that post there I got my Discharge and returned home shortly after my return I volunteered myself under Captain David Crawford this was in the year 1779 to go to Kentucky against the Indians we went on to Lexington in Kentucky after my time was out I enlisted under Captain Isaac Riddle to go on to Licken Station [Licking Station] whilst at that fort we was attacked by the British and Indians we kept the fort after considerable struggle there was several of their party killed we was continued there as a guard for the protection of the few Inhabitants that was then living there the Licking fort was at that time within 40 miles of the Shawnee Nation of Indians at that Station I received my Discharge at the end of six months from Captain Riddle and returned home to Amherst County in the State of Virginia I was Out on these two Tower [sic, tours] nine months before I returned home on my Return home I was immediately numbered and placed on the Muster Roll at the time when Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] marched his Army up the country and broke up the General Assembly that was sitting at Charlottesville in the State of Virginia I was called out under Captain William Tucker we was marched on to Richmond Virginia from thence to Williamsburg from thence to Yorktown where we joined the Army under General Weedon [George Weedon] from thence we was ordered back to the halfway house that night the British landed a strong force at Yorktown in the morning we was ordered back and followed them to Portsmouth in the chase there was a Scrimmage when Colonel Mallory was killed we took several prisoners This was a Tour of three months there I got a Discharge from General Weedon There are many Circumstances that took place but my memory is to treacherous for me to be certain of but I well know I served my Country faithfully I have it not in my power at this advanced period of my life to procure persons to prove my service but I am in want of something to sue my Decline. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension except the present and declare my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state whatsoever

Question by the Court Where and in what year were you born

Answer I have understood from my parents that I was born in King William County in the State

of Virginia in the year 1761. Question. Have you any record of your age if so where is it. Answer I have it in my Family Bible at home. Question. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live Answer. I was living in Amherst County in the State of Virginia and continued there until the Revolutionary War was over sometime after that I moved to Union District South Carolina where I resided for several years from that place I moved with my family to Rutherford County North Carolina where I still reside.

Question How were you called into service were you drafted were you a volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for home. Answer. I was first a volunteer to guard the frontiers of Virginia I think I was out three months on this Tower. I next volunteered myself to go to Kentucky against the Indians I think this service was three months when my service was out I was then at Lexington in Kentucky I at that place enlisted for 6 months as one of the Clark at Fort Licking in Kentucky my next was agreeable to my number then Amherst County in the State of Virginia for three months to go against the British who was then at Charlottesville Virginia.

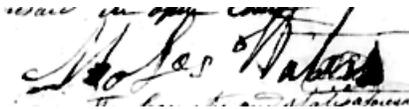
Question. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Officers as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your services. Answer. Colonel Samuel Vance was my first commanding Officer. I do not recollect in my Tower in Virginia that we had any Officer higher in command than a Captain in my last Tower in Virginia I was under General Weedon and Colonel Mallory there was many officers that I heard of but I was not [with?] them. Question did you ever receive a Discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it. Answer. My first Discharge was signed by Colonel Samuel Vance who at Fort Warwick my next was signed by Captain Riddle at Fort Licking my next was signed by General Weedon at Portsmouth.

Question. State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior your service as a Soldier of the Revolution. [Answer] the Reverend David L Ballew & Colonel John Mills.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

Witness: Thos. F. Birchett, Clk

S/ Moses Waters

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Moses Waters". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[David L Ballew, a clergyman, and John Mills gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 15 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]