Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Rejected Claim of John Galloway VAS1498

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To the Executive of Va.

Your petitioner Alexander H. Waters a citizen of Prince Wm. County in the state of Va. respectfully represents that his Grandfather John Galloway late of s'd. County was a Lieutenant in the Regular Army in the War of the Revolution from the State of Virg'a. Your petitioner has heard that s'd. John Galloway was a Lieutenant in the Western army that was under the Command of Gen'l Clark. He might also have been in the Va. C. [Continental] Line. Your petitioner represents that from the great lapse of time, and from the death of most of the persons who knew his s'd. G'd. Father and his services, it is out of his power to be more particular. Your petitioner believes from all [several illegible words] that his s'd. G'd. Father continued in service till the end of the War, and that he was faithful to the trust & confidence reposed in him. Your petitioner therefore prays that he may now receive such add'l. or other land bounties as by the laws of Va. may have been granted in like cases. that such evidences as the records of the State may afford may be referred to in order to shew the particular station & services of his s'd. G'd. Father and that such proof as your petitioner has been enabled to procure may also be rec'd. in order to maintain his claims as afores'd. If your petitioner sho'd, be correct in his impression that his s'd. G'd. Father did serve as above stated in the Army which was commanded by Gen'l. Clark he is advised that by the laws of Va. he wou'd. be entitled to as much more land as was rec'd. many years ago. All of which he respectfully submits to the consideration of the Executive.

[25 Oct 1834] Alexander H. Waters

Prince Wm. Co. Towit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the county afors'd. Hugh Davis [pension application S10136] of s'd. County, aged 74 years & upwards, and being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that he was himself a soldier in the Continental Line in the Revolution, and that he belonged in the last enlistement to the Legion commanded by Major afterwards called Col'n. Henry Lee – and he well recollects that it was after the close of the war that Lieut. John Galloway settled in the town of Dumfries in the County of Prince Wm. County & the county in which affiant resided. That he also was well acquainted with s'd. John Galloway, & in conversations with him, has heard him say that he served thro' the war – and affiant has always understood & believes that such was the fact.

And further he saith not/ signed by affiant Given under my hand this [?] day of Ap'l. 1834

Mugh Davis

State of Virg'a. Stafford County to wit.

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the county aforsaid Martha Cook a resident of said County, aged about 60 yrs and being first duely sworn according to law deposeth & saith. That she was very well acquanted with John Galloway late of the Town of Dumfries in the County of Prince William and that she has frequently heard him speak of the circumstances of his services in the American Revolution and the many hardships he had to undergo in service. The lapse of time has been so great that affiant cannot state particulars, but is now, and always has been under the impression that s'd John Gallowing [sic] was engaged in the service in the War of the Revolution. He was a Scotchman. And further deponent saith not. Given under my hand & seal this 17^{th} day of June 1834.

State of Virg'a. Prince Wm. County to wit

Personally came before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for the county afor's. Sarah S. Galloway a citizen of s'd. county, aged (81) eighty one years & upwards, and she being a person of respectability & whose statement is entitled to full faith and credit and she being first duely sworn according to Law Deposeth. That shortly after the close of the American Revolution she well recollects that John Galloway who had as affiant always understood and believed been engaged as an officer in the Virg'a. Continental Line, came to & settled in Dumfries, a small town in the county afor'd. near which she at that time lived. She recollects of repeatedly hearing s'd. Galloway speak of his revolutionary services, and that had served till the s'd. War was over. He the s'd. Galloway settled in Dumfries about the same time that Cap. Thomas Ende did – also Luke Cannon [pension application S46373] who settled near s'd. time. She does not know what Comp.[?] s'd. Galloway held whilst in the s'd. service, but that he was an officer. He had on his regimental dress when she first him after he settled in Dumfries. She also saw other officers wearing their regimentals after the war closed. Said Galloway was a married man in the town of Dumfries and had issue, a daughter, called Margrett who intermarried with Robert Waters of the s'd, town and had issue two children to wit one called John who died under age without issue, being a small child, and Alexander H. Waters who still lives in the s'd. town of Dumfries and is the sole heir of the s'd. John Galloway. And further she saith not. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of Aug't. 1834.