

Pension Application for John Watts

W.18270 (Widow: Martha) John was Born July 6, 1746, married to Martha Wright, May 11, 1778 who was born February 23 1759. John died March 1, 1823.

State of New York

County of Putnam SS.

On this 14th day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Putnam personally appeared John Watts aged seventy two years resident in the Town of Patterson in the said County in the said District, who being by em 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war".

That he the said John Watts enlisted in the Town of Fishkill in the State of New York in the company commanded Captain James Rosecrans under the command of Lewis Dubois in the latter part of the month of February or first part of March in the year 1776 & continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States until about the first of January following about ten & a half months when he was discharged from the service and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his county for support & that he has been no other evidence in his power except the following of his said service. (Signed) John Watts

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid. John Patterson.

Letter in folder dated July 14, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Watts of Dutchess County, New York, whose widow, Martha Watts, received a pension in 1841, also, information in regard to John Davis and John Griffin who served in the same regiment with said John Watts.

In order to identify the record of the particular soldiers with the name John Davis and John Griffin in whom you are interested, it is essential that you furnish the approximate dates of birth and death of each, also, their residences at enlistment and after service. The record of John watts is given herein as found in pension claim, S.18270, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Watts was born July 6, 1746; the place of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown.

Whil a resident of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted some time in February 1776, served as sergeant in Captain James Rosekrans' company, Colonel Lewis DuBois' New York regiment, was stationed first at Fort Montgomery, was in the engagement when the British attacked Fort Independence and was discharged after service of almost one year. He enlisted sometime in March 1778, served at various times until the winter of 1779 as private in Captain David Heacock's company, Colonel Henry Ludington's New York regiment , in all between nine and ten months; a part of this time he guarded the public stores in the Episcopal Church in Fishkill.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 14, 1818, at which time he resided in Patterson (formerly called Fredericks), Putnam County, New York. The soldier died there March 1, 1823.

John Watts married May 11, 1778, were married at the home of her brother-in-law, Moses Lackridger (?), in Fishkill, New York, by the Presbyterian Minister, David Close.

Martha Watts, the widow of John Watts, was allowed pension on her application executed January 4, 1838, at which time she resided in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.

In 1821, David Watts made affidavit in behalf of his father, John Watts, the Revolutionary War soldier, in Fishkill, New York. In 1838, John Watts, another son, was a resident of Fishkill, aged then fifty-two years. There are no further data in regard to the children of John Watts and his wife Martha.

John Watts had a brother, Robert Watts, who was living in Fishkill, New York, in 1778.

The following data are records also in this claim.

“Daniel Wrigh, Senior born in year 1725

Abigail his wife born in the year 1822.”

The relationship of these persons to Martha, the soldier’s widow, was not stated.