

SERVICE

NUMBER

10.

Watts, George
Barbara

R 11214

CONTENTS

Georgia — A. On this fourth day of December
De Kalb County 3 in the year Eighteen hundred
thirty three personally appeared in open Court
before the Justices of said Court it being
a Court ^{then} now sitting in and for the State
County aforesaid George Watts a resident
of said State County of De Kalb aged 76
years Christmast last who being first
duly sworn according to Law doth on
his oath make the following amended declaration
in order to obtain the benefit of the act
of Congress passed 7th of June 1832
That he this deponent entered the service of
the United States as a drafted private soldier
under the following named officers to wit
Under Genl Richardson, Col Joseph E. Sisk
Capt John Winn & Lieutenant Thomas Allison
in South Carolina in what is now called
Fairfield district & marched to the Snowy
Camp took some Tories Prisoners and
carried them to Columbia S.C. ~~for~~ in
one mile & a half of Columbia to a place
then called Fridays Ferry — on Broad
River served in this first tour six weeks
& upwards but from old age & consequent
infirmary this deponent does not recollect
the year ~~month~~ ^{or} day but that it was
in the month of December as well as
deponent can recollect Returned home under a

verbal discharge from his Col. That he
this deponent under the same officers except
Col. Kercham who fell to the lower divisions
of the district and Capt John Minor was
promoted to Col for the upper division
of the district, ^{Capt. Thomas in his place} entered the said service of
the United States at the same place & district
of his first service marched to Charleston
in ~~the same manner~~ as a drafted private soldier
holding no commission served in this second
term of service six weeks does not recollect
the year or date returned home & had
nothing but a verbal discharge - This depon-
-ant again entered the said service of the
United States some two months after his
last return home as a drafted private
soldier holding no commission served
under Capt Atterson, Col John Minor
& Lieut Richardson entered this third tour
of service in the district now called Fairfield
marched under said officers to Charleston &
was in Charleston at the time of the battle
between General Moutre commander of the United
States soldiers & Sir Peter Parker, commander
of the British. This deponent returned home
to Fairfield some time in June or July but
does not recollect the day or year served
six weeks in this 3rd tour of service &
had nothing but a verbal discharge.

That he this deponent again entered the said service
of the United States in the third Regiment of
Horse under Col William Thompson Richard Smith
Capt, Oliver Tolls 1st Lieutenant & Wm Coldwell Ensign
William Blann 1st Sergeant & John Hollis second
This was in fair full This deponent was sent
as one of the Lard with two Loads of
ammunition from Charleston in S.C. to
a place called White Hall near 96. This
deponent then under the command of his
said last mentioned officers marched
through South Carolina & Georgia
in Georgia East Florida and was there
taken prisoners by the British who were
commanded by Col. Huzel and were sent
home prisoners of War This was in March
deponent cannot recollect the year, when
we remained three or four months when
we were exchanged and deponent had
started for head quarters and after one days
travel met his capt who told him it
was not worthwhile to go to head quarters as
his three years term of enlistment was so
near out that he ought to need no go.

This deponent states that he served as last a
bove stated not less than two years and
nine months as deponents term of 3 years
would have expired in June thereafter

his dependent again entered the said Service of
the United States under Col. Munn Capt. Sturges
& Genl Richardson and served two years and
upwards in the militia service as a volunteer
private soldier holding no commission ranged
about through the State of North Carolina and
the upper part of North Carolina was not
at any time at home more than two days
at any one time ^{until the termination of the} ~~during the~~ Revolutionary war— Read nothing but a
verbal discharge, that this dependent
was Born in the State of Virginia Bedford
County moved to the State of North Carolina
where he was living at the time when he
was called into service and where he has
resided ever since until the time that
he moved to the State of Georgia Okech
County where he now resides & has resided for
the last forty years, that he has no docu-
mentary evidence of his service that he knows
of no person now living whose testimony
he can procure who can testify to his said
services that he has no record of his age
he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a
pension or annuity except the present and
declares that his name is not on the pen-
sion roll of the agency of any state except the
original of which this is the amendment
Given at Washington the day & year above said
Witness my hand & seal
James S. P. 11
Witness my hand & seal 22.6. 1861 11 11 11

State of Georgia
County of Chatham
ss.
I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Chatham, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Chatham, Georgia, this 10th day of October, 1882.

he was then dismissed and the Militia returned home a short
time and was called to Charleston in three Divisions each
Division to serve 6 weeks from the time they left home until
the British landed in America and then all was called out
that he then enlisted in the third Regiment of Horse under
Col William Thompson Richard Meier Captain Oliver Tolls first
Sergeant & William Caldwell Ensign first Sargent William
Blair & John Hollis second their first service was to guard
two loads of ammunition from Charleston to White Hall near
96 They then marched through South Carolina & Georgia to
Fort McIntosh and was taken prisoner by the British who were
Commanded by Col ^{of war} ~~Drayton~~ & were permitted to return home prisoners
of war he was enlisted for three years and he remained
at home as a ^{of war} prisoner until near the expiration of the time
for which he had enlisted and the Captain told them it was
not worth while to go back for what time was to come
and he got no discharge He then got into the Militia again
and ^{served as} ~~was~~ a Lieutenant under Capt Thomas Parrot about 2 years
and was at the taking of the Congaree River, took 300 Tories &
50 British Soldiers 12 Pieces of Cannon & about 1000 stand
of small arms in May does not recollect that day a Year

0199
that he was at the time of the battle at ^{Extan-}~~the~~ Springs
with a company of about 200 men acting as guard to
prevent the British from coming in in the rear of Cassin
Army that he was born in Virginia has refused
to say that he has lived since the Revolutionary War
in the State of South Carolina until the last 5 or 6
years that he lived the last 5 or 6 years in Georgia
De Kalb County He humbly relinquishes every claim
to a pension or annuity except the present and
declares that his name is not in the pension roll
of any agency in any State that he now has any
discharge from any of his services except out about
1800.

George Watts
born to & subscribed in open Court this 12th of Oct 1852
Watts

Locklin Johnson a citizen & resident of De Kalb County
State of Georgia have been acquainted with the above named
George Watts for about thirty or forty years during
which time he has supported a character of perfect
honesty integrity and unquestioned veracity and from
my first acquaintance with him he has been
respected & believed to have been a revolutionary
soldier in that opinion I entirely & heartily concur
I also believe him to be seventy six years of age &
as regards as he has stated
I solemnly open Court this 12th Oct 1852 Locklin Johnson

BRIEF in the case of George Watts
of DeKalb County in the State of Georgia
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Judge*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *76 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
In 17	<i>drafted</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>private</i>	<i>Gen. Richardson Col. Joseph</i>
	<i>indicted</i>	<i>3 months</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Kershaw Capt. John Wynn</i>
	<i>expiration</i>	<i>2 "about"</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Col. Wm. Thompson, Rich. Wynn Capt.</i>
	<i>about 7 years in the</i>				<i>Capt. Thomas Parrott</i>
	<i>whole</i>				

5. In what battles was he engaged?
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service?
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? - *In authentication*

I certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Examining Clerk

1832
 26
 1756

SERVICE

NUMBER

C.

Watts, David

S. 18.267

card

CONTENTS

see letter Nov. 9. 1826 -

South Carolina No 23, 645

David Watts

Newberry Dist. in the State of S. Carolina
who was a Private in the company commanded
by Captain Aikins of the Regt. commanded
by Col. Moultrie in the S. Carolina Troops
two yrs 2 years

Entered on the Roll of South Carolina
at the rate of \$0 Dollars — Cents per annum,
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12th day of March
1834 and sent to New J. R.
Griffin H. R.

Amount to the 1st of March 1834	250.00
Pension allowance ending 1st Sep. "	40.00

\$290.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by D. Brown Clerk,
Book E. Vol. 6. Page 83

1833
27
1856

Mar 22, 1856

The State of South Carolina }
Newberry District } To wit

On this 22nd day of April in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Justice J. Evans, one of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas of the said State, and presiding judge of the said Court now in Session for the said district, David Watts, a resident of the district and state aforesaid, aged twenty seven years the 22nd day of March last past who being first 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 seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty two: that he was born in Saint Thomas Parish, Charleston District in the State aforesaid that he at this time has no record of his age but his recollection is very distinct, and he speaks with certainty of his age, having had in his possession until December 1790. a family bible in which his age was recorded, and which was burnt with his house and many other things at the time above stated. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; In the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, he volunteered in a company of infantry, commanded by James Aikin Captain, Andrew Smith 1st Lieutenant William Arleston Ensign and was carried and stationed on Sullivan Island in the Palmetto Fort, now called Fort Moultrie - Attached to a Battalion commanded by Major Joseph Maybank and to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moultrie. he remained in the fort under the command of the officers above mentioned until the month of August or September following, when a new organization of the Regiment was made, and his officers changed. John Roger Pinckney took command of the company, Edward Thomas 1st Lieutenant and James Butler Ensign

[illegible]

been compelled to retreat and as a
many of them - in this regard -
some of the British army had

The crew also in an engagement with the Semin
Commanche by Fort Chiswell and also on Spring
at Grease Bridge Bridge. In this affair the
Semin Commanche completely surprised them by com-
ing the Seminoles with the Grease Bridge of the
Semin and capturing them and killing over
one hundred. The Semin were also a lot many
killed and they are being wounded.
The Seminoles joined the Commanche army
Commanche by Spring Green a short time
before the battle of the Grease Bridge, at
Chiswell. They are on the River. The
Semin was engaged in the battle of
the Grease Bridge. This was the last battle of
any major kind he was in.

[illegible]

I am known to William Warner, who goes to
classical parts, but I don't of many others
with respect to my character for accuracy
and their ability of being as a consultation
I believe they will in the end of a course
of study.

South Carolina & Newberry District } Personally appeared and before
me J. J. Harrington: Clerk of the Court of
Common Pleas for Newberry District David
Watts, who makes this additional declara-
tion on oath, for the purpose of procuring
a pension - who is the identical
David Watts the applicant in No. 26053.
The said David Watts says that the siege
of Charleston was in the month of May (the 15th)
A. D. 1780. & from that time
until the middle of the month of July in the
same year the army was dispersed, and
which was the only time he was
not in the service from the time he
entered the service which was in the
month of April 1776. until he was dis-
charged which was in the month of
December 1782 - with the exception of a
very short interval during which this appli-
cant was absent on furlough - making
in all the term of six years and six
months that this applicant was in the
service and for which he claims a
pension - This applicant states
that Col. Moultrie Commanded the forces
on the Island at the Palmetto Fort-
when this Applicant was stationed from
the time of his entering the service until the
Siege of Charleston in the month of May 1780.
At the Battle of Muddy Bridge in which
this applicant was, and which was in the month
of August 1780. Gen. Marion Commanded
the forces, Col. Hugh Moultrie Commanded the
Regiment he was in, & Captain Savage
in the Cooper River in St. Thomas Parish.

The engagement at or near ~~Oronsay~~
in which this applicant states he was, in his
personal declaration took place in the
month of November 1780. He was com-
manded by Major, his Regiment
then, commanded by Col. Hugh
Stewart.

The Engagement at Bidder's Bridge was,
on the 1st day of January 1781. He was,
under the command of Col. St. Hovell
but the three were commanded
by Col. William Smith. Bidder's Bridge
is over the River in St. Helens
Parish.

The Engagement at ~~Colwell~~ ^{which is the bridge of Haythorn now in the parish of Colwell}
Bridge, in which this applicant was,
was in the latter part of the month
of January 1781 some short time
after the Battle at Bidder's Bridge
but the day of the month this applicant
can not state precisely. Col. Hovell still
has the command of his Regiment - The
particulars of the battle are detailed in his
former declaration which see.

This Applicant states again that the time he
was in service he was a recruit and
but was a soldier in the Continental force
for the period which he has here before
stated. Truly for the period of six years
and six months for which time he claims
a pension. He names no action
he may have made, and several others
in which he was engaged he is unable to recollect
but with this declaration submit
his claims to the full this is -

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

Aug: 24 1889

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: {). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of David Watts Newberry District South Carolina

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and rank of the Field or Force under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
<i>Vol.</i> <i>Det.</i> <i>Apr. 1776</i> <i>1782</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Capt. Aikin, a Major</i> <i>Blaybank, Colonel</i> <i>Edinburgh, 1st Division</i>	<i>77 years</i> <i>Charleston</i> <i>District</i> <i>S. Carolina</i>	<i>Traditionary evidence, papers</i> <i>correct</i>

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant

J. I. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

Family Tree Search Leads To Unique Ancestor

"Tracing ones ancestors back through history sometimes uncovers incidents which are better left uncovered, but for history's sake and the Bicentennial celebration in 1976, the Watts family, of which Alice Watts Newberg, is a member, is uncovering a host of people from every state in the union who claim lineage of the family, and ancestry they all can be proud of.

As one famous man said, "When looking back through your ancestors may you be as proud of them as they might be of you."

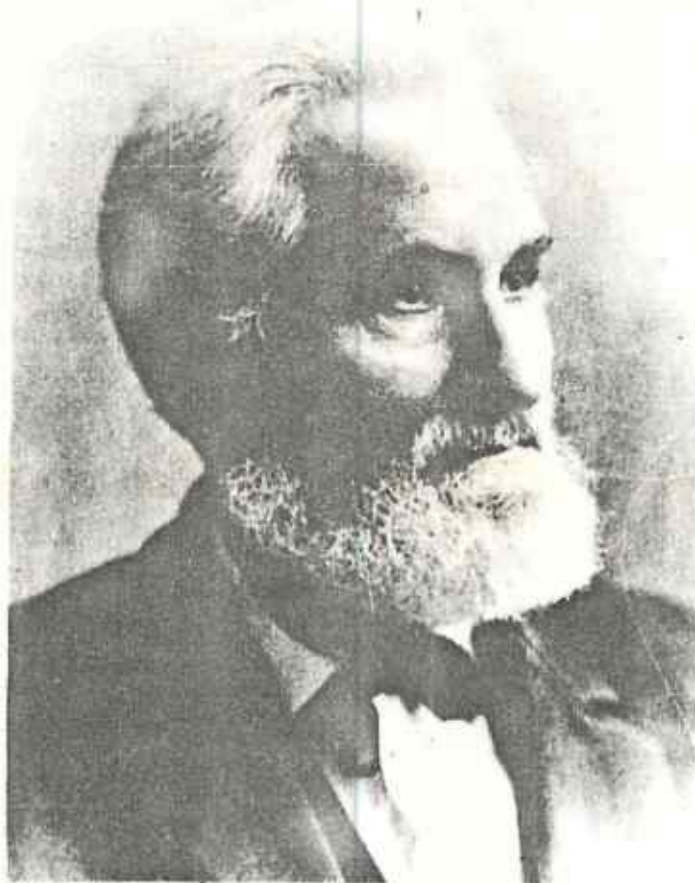
Van Watts, of Hollywood, Calif., decided to trace the Watts family, and made a hobby of checking every avenue which might lead him to his ultimate goal.

Yamhill County's claim to the famed family begins with John William Watts, later to be known throughout the United States as "Foghorn". He was born in Bowling Green, Missouri, November 6, 1830. He was the second eldest son of the William Watts, who, in 1852, led the Watts wagon train west. Proud of his family's role in the making of America, William Watts would have been proud indeed could he have known that a son accompanying him would cast the one vote which would decide the closest and most controversial presidential election in the United States history.

But he would be equally proud of the son who had returned from California's gold fields to assist in herding the family's livestock on a 2000-mile journey over the Oregon Trail.

In Oregon all of the Watts boys would pitch in to help the family get established in Columbia county, one who remained in Columbia county is remembered as its most colorful sheriff. And still another, pioneering to the end of his days in Oregon would father the first mayor of Seapooose, the city that grew on the spot where the Watts wagon train rolled to a stop.

Foghorn, after only five years helping the family get established in Columbia county, would be joked about "as the delegate that had the biggest



STATE SENATOR, DOCTOR, MINISTER ... Dr. John Watts, one of Yamhill County's pioneers is best known for his nickname, "Foghorn" and his contribution to the election of President Hayes.

mouth at Oregon's Constitutional Convention." It seems the young man had made himself heard ... with a voice that won him a nickname!

And it would be surprising indeed if, at the age of 27, it turned out that "Foghorn" was not the youngest of Oregon's founding fathers and framers of its constitution.

He moved to nearby Yamhill County late in the 1850's, and was sent to the state senate. That office would not have taken Senator Watts or Doctor Watts, or it

preferred, the Rev. Watts, away from his medical practice or his church for any length of time. For in Lafayette, then one of the county's most prosperous towns, he would become physician and clergyman.

According to Ida Watts Burns in a notation to Van Watts in his search for the history of the Watts family, this young man made a mark in the political world, as a single elector who would attain the unique and enviable reputation of having decided the closest

presidential election in the U.S. history.

"Seems Watts was appointed postmaster of Lafayette and there lies a historical tale. The office became of national interest when in 1876 he, Watts, was elected a Presidential elector on the Republican ticket.

"Governor Groves, a Democrat, held that his election was illegal, alleging it would constitute holding two federal offices at the same time. Watts resigned as postmaster. At the appointed time, the three Republican electors W. H. Odell, J. C. Cartwright and J. Watts, met at the state house. One at a time, in walked the three defeated Democratic candidates, L. A. Cronin, W. H. Laskell, and K. Klippel. The secretary of the state came to the door with an envelope addressed to Odell, Cartwright and Cronin (a Democratic loser in the election.) A heated discussion followed.

"Watts had taken no part in the exchange and stated he would resign. Then it seems Cronin took things into his own hands, appointed himself chairman, and appointed two convenient men Parker and Miller to fill the vacancies the Republicans left, and voted for Hilden and Hendricks, two to one. Meanwhile, ignoring Cronin's actions, the Republicans Odell and Cartwright had elected Watts to fill the electoral vacancy. Then they cast three votes for Hayes and Wheeler.

"The affair had turned into a three ring circus. But the main facts remained. Each group carried returns to Washington where the special electoral commission set up for that purpose would arbitrate the dispute. Cronin's group carried credentials issued by the governor. The Republicans carried their electoral votes and an abstract of the state election vote attested by the secretary of state and stamped with the state seal showing that Oregon had gone Republican by a large majority and was entitled to her three votes in the electoral college. The final decision which gave to Watts the one vote that made Hayes president is history.

Newberg Graphic

NEWBERG, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1976

Bi-Centennial project

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

This ditto copy was typed from a poor Thermofax copy of a previously typed copy of another copy. And that copy had been made from the original. I hope it hasn't changed too much from the original.

I tried to keep all the spelling exactly as I found it, except for obvious typographical errors, but don't know how many of the errors a spelling were made in recopying. I hope I haven't added any.

Esther A. Watts

Whittier, Ca. 90603
May 5, 1973

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

929.2
Hen
134

ORANGE CO. CAL. GEN. SOC.
c/o Huntington Beach Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92648

Presented by:
Esther Watts

**ORDER AND BILLING
FOR COPIES OF
VETERAN'S RECORDS**

Please read information on the back and follow instructions below.

Date received by
National Archives

Submit a separate set of order forms for each veteran. Do not remove any of the sheets of this 4-part set. You will be billed \$2.00 for each file reproduced. Do not mail payment with your order. This form will be returned to you and serve as your bill when we fill your order.

10 6 76
R51136

Mail the complete
set of this order to

Military Service Records (NNCC), National Archives (GSA), Washington, DC 20408

1. CHECK RECORD DESIRED

- ☐ PENSION
☐ BOUNTY LAND WARRANT
APPLICATION (Service
before 1856 only)
☐ MILITARY

REQUIRED MINIMUM IDENTIFICATION OF VETERAN

2. VETERAN (Give last, first and middle names)

WATTS, Peter

3. STATE FROM WHICH
HE SERVED

NC

4. WAR IN WHICH, OR DATES BETWEEN WHICH HE
SERVED

Rev

5. IF SERVICE WAS CIVIL WAR

☐ UNION ☐ CONFEDERATE

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF KNOWN

6. UNIT IN WHICH HE SERVED (Name of regiment
or number, company, etc., or name of ship)

7. BRANCH IN WHICH HE SERVED

If other, specify:

☐ INFANTRY ☐ CAVALRY ☐ ARTILLERY ☐ NAVY

8. KIND OF SERVICE
☐ VOLUNTEERS ☐ REGULARS

9. PENSION OR BOUNTY LAND FILE
NUMBER

530765

10. DATE OF BIRTH

11. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, county, State, etc.)

12. NAME OF WIDOW OR OTHER CLAIMANT

13. DATE OF DEATH

14. PLACE OF DEATH

15. IF VETERAN LIVED IN A HOME FOR SOL-
DIERS, GIVE LOCATION (City and State)

16. PLACE(S) VETERAN LIVED AFTER SERVICE

17. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

DO NOT WRITE BELOW - SPACE IS FOR NATIONAL ARCHIVES TO REPLY TO YOU

Type or print legibly
PRESS HARD

Name
Number
& Street
City &
State

RECORDS
ENCLOSED

☐ PENSION ☐ BOUNTY LAND ☐ MILITARY

☐ THIS IS
YOUR
BILL

NUMBER OF FILES FROM WHICH
COPIES WERE REPRODUCED

AMOUNT
DUE

\$ 300

Please remit the above amount in the enclosed addressed envelope with
the white copy of this form.

☐ WE WERE
UNABLE TO
COMPLETE
YOUR ORDER

RECORDS
SEARCHED
FOR BUT
NOT FOUND

☐ PENSION ☐ BOUNTY LAND ☐ MILITARY

☐ We found _____ pension or bounty land files and _____ military service files for
veterans of the same name (or similar variations). You may order copies by returning
the enclosed, marked forms.

☐ When we are unable to find a record for a veteran, this does not necessarily mean that
he did not serve. You may be able to obtain information about him from the State
archives.

☐ See attached forms/leaflets/information sheet.

☐ See reverse.

☐ Please complete items 2 (give full name), 3 and 4, and resubmit.

SEARCHER

FILE DESIGNATION

DATE

CASHIER

18. NUMBER OF BLANK ORDER
FORMS YOU WOULD
LIKE SENT TO YOU

00000

Set to Work Aug 27 1844
n to 8 Auditor 16 May 1848.

Read.

+

Wm. H. Miller
B.

Kentucky

Peter Wells

that he in the State of Kentucky
who was a pr in the co commander
by Captain Wells of the co commander
by Wells in the N.B.
line for 178

Entered on the Roll of Pr
the rate of 40 Dollars Costs per annum
commence on the 24th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pr from the 21 day of Aug
1832 and Pr
Whitaker Whitaker

Arises to the Pr Pr
Sawant, allowance ending - Sept 20

Pr

{ Reclamationary View }
{ Act June 7, 1852 }

Recorded by Pr Clerk
book 6 Vol. Page 33

0267

BRIEF in the case of *Peter Watts*
County of Shelby **in the State of Kentucky**
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge?
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he?
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.	
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
<i>enlisted in 1776</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>Private</i>	<i>(Col. T. Polk) Capt. Nelson, Co. 2^d Regt.</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *None*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Gulfport B. N. G.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *no change*

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

G. H. Forest
 Examining Clerk.

I lived in Guilford County, North Carolina
until the year 1777 when I removed to
Hemlock and now live in said state
ever since and now live in Guilford County
in said state. My age is recorded in a
book in Guilford County, N.C. and in a
large official town. I do not know of
any living persons by whom I can prove
my service.

I do hereby relinquish all and any claim to
a pension or annuity except the present and
decide that my name is not on the pen-
sion roll of the army of any state or territory
before it and subscribed this day and
year aforesaid.

Peter Watts

Witness my hand

1. We, Lighten Wilson and J. G. Waller
residing in the County of Guilford and state of
North Carolina do hereby certify that we have
been long well acquainted with Peter
Watts who has subscribed and sworn to
the above declaration and are now well
acquainted with him and we believe him
to be 75 years of age that he is a Scotch
man, believed in the neighborhood where
he was to have been a soldier of the
Revolution and that we concur in that opin-
ion. Sworn to and subscribed this day and
year aforesaid.

Lighten Wilson

J. G. Waller

May 3, 1933

XXXXXXXXXXXX

PETER WATTS, S. 30765
BA-J/MLB

Mrs. William R. Johnson
350 East King Street
Franklin, Indiana

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Peter Watts, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 30765, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Peter Watts.

He was born in 1756 in Culpeper County, Virginia; the names of soldier's parents are not shown in the claim.

While residing in Guilford County, North Carolina, he enlisted in May, 1773, and served as a private in Captain John Nelson's company, Colonel Thomas "Pogue's" (probably meant for Thomas Polk's) 4th North Carolina Regiment; length of service one year.

The soldier resided in Guilford County, North Carolina, until 1779, when he moved to Kentucky.

Peter Watts was allowed pension on his application executed November 20, 1832, while a resident of Shelby County, Kentucky.

No reference was made in the claim to wife or children.

In 1832, one A. G. Watts was residing in Shelby County, Kentucky, relationship to soldier not stated.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator

SERVICE

NUMBER

Watts, George

W. 1009

Mary B

STENTS

1798
 West Tennessee
 George Wells
 who was a ~~captain~~ in the ~~U.S.~~
 by Captain ~~William~~ of the ~~regt.~~ commanded
 by ~~Col. Williams~~ in the ~~T. Co.~~
 line for 21 mo & 20 days per
 2 " " 10 " 10 "

Entered on the Roll of ~~U.S.~~
 at the rate of \$3 Dollars & 8 Cents per annum
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10 day of Sept
 1835 and ~~James S.~~
 Quaker Garrison

Amount to the 1st of Sept 209.70
 Pensioner's allowance ending 4 March 41.94
 251.64

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
 Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by ~~Saml. Hyde~~ Clerk,
 Book 8 Vol. 1 Page

1704.
Tennessee Nashville
Mary B. Watts
widow of George Watts

who served in the Revolutionary
war, as a *Priv. Sgt.* S.C. Line

increased from \$42²²

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
\$3 Dollars & 8

Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certification of Pension issued the
16 day of *March* 1849
and sent to

Wm. E. Brady
M. E.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
February 2, 1848, Page 315 Vol. 3

Sally Watts was born March the 1. 1792
Martha T. Watts was born April. 22. 1792
James Watts was born January. 31. 1794
Mansfield Watts was born December. 19. 1795
Vincy W. Watts was born August. - 9 1797
Lucinda Watts was born April 28. 1797
Susannah Watts was born November 9. 1801
Ann T. Watts was born February 23. 1804
Fanny Watts was born January 4. 1806
Eliza Watts Grand child to G. S. Briggs
Watts was born December 21. 1812

State of Tennessee
Jackson County } On this tenth Day of October
1858 personally appeared before
me Pleasant Hendley one of the acting Justices
of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Mary
B. Watts a resident of the county and
State aforesaid aged seventy one years who being
duly sworn according to law doth in
her oath make the following Declaration in order
to obtain the benefit of the Provision made
by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1838
intituled an act granting half pay and Pension
to certain widows That she is the widow
of George Watts who was a Pensioner of
the United States and drew his Pension in
Nashville State of Tennessee and was a
resident of said County up to the day of
his death She further declares that she
was married to the said George Watts
on the twenty first day of April in the year seven
teen hundred and eighty eight That her husband
the aforesaid George Watts died on the fourth
day of January 1835 That she was
not married to him previous to his leaving the
Service but the marriage took place previous
to the first day of January Seventeen hundred
and ninety four to wit at the time
above stated

Sworn to and Subscribed before
me on the day and year above
written and further that she has no record or
documentary evidence in support of her claim
Sworn to & at above

Pleasant T. Hendley Justice of
the Peace of Jackson County

Mary B. Watts

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

163

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The rules and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: {). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of George Wallis Jackson County Tennessee

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Name and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the facts are supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
Sept. 2, 1781	-	3	-	Private	Co. Dering	Genl Williams	Shannon	Marched to the River of Virginia, to the mouth of the Kanawha	70 years	Tracts, many others
Oct. Aug 1781	-	6	-	Private	Co. Dering	Genl Williams	Shannon	Marched to the mouth of the Kanawha	70 years	Tracts, many others
Oct. about 1781	-	-	-	Private	Co. Dering	Genl Williams	Shannon	Marched to the mouth of the Kanawha	70 years	Tracts, many others
Oct. Dec 1781	-	3	-	Private	Co. Dering	Genl Williams	Shannon	Marched to the mouth of the Kanawha	70 years	Tracts, many others

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Tennessee
County of Jackson

On this sixth day of December, A.D. 1832, personally appeared at the house of George Wells in the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aforesaid before William Seaboard a Justice of the Peace for said County and one of the Justices of the Court of Sessions and Quarter Sessions for said County of Jackson being a Court of record, the said George Wells a resident of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aforesaid a person of 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in that part of the district of Kentucky, State of South Carolina, which is now Laurens district where he then resided, sometime in the month of September 1779, the day of the month not recollected being absent for three months, under command of Lieutenant Robert Henry and marched under his command to Savannah River at the town of Augusta in the State of Georgia, thence down said river to the town of Savannah in said State where he was attached to Captain William Bower's company and to Colonel Williams' regiment of South Carolina militia and joined the army commanded by General Lincoln. The British were in possession of Savannah at the time, and on the ninth day of October 1779 the American troops commanded by General Lincoln and the French troops commanded by Count D'Estaing attempted to storm the British works and after a severe and obstinate contest in which a great many brave men fell, the combined American and French army retreated. Among the killed was the gallant and generous Pol. Count Pulaski. Count D'Estaing was wounded. Applicant was in the whole of the action and Captain Davis whilst standing by his side was mortally wounded by a grape shot and fell against him. Colonel Laurens a regular officer who commanded the infantry from Charleston, Col. Richard Parker a regular

officer from Virginia who commanded a regiment of eighteen months men from from that state, were in the action. Colonel Thompsons regiment from Charleston was also in the action. Applicant then marched under command of said Colonel Williams to Augusta in said state of Georgia and continued in the month of December 1779 applicants term of service having expired he was verbally discharged at said town of Augusta by Colonel Williams but received no written discharge. The day of the month on which applicant was discharged is not recollected but he served out his full term of three months. At the time applicant joined the army at Savannah which was ten days after he was drafted, he was appointed first sergeant by Captain Davis upon the recommendation of his Colonel Williams and applicant served as first sergeant until he was discharged at Augusta as aforesaid which was three months lasting ten days. Applicant again entered the service of the United States in that part of the district of thirty six state of South Carolina now called Laurens district where he then resided, sometime in the month of May 1781 the day of the month not recollected, as a volunteer for six months under Captain ~~Simmons~~ and joined the army commanded by General Green the same day about five miles from the town of thirty six in the state of South Carolina, which town was then in possession of the British and being besieged by the American army commanded by General Green. The siege of thirty six was raised about the 18th or 20 of June 1781 as well as applicant recollects, and applicant with the army under General Green retreated from thirty six, pursued by the British under Lord Rawdon, along the road leading to Virginia, crossed Broad river at Island fort then changed course down Santee river on the East side of said river near Congaree sometimes called Granby. At or near Congaree applicants term of service having expired he was verbally discharged by Lieutenant Dutcher (who belonged to the same company with himself) sometime in the month of November 1781 the day of the month not recollected. Applicant served out his full term of six months, no written discharge was given. During the last mentioned term of service applicant was not attached to any regiment, but was mostly engaged under Lieutenant Dutcher who belonged to the same company with himself, in foraging and scouting parties. He acted as pilot

to Hutcheson and they were engaged in foraging through the country for provisions with sometimes twenty, and sometimes thirty men, whilst thus engaged they had frequent skirmishes with the British and Tories in which but few were killed. Hutcheson was sometimes called forage master.

Among the killers at the siege of Ninety six were Captain Armstrong a regular officer noted for bravery and Captain Jacob Pickens and many gallant soldiers. The names of the ^{regular officers} with whom applicant ^{recalled} served during the last mentioned term of service were Colonel M. Henderson, Colonel Lee, Colonel Kirkwood from Maryland, Edmund Pendleton aide de camp to Genl. Greene, Colonel Washington and Colonel Lee all ^{regular} officers he recollects to have served with during said term of service.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in that part of the District of Ninety six State of South Carolina now called Sumner's District where he then resided, between the tenth and twentieth day of November 1791, the precise day not recollecting, as a volunteer for the term of twelve months under command of Captain Edmund Stone and Lieutenant Joseph Reed, an Ensign (as he believed). The volunteer company was raised by order of General Pickens for said term to guard the frontiers of South Carolina. Applicant under command of said Captain Stone marched through the District of Ninety six and on the 23rd day of December of the same year arrived within about twelve miles of the house of Edgel a large Colonel, on Timmon creek, where Colonel Edge and his party were defeated by the Tories under William Cunningham, where applicant & the rest of the company waited for General Pickens who came on that night and was joined by applicant under command of said Captain Stone. Next morning applicant marched under General Pickens, who attempted to cut off Cunningham's retreat, but failed to do so. Applicant then marched with the company under said Captain Stone to Michael Blains the place of rendezvous about a mile and a half from Swany's ferry on Saluda river, where they halted to recruit themselves and horses. Applicant and

company and said Captain continued guarding the frontiers for about four months when they were attacked by Cunningham and his party of Tories near the house of said Michael Blain where Captain Moore and John Calhoun were killed and applicant and the rest of the company escaped by swimming Saluda river. Applicant continued under command of Lieutenant Reed during the balance of his term of service, guarding the frontiers of South Carolina when about the twentieth day of November 1782 his term of service having expired he was verbally discharged by said Lieutenant Reed no written discharge was given. Applicant served out his full term of twelve months during the last engagement. During this term of service applicant was not attached to any company but, however, he was still subject to the regulations of the army.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in what was then the district of Ninety six in State of South Carolina where he then resided about the first of December 1782, as a volunteer for three months under command of Captain Robert Hamilton Maxwell and Lieutenant Finny. He marched under said officers to a creek called Beaver dam in State of Georgia where he joined the army of seven hundred men commanded by General Pickens, then marched with said army to the Cherokee nations, proceeded very privately about nine days and a little after midnight arrived within about a mile and a half of a Cherokee town called Chota and about sunrise next morning commenced an attack upon the town the action lasted about two hours when the troops commanded by General Pickens were victors. Forty warriors of the Cherokees were killed and about 300 women & children taken prisoners. Some of the Americans were killed or wounded. The Indians were taken entirely by surprise. On the same day about one o'clock P.M. applicant marched with the army under said officers to another town about ten miles distant called Santaw attacked the town about day light next morning took a few old squaws and some children prisoners. Then marched to another Cherokee town called the Country village about 14 miles distant from Santaw but the Indians had evacuated the town. This

Applicant under said officers marches back to Hobbs where the prisoners
~~have been~~ left under a guard, remained there two days, then marches with
the prisoners to General Pickens's block house in that part of
South Carolina now called Abbeville District about Charleston
where the prisoners were left about the last of December of
the same year, or first of January in the year following. The
~~troops~~ then returned under their respective captains by order of the
General, and applicant under command of said Captain Marshall
marched by order of said General Pickens to Michael Blains
the place of rendezvous about a mile and a half from Swanys
ferry on Saluda river where he remained under said Captain
guarding the frontier of South Carolina against the
Indians and Tories until about the tenth of March 1783
when he applicant was discharged at said Michael Blains
by said Captain Marshall verbally, no written discharge being
given. Applicant served out his full term of three months
during his last engagement. Applicant was not attached to
any regiment during the last mentioned term of service. There
was no regular officer with the army during said term.
General Pickens of South Carolina commanded the army in
the Cherokee nation, both South Carolinians & Georgians
the militia field officers whom applicant recollects to have
been with the troops in the Cherokee nation when he served
were Colonel Robinson and Major Fort of South Carolina
General Clark and Major Dargy of Georgia.
Brigadier General Williamson commanded the Militia Brigade
to which applicant belonged during his first term of service at
Savannah. Applicant does not recollect the names or numbers
of the continental militia regiments who were with the troops
where he served. Applicant was born in Hanover county, State of
Virginia on the 11th day of January 1762, his age is recited in the
family bible of his father which is now in possession of his brother Saml.
Watts in Laurens District State of South Carolina, he has no copy.

James

6
taken from said Bible but recollects to have seen it recorded as
above stated and is certain that his recollection in that particular
is correct. Since the Revolutionary War said applicant has lived
in Laurens, District State of South Carolina and Jackson
County State of Tennessee, where he now lives, in which
last mentioned County he has resided more than twenty years.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person, whose
testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except William
Cason who resides in Jackson County State of Tennessee on Henly's
Creek who lives within a mile and a half of said applicant
when he entered the service, but was not in the service with
him. The names of some of the persons to whom applicant
is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify
as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his ser-
vice as a soldier of the Revolution are William Stewart
John Griffith, John George, and Robert Richmond.

He hereby disavows every claim whatever to a pension
or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is
not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the
day and year aforesaid.

George Watts

Wm Scanland

I the said William Scanland a Justice of the Peace and one
of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said
County of Jackson do hereby certify that the above named applicant
George Watts appeared before me at the time and place above
mentioned and that he subscribed the ^{above declaration} ~~statement~~ in my presence
and swore to the same before me in due form according to law
and I also certify that I propounded to him the interrogatories
prescribed by the War Department and after investigating the
matter I declare my opinion that the above named applicant
was a soldier of the Revolution and served as he states. And
I further certify that said applicant cannot from bodily infirmity
attend the Court. Given under my hand and seal this 5 December 1832.

Wm Scanland

State of Tennessee 5
County of Jackson 3

On this 24 day of July A.D. 1833 personally appeared at the house of George Watts in the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aforesaid before me John Swearing a Justice of the Peace for said county and one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said county of Jackson being a Court of Record the said George Watts a resident of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged seventy one years last January who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration as an amendment to the foregoing declaration subscribed and sworn to by him 5th December 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

1st I said George Watts, was born in Hanover county State of Virginia on the 11th day of January in the year of our Lord 1762.

2nd My age is recorded in the family Bible of my father, which Bible the last I knew of it, was in possession of my brother James Watts of Laurens District State of South Carolina, I have no copy taken from said Bible, but I recollect to have seen it recorded as above stated.

3rd When called into service at the different times mentioned in my original declaration I was living in that part of the District of thirty six now Laurens District State of South Carolina. Since the Revolutionary war I have lived in Laurens District, South Carolina and Jackson County State of Tennessee and I now live in said county of Jackson.

4. The first time I entered the service of the United States which was in September 1779 I was drafted. The second time I entered the service which was in May 1781 I volunteered. The third time I entered the service which was in November 1781 I volunteered and the fourth time I entered the service

which was in December 1782, I volunteered. During the different times I was in the service of the United States as stated in my original declaration I served in the militia & volunteers of South Carolina but was not at any times in the Regular or Continental service.

5 The names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where I served, are Colonel Laurens, Colonel Parker, Colonel Thompson, Count D'Eslaign (French) Count Pulaski (Pol) and General Lincoln at the siege of Savannah: General Green, Colonel Henderson, Colonel Lee, Colonel Kirkwood, & Col. Washington at the siege of Ninety six. I do not recollect the names or numbers of the Continental and Militia regiments who were with the troops where I served: Col. Laurens commanded a regiment of light infantry from Charleston, Col. Parker commanded a regiment of 18 months men from Virginia, Col. Thompson commanded a regiment from Charleston & Col. Williams commanded a Militia Regiment from 96 Dist. ~~at the siege~~ and Count Pulaski commanded a Regt. of Cavalry, at siege of Savannah. Col. Washington commanded a Regiment of Cavalry, Col. Kirkwood commanded a regiment of the Maryland line at siege of 96 & Col. Butler commanded the artillery at the same places. During my first tour in the service of the United States I marched from 96 district to Savannah then in possession of the British we attempted to storm the British works, were unsuccessful Count D'Eslaign was wounded Count Pulaski was mortally wounded. We retreated. I was then marched to Augusta under Col. Williams where I was verbally discharged having served out my term of three months. During my second tour I was marched ~~to the siege of Ninety six~~ to the town of Ninety six in South Carolina in possession of British & besieged by the American army commanded by Genl. Green we retreated to Congaree where having served out my term of six months I was verbally discharged, during this term I was mostly engaged under Lieut. Hutcheson in foraging & scouting. During my third tour I was engaged in guarding the frontiers of South Carolina. I served out my term of 12 months, I was verbally discharged.

During my fourth tour I marched under Genl Pickens to the Cherokee nation. We took and burnt Chota killed 40 Indian-warriors, took about 240 women & children prisoners, marched to two other Indian towns which were evacuated, marched back, Chota then marched to Pickens Black house where we left the prisoners. We then separated by order of Genl Pickens under our respective Captains & I marched under Captain Maxwell to Michael Blains where we remained guarding the frontier of South Carolina against Indian's & Tories when having served out my term of 3 months I was verbally discharged. -

During all the time that I was in the service of the United States as stated in my declaration I served as a private except the first three months when I was appointed first sergeant and served as such for 3 months lacking ten days - For a more full detail of my service I refer you to my declaration.

6 I never received a written discharge from the service but was verbally discharged at the expiration of my several tours.

7. The names of some of the persons to whom I am known in my present neighbourhood and who can testify to my character ~~for~~ capacity and their belief of my service as a Soldier of the Revolution are John Swezey, William Scanland Robert Richmond and Jonas Griffith.

During the whole time that I was in the service of the United States as stated in my declaration made 6th December 1832, I was a mounted militiaman & volunteer &

furnished my own horse and arms.

15

Sworn to and subscribed before
me at the time & place above mentioned.

George Watts

I John Swegza a Justice of the Peace and one of
the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
for said county of Jackson do hereby certify that the
above named applicant George Watts appeared before me
at the time and place above mentioned and that he subscribed
the above ~~additional~~ declaration in my presence and
swore to the same before me in due form according
to law and I also certify that I propounded to him
the interrogatories prescribed by the war department
the answers to which are contained in the foregoing
additional declaration. And I further certify that
said applicant cannot from bodily infirmity attend
the court. Given under my hand and seal this 24th
day of July 1833. John Swegza

I William Gailbreath clerk of the Court of Pleas
and Quarter Sessions for the county of Jackson aforesaid
do hereby certify that John Swegza whose name is
signed to the foregoing certificate and probate is and
was at the time the same purports to have been signed
a Justice of said Court of Pleas and Quarter Session,
and a Justice of the Peace for said county of Jackson
duly commissioned and qualified and that his signature and
seal to said certificate and probate is the genuine signature of
said John Swegza and I certify that said court is a court of record.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
seal of office this 25th day of July A.D. 1833

William Gailbreath Clk
By Rufel, Clerk of the Court
(A. J. 1833)

January 5, 1939.

Mrs. Bryan Hill
Route #5
Cookeville, Tennessee.

RA-J/ILL
George Watts
W. 1009

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of George Watts, a pensioner of Jackson County, Tennessee, in 1832.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, W. 1009, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of George Watts.

George Watts was born January 11, 1763, in Hanover County, Virginia; the names of his parents are not shown. At the time of the Revolutionary War, he resided in Ninety-Six District (later Laurens District), South Carolina.

George Watts enlisted in September 1779, served as private and sergeant in Captain William Davis' company, Colonel Williams' South Carolina regiment, was at the Siege of Savannah and in the battle there October 9th, and was discharged at Augusta, having served three months. He enlisted in May 1781, and served six months as private in Captain Simmons' South Carolina company, during which he was in the Siege of Ninety-Six under command of Colonel Washington. He volunteered about November 20, 1781, and served one year as private in Captain Samuel Moore's South Carolina company, which company was commanded later by Lieutenant Joseph Reed, during which he was in a severe engagement with the Tory leader Cunningham and escaped by swimming the Saluda River. He enlisted in December 1782, and served three months as private in Captain Robert Maxwell's company in General Pickens' campaign against the Indians, during which he burned Indian towns, assisted in killing their warriors and in taking their squaws and children prisoners.

The soldier resided in Laurens District, South Carolina, from which place he moved to Jackson County, Tennessee.

George Watts was allowed pension on his application executed

December 6, 1832, at which time he resided in Jackson County, Tennessee. He had resided in that county for more than twenty years. He died January 4, 1835.

George Watts married April 21, the year 1789, Mary B. Walker; they were married at her father's house in Laurens District, South Carolina; the names of her parents are not shown.

Mary B. Watts, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed October 10, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-one years. She resided then in Jackson County, Tennessee. She was living there in 1849.

The names of the children of George Watts and his wife, Mary, are shown as follows:

Sally	Watts	born	March	1, 1790
Martha T.	"	"	April	22, 1792
James	"	"	January	31, 1794
Mansfield	"	"	December	19, 1795.
Nancy W.	"	"	August	9, 1797.
Lucindia	"	"	April	28, 1799
Susannah	"	"	November	9, 1801.
Ann T.	"	"	February	23, 1804
Fanny	"	"	January	4, 1806.

The following was recorded also:-

Eliza Watts grandchild of G & Polly Watts born December 21, 1812.

In 1832, James Watts, a brother of George Watts, resided in Laurens District, South Carolina.

In 1838, Sally H. Osborn, aged fifty-seven years, stated that she was present at the marriage of her sister, Mary B., to George Watts. One Martha Walker, a resident of said Jackson County, in 1838, gave her age as about sixty-eight years; she lived as a neighbor to George Watts and Mary B. as children, and was an attendant at their marriage; she did not state any relationship to the family.

In 1849, Alexander McCawley and S. H. McCawley witnessed the signature of Mary B. Watts, the soldier's widow, in Jackson County, Tennessee; no

relationship to the soldier's family was stated.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name of person paid, and, possibly, the date of death of this pensioner, you should address The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following:

Mary B. Watts, widow of George Watts.
Certificate #1704
Issued March 16, 1849
Rate \$83.88 per annum
Commenced March 4, 1848
Act of February 3, 1848
Tennessee Agency.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Watts, John
Lucy

W 6382

TENTS

John Watts was born
January - 24 - 1756

Lucy Dolton was born
December - 15 - 1761

and was married to
the said John Watts
November 9 in the
year 1778

Lucy Watts Departs
this life on the 16 of
September 1844

John Watts
M 6382 Va.

10.985

Virginia Richmond

Lucy Hathaway

widow of John Hathaway

who died in the year 1822

of in the State of Va

who was a Private in the

by Captain of the

by in the Revolution

for two years

Entered on the Roll of Richmond

at the rate of 80 Dollars or 2 Cents

per annum, to commence on the 1st day of

March 1836.

Free from \$40

Certificate of Pension issued the 27th day of

May 1853 and sent to

Uxaparian Ellis

Amount to the 1st of Present

Periodical allowance ending

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act July 7, 1838. }

Recorded by

Book

Vol. 1.

Page 283

283

State of Missouri

Randolph county Tourist

This day personally appeared before me Eliezer Watts Notary Austin Adams of Kennelton deceased and made the following declaration in order to obtain the amount of Pension due their deceased father John Watts deceased act of June 1832 and also to obtain the amount due them as right of their mother Lucy Watts under act of July 17th 1838 who resided this life in the State of Missouri Subscribed these 16th in the year 1844 That they are children of said John and Lucy Watts and migrated to this State after the death of their deceased father that John Watts their father was a revolutionary Soldier and served according to the best of information about two years in the regular army, that such they always understood and they believe was the opinion of their fathers neighbors that they cannot refer to the particulars of their fathers service because although they heard him from time to time speak of incidents he was engaged in the war of his officers the battles and yet they have found it impossible to recollect the same from loss of memory. That as most mankind they heard his various statements with pleasure but no precise care taken in order to retain them with accuracy for it was not thought probable they would be called upon in reference to particulars That their father was a resident of Orange county Virginia at the time of his continuance with the army and on his return from service and up to his death remained in his old neighborhood and died in Albemarle county living Orange That he never to their knowledge applied for a pension during his life and that they always understood his old friend & neighbor William Davis Esq was with him in service and that though in different companies returned home about the same time

In reference to their mother's name, they state under oath
they are the children of said Lucy Watts who was the wife
of said John Watts and continued his widow until her
death as aforesaid in Missouri that under act of Feb
14th 1838 and March 3d 1843 they make this application in
order to receive what ever amount may be due them from
their said mother's Estate of her
Estate of her death and would have applied in her lifetime
but for the want of a suitable agent and the
difficulty of getting proof and information from living
that their mother's maiden name was Lucy Dalton and
she was married to their father John Watts the 9th
day of November 1778 as will be seen by reference to
the registers furnished by Elijah Watts in witness
whereof we have hereto set our hands and seals
this 2nd day of October 1846

Elijah Watts (Seal)

Malvina Weston (Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of
October 1846 and I do testify that said applicants
are known to me and have the names they have
signed above given under my hand this date also
Chas. C. Jennings S. P.

State of Missouri
County of Randolph

I Ruben Samuel Lester
of the Randolph county court which is a court of
Record certify that Charles C. Jennings whose name
is subscribed to the foregoing certificate was at the time
of signing the same an acting Justice of the

Virginia

Albemarle County Court:

This day personally appeared before me Mr. Purrence Dunn and made the following declaration under the last clause of the Regulations of the Act of March 7th 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of said Act in an event of the Revolutionary service of John Watts lately deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That said John Watts was a resident of Orange County Virginia at the time of serving said service and he continued to reside in the same till a few years previous to his death he went into the adjoining County of Albemarle where he continued to reside up to his death. That from all the information respecting his service which can be procured he served in and about two years in the Regular army under Capt. Joseph Spencer of the Regular and in the service Virginia Regiment attached to General Lee's Brigade - That said Capt. Spencer was at the time of said service of himself a resident of Orange County which afterwards was divided and Green Springs from it - That said John Watts was raised in that portion of Orange County now called Green in the neighborhood in which the affiant William Dunn was raised and still resides, and. That said Dunn had every opportunity of knowing the length of his service and the officers under whom he enlisted - That said John Watts was at the Battle of Sandy Spring and Germantown at which place the affiant Dunn was

himself under command of Cap. Frank Taylor of
the 2^d Virginia Regiment - that the said John
Mills although fully entitled to a Pension for his services
never applied for the same, and although he was
aware it could be secured he never consented that
any one should make the effort for him - that
after his death the parties interested concluded
to make the effort and obtained the ordered
affidavit of William Davis and also sent by
Col. Sumner to Mark Laurens for the testimony
of Thomas Dalton which is also herewith enclosed
that said Mills - was drafted in the militia
after said service under Spencer but from all the
information of the case to hand a certificate for
the militia service and no claim is now made
on account of that time in the militia - that
said John Mills departed this life in Alabama
leaving behind him a relationship now of
necessity to prove before the Court of the Creek
in which they reside - and that he has no other
evidence of Mills service than the service produced
and exhibited and that for further in-
formation reference must be made to the muster
rolls of Spencer's company.

James Lawrence Davis - Agent

This day made oath and subscribed before me
the above declaration as Lawrence Davis. Witness,
my hand and seal this 12th day of March 1846.

Thomas R. Lawrence

Præma

Virginia - ~~Shenandoah~~ County, West:

This day personally appeared before me in my said County Col. Thomas Merritt who is now in his 80th year and made oath in due form of law to the facts in this affidavit; that he was born and reared in his present neighborhood and was well acquainted with John Wall's and his family ever since his earliest recollection; That they lived not more than three miles apart and that there was always the most friendly feeling existing between him and his father's family. That when a little excited his chief conversation would be about the Revolution and some favorite incidents which took place while he was in service which he would relate that Mr Wall was a man of high standing and respectability and he never heard his name doubted - he owned a large family of children say thirteen in number whose names he has here inserted, viz: Elizabeth Ellis, Nancy Buckstep especially Wall, William Wall, Thomas Wall, Ezra Wall, Nelson Wall, David Wall, Saml Wall, Mildred Mann, Matilda Melton Mahala Austin formerly Wall, Robert Wall and Eliza Wall who was legal heir of said John Wall the order that he cannot say anything of his own knowledge respecting his revolutionary service and can only testify to the belief and general opinion among said Wall's neighbors as to his service, that he was always reported as having been a soldier and he never heard it doubted and that his service was rendered in the regular army: he cannot refer to the particulars of his service because he has if he ever heard forgotten them - And he has also concluded that Mr. Elias Mann was not in service with Mr. Wall. That Mr. Mann has been acquainted with

"for upwards of 40 years and any statement made by him
"may be implicitly relied upon. But so far as general
"opinion went together with what he knew himself about
"it he has the fullest confidence and believes he can safely
"say that said John Wallis must have been in the U.S.
"since service as being so admitted and believed in
"that after his death his widow went to Missouri and six
"of her children were living in that State but one of them
"is now dead among them was Mr. Elijah Wallis now
"having come into Virginia to see after business connected
"with his father's estate and also his claims. He can here-
"fore safely say the claim making claim to a pension and
"the legal heir of said John Wallis' father was ascertained
"and knew all of them, and that Elijah, Nelson, William
"and others were his legal heirs whose kinship came before
"and before the Court of Albemarle County, and
"that to his entire knowledge admitted to be sons of
"said John Wallis all of which is admitted to the War
"office in order to identify his claimant as being the
"legal heir of said John Wallis deceased and of
"Elijah Wallis his deceased widow and that it was in
"reference to his very claim he obtained a certificate
"from North Carolina of said Wallis service.

Thos. Durrett
of Albemarle

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3^d day of July 1866
and I do certify said of said is personally known to me
a man of high respectability and entitled to full confidence
believe my dearest the say and date above.

Wm. J. Chapman J.P.
for Greene

SERVICE

NUMBER

*Mc**Watts, James**S. 81*

CONTENTS

ca

North Carolina No. 259

James Watts

Deputy in the State of N.C.

who was a pr. to N.C. in the

by Captain

by Col. Lock

for 8 mo. 28 day in:

2 - 14 " Cav.

commanded

commanded

Incurred in the R. H. for North Carolina

at the rate of 55 - Dollars 89 - Cents per annum.

commenced on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Discharge of R. H. for the 21st day of July '33

and Supt. D. Hall

Statesville, N.C.

Amount to the 1st of March 1839 71.75

Government allowance ending 4th Sept. " 17.94

189.72

{ Revolutionary War, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by

W. Rice

Clerk,

Book E.

Vol. 6.

Page 6.

State of North Carolina
Indue County }

This day came James Watts before me the Subscribing Justice of the peace and being duly sworn doth upon his oath make the following additional declaration That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot ~~positively~~ positively as to the precise length of his service but to the best of his recollection he deems not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

That his first service was in the foot he was a volunteer in
Capt. Turrianes Company

3 months

his second term started on horse but left on horses to

purge the Indians through the defiles of the mountains 1: 2 weeks
his third term was under Colonel to South, in the horses 1: 1: 2.

his fourth term down the Catawba on the horses 1: 00

That his 5th term on foot dragoon 3: 00
his 6th term was guarding the jail at Salisbury on foot 1: 00

That he served a term in the foot (not included in his declaration) under Capt. ~~Sturges~~ and pursued after Bryant and the Tories and passed through Salisbury and thence to Guilford and to the Buffalobrook where they were stationed and marched counter-marched, manœuvring against the British this term lasted

3: 00

He says that his services were rendered at different times from the time of Cassells engagement with the Indians which happened during his first term until the conclusion of the war.

That he was always a private and does not believe that he served in country more than two years but is unable to specify further than he has done above.

He was always a private.

He was born the 17th Dec 1857 in what was then Rowan but is
now Cordell County and lives there still.

His age is recorded in a bill in possession of David White.

He has stated that he has always lived near where he now lives.

He was sometimes drafted and at other times he volunteered.

He has seen Capt. Snow and Capt. Davidson of the two new
men, also Gen. Green.

He has had several discharges but ~~no~~ took care of them
believing them to be of no value. They are all lost or
destroyed.

He refers to Jeremiah Snapp and David White

Sworn Subscribed before me this
27th day of May 1833

J. Campbell J.P.

James ^{Chas} F. Watts
mark

I Absalom Linnenton Clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions
of Cordell County do hereby certify that James Campbell before
whom the foregoing declaration was made is an acting Justice
of the peace in and for said County and that his signature
therein is genuine. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal of office at Stateville this 28th day
of May 1833.

A. Linnenton Ck

Grandfather's name was John Smith

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

and he was a very good man

Pension Office.

Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

[illegible]

I am, respectfully,

Yours obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS.

Commissioner of Pensions.

WATTS Family

Donated by
Granville Hough

James Watts
Iredell Co NC

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

The Orange County California
Genealogical Society

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

James Watts NC

OCCGS

CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL BY DESCENDANTS OF WATTS FAMILY PIONEERS

"The most original and unique observance of the nation's BICENTENNIAL!" Brent Lambert, Director, Washington County Museum, Hillsboro, Oregon.



ALABAMA

Montgomery

The Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery has provided the DESCENDANTS OF WATTS FAMILY PIONEERS with information concerning memorials to Thomas Hill Watts, the Confederacy's first Attorney General. Buried in Montgomery's Oakwood Cemetery, St. Margaret's Hospital stands on the site of his home and there is a plaque on the building concerning this. A portrait of him hangs in the State Capitol.

ARIZONA

Douglas

The recovery by Arizona's DOUGLAS DAILY DISPATCH of the lost history of WATTS CASTLE is sparking BICENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGES south of the border. In the last quarter of the 19th century a Francis Harrison Tyler Watts built part of this border town including many business buildings and residences. Many of them, including a WATTS HOTEL, were reported still in use in the 1930's. About the turn of the century Watts brought the first automobile to Douglas. South of the border he began a land, cattle and mining empire and became good friends with General Florencio Ruiz who had been placed in charge of the Mexican end of the campaign by President Porfirio Diaz. Their friendship is said to have begun when the General rode to the rescue of Watts and his cowboys, besieged by Geronimo and his Apache band. His son, Francis Marion Watts, would wed the General's daughter, build WATTS CASTLE and expand the Watts' holdings into control of millions of Mexican acres - dwarfing the mere few hundred thousand which occasionally brought Hearst to Mexico - and to WATTS CASTLE - the inspiration for his own fabulous San Simeon! But - for more on this - see MEXICO under NOTES FROM ABROAD.

Phoenix

It was in Phoenix, in 1879, that Big Ben Watts would file the first of his applications for patents for the portable hay presses he would later manufacture in California. But there are other reasons why Phoenix has a sentimental attachment for many Wattses! For many years following the Mexican Revolution it would provide a haven for the CASTLE WATTSES who had fled across the border. Eventually, several generations of this branch of the family - offshoots of the COVERED WAGON WATTSES - would find homes in California. But to this day Lupita Watts Olsen and her husband, Verner, own the Casa Santa Maria Nursery in Phoenix. Lupita is the youngest daughter of the builder of WATTS CASTLE and Guadalupe Ruiz, daughter of a Mexican general. Today, Phoenix's St. Francis Cemetery, where both Francis Marion Watts and Guadalupe are buried, has become a shrine for visiting CASTLE WATTSES.

Prescott

Here, about 1878, and before moving south to Douglas, Francis Harrison Tyler Watts would build Arizona's first flour mill.

Tucson

About 1862 the WATTS WARD MUDO, then a slave of Geronimo, would be purchased from that renegade by a Tucson contractor, Santiago Suviate - but would remain in illegal bondage until 1878 when he was freed by General Florencio Ruiz whose daughter would wed Francis Marion Watts. The story is that the General had hired Suviate to restore an old mission south of the border. The contractor would bring MUDO with his laborers. But - enjoying both the General's kindnesses and sympathetic attention from the mission fathers, the Indian deafmute would refuse to return to Tucson. Instead, for the next 64 years and until his death and burial in Los Angeles at the age of 134 he would remain a ward of General Ruiz and then the Wattses - but see Minneapolis item.

INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION MAY BE MADE TO VAN WATTS, 10707 MOORPARK N. HOLLYWOOD CA 91602

NEWS

LETTER

CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield

Ida Strong Seggel sends a copy of a will in which her great grandmother Elizabeth Jacoby Watts, linked all three families - WATTSES, BOONES and LINCOLNS - in a single document. Currently continuing her research and recovery of family history in Bakersfield, Ida is a great granddaughter of the John Watts of Virginia with whom the transcontinental WATTS FAMILY migration began.

Beverly Hills

A picture window exhibit reporting events in WATTS FAMILY'S celebration of AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL has brought journalists and photographers and - from throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties - WATTS DESCENDANTS! One came all the way from El Monte and two drove a hundred miles round trip from Laguna Hills! The exhibit has been endorsed as an official project by both the LOS ANGELES COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION and - since the nationwide celebration actually is SPARKED from within the City of Los Angeles - by the LOS ANGELES CITY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. In the heart of downtown Beverly Hills the exhibit has made news in other publications but also in Beverly Hills papers, the LOS ANGELES CITY BICENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER and the LOS ANGELES TIMES.

Los Angeles Times FEBRUARY 29, 1976

Memorabilia Displayed

A window display at the Lawrence Block Co. Inc. building, 174 N. Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, has won approval as a Bicentennial project from the Board of Supervisors on the recommendation of the county Bicentennial Commission.

The display is titled "Watts Family's Beverly Hills Picture Window Exhibit" and is described by Stanley R. Steenbock, the commission's executive secretary, as "one of many projects composing a virtually nationwide celebration of America's Bicentennial by descendants of Watts family pioneers."

Buena Park

As part of this Orange County City's celebration of AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL the BUENA PARK NEWS plans to publish BEN WATTS' TRAIL LOG. Big Ben Watts died here in 1911 and was buried in Anaheim Cemetery. The eldest son of William Watts who led the WATTS WAGON TRAIN West, Big Ben was a brother of the fabulous FOGHORN WATTS who celebrated AMERICA'S CENTENNIAL in a unique way and who in turn - as you will see in these pages - will be uniquely celebrated in her BICENTENNIAL! In 1850 FOGHORN followed BIG BEN to the goldfields. In 1852 Big Ben would be there waiting when the rest of the family arrived in Oregon. And still later it would be Big Ben who led the way into Arizona and Sonora followed by a younger brother, Francis Harrison Tyler Watts, about whom we have spoken. But of his 85 years - all lived WEST of the Mississippi - Big Ben would spend more of them in California than in any other state. In 1849 he had arrived with the FORTY-NINERS! In 1873 we find him in the San Joaquin Valley where he would pioneer and engineer California's first commercial irrigation project. In 1880 he would file application for the second of his patents for portable hay balers in Los Angeles. Then, in the 1880's, in Hanford, Kings County, he would manufacture them. An advertising card pictured Big Ben in the field with a model of his "WATTS BALING CHARIOTS"! Forty-niner, judge, engineer, inventor and manufacturer, today both OREGON'S WATTS HOUSE and MEXICO'S WATTS CASTLE - built by Watts Descendents and marking the western extensions of the Watts Family migrations - stand as monuments to his monumental pioneering! And when, in 1911, he passed away he left behind him an important contribution to the history of the WEST and California - an old TRAIL LOG which chronicles an intriguing tale of the FORTY-NINERS!

CALIFORNIA(cont)

Burbank

City of Mystery! At least it has A HOUSE OF MYSTERY! In it for many years and until his death at the age of 134 as verified by an autopsy - lived what must have been the nation's oldest human inhabitant - the Indian Wonder Man and deafmute - the WATTS WARD MUDO! But his secret will be out when published! (And see Minneapolis item!) Not so for the secret of Guadalupe Ruiz Watts! Daughter of a Mexican General and widow of the builder of WATTS CASTLE, until she passed away in 1958 at the age of 88 - having lived the better part of a century - Guadalupe lived quietly in this lovely red-tiled Spanish style cottage at 120 South Keystone Street. Her daughter Mary, the only member of the family still living with Guadalupe at the time of her death was herself in her sixties and not in the best of health. She would soon be placed in a rest home.

Now - in separate letters to both this writer and Burbank's Ben Watts - Sister Clara Watts, O.S.F., writes that when their mother had passed away, Mary had disposed of a number of boxes containing her effects by having them buried in the yard! The boxes contained personal correspondence which Mary believed should remain confidential. But - quite likely containing also photographs, documents and even artifacts from Mexico - Sister Clara is positive they contained a large bundle of correspondence between Mexico's President Porfirio Diaz and their grandfather, General Florencio Ruiz! No doubt these letters included many details of the campaign against Geronimo and could have included numerous references to George and William Randolph Hearst - both close friends of Diaz! Now anyone who has read the badly neglected history of the period and area can appreciate how historians would relish a find like that!

But Burbank's Ben Watts, who still lives on Keystone Street in a house only a few blocks away, thinks it would be a tough job to recover this invaluable lost history and is not at all certain it would have survived the rains which occasionally seep into Southern California's normally dry soil. Nevertheless, it is worth a try and, hopefully, perhaps the present owner of Burbank's HOUSE OF MYSTERY and the Burbank Historical Society will cooperate in a salvage operation! It should be said here that it was Burbank's Ben Watts in whose possession was discovered both BEN WATTS' TRAIL LOG, written by his great uncle and namesake and, also, evidence that, on the maternal side, he is descended from one of California's old landgrant families! But see Camarillo item below!

Camarillo

On October 29, 1965 the LOS ANGELES TIMES reported that a portion of the former Ruiz Family Ranch had been sold to in-laws of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The CASTLE WATTSES of the SOUTHWEST and, formerly, MEXICO, trace their ancestors on the maternal side to both a Commandante of the San Diego Presidio and the historic Rancho Calleguas, which once covered much of southeast Ventura County. In 1870 a portion of it was sold to Don Juan Camarillo to form the present day Rancho Camarillo. The 1965 purchase by the brothers of Mrs. Ethel Kennedy involved 4,600 acres, reportedly sold for twelve million dollars.

Campo De

Cahuenga

A Los Angeles publication, DISCOVER MEXICO, plans to publish pictures and articles which will link California's famed CAMPO DE CAHUENGA, officially billed as "THE BIRTHPLACE OF CALIFORNIA" and located just across the street from Hollywood's Universal Studios, with MEXICO'S WATTS CASTLE.

Clements

Susie Watts Allmond, who has been researching the origins of the COVERED WAGON WATTSES who branched out over much of the WEST, has been put in touch with another Watts descendant, a Mrs. Margaret E. McClain of San Marino. It looks like their research will converge in Virginia. Beyond that - material which has come from both evidences that their lines of the family came from Somerset County, England. This is the English County from which the HOLLOW TREE WATTSES of Clinton County, New York, are known to have originated.

CALIFORNIA(cont)

Hollywood

Watts blood flowed in the veins of that Hollywood legend - Marilyn Monroe! Marilyn, who chose her mother's maiden name for a stage name, was a Watts descendant. Many Wattses are aware that James Monroe's maternal grandmother was a Jane Watts. Not really an orphan at all - in a book about Marilyn, her second husband, Producer Bob Slatzer, reveals - and just in time to help us celebrate our BICENTENNIAL - "I once helped her trace her lineal descent from that distinguished forebear (President Monroe)".

Los Angeles

A suggestion that a movie be based on the life of GENERAL STEPHEN WATTS KEARNY - "THE FATHER OF THE UNITED STATES CALVARY", has been added by the LOS ANGELES CITY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE to a source list made available to those interested in producing BICENTENNIAL films. But concerning KEARNY see also Santa Fe and NYC items.

The City of Los Angeles has purchased as a cultural facility the famous WATTS TOWERS, built by Simon Rodia but by chance of location as much a monument to the Julia A. Watts who in the last century came into possession of the part of the big EL RANCHO TAJUATA now known as Los Angeles' WATTS SECTION. Research is expected to reveal this Julia A. Watts was a member of the COVERED WAGON BRANCH of the family.

San Diego

In 1806 a Don Francisco Maria Ruiz was ordered from Santa Barbara to become Acting Commandante of the Presidio at San Diego. Months later a Don Jose De La Guerra would arrive in San Diego to claim the post by precedence of rank - though he outranked Ruiz by only a few days. A much older man Ruiz was an uncle of Don Jose's wife, a Carrillo, and no doubt thought that all this should count for something! He bowled the young upstart over with a mighty swat! Whereupon Don Jose leaped to his feat with drawn sword! Blood was spared only when friends interceded. Both friends and relatives prevailed upon them to settle the quarrel amicably. And, no doubt, because it was looked upon as a family affair both received only mild reprimands from the Governor and Viceroy. Now this story is told here only because several generations of CASTLE WATTSSES of the SOUTHWEST and, formerly, MEXICO, and about whom you will read much in these pages look back upon both antagonists as relatives! A claim substantiated by no less an authority than Father Joseph Thompson who not only confirms the incident in EL GRAN CAPITAN, a book he had written about his own maternal great grandfather, De La Guerra - but called the Wattses "cousins"!

San Francisco

In 1876, in an ELECTORAL COLLEGE vote of 185 to 184 (Hayes vs. Tilden) FOGHORN WATTS uniquely celebrated AMERICA'S CENTENNIAL by casting the ONE VOTE which decided the closest Presidential election in U. S. history! Now - and just in time to celebrate AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL - FOGHORN'S "lost" diary has been located in San Francisco - in the LIBRARY OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

San Marino

A Watts descendant in San Marino, a Mrs. Margaret E. McClain, writes that she seeks material concerning several generations of Edward Wattses beginning in the 1700's in Culpepper County, Virginia.

Also in San Marino, California's famed HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY has received a BICENTENNIAL gift of a WATTS HYMNAL. Incidentally, one of the best known stories about the Reverend Dr. Isaac Watts is that, invited to spend a week at the estate of the Lord Mayor of London, he remained till his death thirty-six years later! And, oddly, a similar story is told about Sir George Frederick Watts who in 1851 became the permanent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thoby Prinsep at London's Little Holland House. "He came to stay three days, he stayed thirty years!" Mrs. Prinsep would boast of England's greatest painter! To which might be added only this note - it has just been learned that in response to our suggestion of months ago the HUNTINGTON ART GALLERY has on order the latest biography of Sir George, entitled ENGLAND'S MICHELANGELO!

CALIFORNIA (cont.)

Santa Maria

Sister Clara Watts, the family's own "FLYING NUN", has sent us an outline of the WATTS-RUIZ LEGEND - a wonderful story which she hopes to find time to write and which traces the Ruiz side of her family, the CASTLE WATTSES, back to early Californian and even Spanish origins and the paternal side back to MEXICO'S WATTS CASTLE which, in 1972, she revisited. One of her many interesting anecdotes concerns the padre who, as the Los Angeles County and City prison chaplain for the last 26 years of his life, became famed as "FATHER JOE". Father Joseph De La Guerra Thompson was a descendant of the Yankee sea captain, Alpheus Thompson, immortalized in TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST. On his maternal side he had descended from Don Jose De La Guerra about whom he would publish a book and from Francisco Sepulveda who came to California with Father Junipero Serra. But he was related also to such other great California families as the Carrillos and Ruizes. How come then - when in 1967 "FATHER JOE" passed away the section in the front of the church reserved for family mourners was occupied - not exclusively - but most prominently and conspicuously by Wattses!

The hundreds who came to mourn his passing would include cousins like movie actor Leo Carrillo and society columnist Conchita Pignatelli of Beverly Hills.

But "FATHER JOE" was a lifelong friend of the Wattses whom he called "cousins" - for through the Ruiz Family he was a Watts relative! Both Father Marion Watts and Sister Clara Watts had followed him into the Franciscan orders! And with the passing of many closer kin, towards the end of his 80 years the aged padre adopted the Watts family as his own! Now - at BICENTENNIAL time - "FATHER JOE" deserves to be remembered both as the wonderful person he was and as one of our family's several links with the history of early California!

Toluca Lake

But here's where it all began - at Toluca Lake in the City and County of Los Angeles May 22, 1974! For it was on that date that the shot heard around the nation was fired by the mighty little TOLUCAN! Not everyone who read it's "WHAT'S UP, WATTS!" - a bit of family history and humor - was a Watts! But - it seems that everyone who read it knew a Watts somewhere! And that's where they sent copies! The results - reported in that Beverly Hills exhibit and in this NEWSLETTER among other publications - have been a virtually nationwide explosion of the WATTS FAMILY'S celebration of AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL!

Whittier

Still another California town where a Watts can be found researching and writing! Here it is Mrs. Esther Watts whose research, some of which has been published, has been highly praised by no less a genealogist than Ida Strong Seggel, another Watts descendant currently digging into archives in Bakersfield.

D.C.

Washington

The family celebration reaches into the nation's CAPITAL! In 1876 a New York publisher, Mrs. Charles F. Diehm, filled AMERICA'S CENTENNIAL SAFE with mementoes of the times and turned it over to CONGRESS - but kept the KEY to its inner strong box! Now - who turns up in Washington with the KEY but a Thomas L. Watts of Gainesville, Florida, who had inherited it from a great aunt to whom, in turn, it had been bequeathed by Mrs. Diehm! But - for more on this - read Gainesville, Florida, item below!

FLORIDA

Gainesville

If the man with the KEY to AMERICA'S CENTENNIAL SAFE'S inner strong box has anything to say about it - and he intends to press Congress for action - Americans celebrating their TRICENTENNIAL may also have a Watts to thank for a small but inspiring contribution! Thomas L. Watts told the Associated Press, "After the safe has been opened and the mementoes taken out, they ought to be replaced with something from each of the 50 states - not things to brag about, but pictures and other things that would show what life was like in the 20th Century, and then the safe should be locked again until the TRICENTENNIAL."

KENTUCKY

Paris

Linked in history with both OREGON'S WATTS HOUSE and MEXICO'S WATTS CASTLE and marking the route of the family's transcontinental migration from Virginia, the OLD WATTS-JACOBY LOG HOUSE participates in the ANNUAL TOUR OF OLD KENTUCKY HOMES.

Less than two miles away is the old STARK HOUSE, also known as the STARK-METEER HOME. Both of these old houses were built by Captain James Stark, a Revolutionary soldier whose son, Judge James Stark II, would wed Jane Watts. The Wattses, Starks and Jacobys were related through a number of marriages. All three families had migrated from Virginia and elements of all three would continue on with the great Westward migration into Missouri.

MASSACHUSETTS

Springfield

A story which has come down through the HOLLOW TREE WATTSES - your editor's branch of the family - on December 28, 1915 patent rights were granted to his uncle, Silas John Watts, for a flinting machine used in the manufacture of paper and 12 of which did the work of 108 they replaced in the Springfield factory in which he rose from apprentice to president.

Westhampton

Built in 1768, Hampshire County's Lillian Watts Blakesley House, also known as the OLD STAGECOACH INN, on the Huntington Road, is reportedly being restored to look like the old BOSTON AND ALBANY STAGECOACH stop it once was.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

The Minneapolis magazine, MEXICAN WORLD, plans to publish the story of the WATTS' WARD MUDO - SLAVE OF GERONIMO - the Indian wonder man who lived 134 years - many of them as a ward of the CASTLE WATTSES.

Several Watts families would settle in Minnesota where a Watts descendant, William Watts Folwell, would write a four-volume history of the state published in 1930 by the Minnesota Historical Society.

MISSOURI

Bowling Green

His hometown and birthplace, which also happens to be the PIKE COUNTY SEAT where his grandfather, Major John Watts, settled in 1816, plans to celebrate the BICENTENNIAL in part with a play revolving around FOGHORN WATTS.

Louisiana

A replica of the first cabin in which James Stark II and Jane Watts lived in this PIKE COUNTY town is being constructed as a feature of the MISSOURI BICENTENNIAL. This Jane Watts was an aunt of FOGHORN WATTS, a sister of the William Watts who led the WATTS WAGON TRAIN West and the oldest daughter of Major John Watts and Elizabeth Jacoby. Jane had seventeen children by Judge James Stark II, fifteen of whom were raised to maturity. Out of this family would come two governors of Missouri and the famous STARK BRO'S NURSERIES which the great Luther Burbank would select to continue his experiments and which boast on their letterhead "LARGEST IN THE WORLD - OLDEST IN AMERICA - ESTABLISHED 1816".

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord

"The most original and unique" observance of the Nation's BICENTENNIAL - the nationwide celebration by DESCENDANTS OF WATTS FAMILY PIONEERS was conceived and coordinated by a New Hampshire and member of the NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Van Watts, now a resident of the Hollywood area and member of the Hollywood Council of the Navy League.

NEW JERSEY

Fort Monmouth

Wattses visiting the Jersey Shore have been told that "GIVE 'EM WATTS!" is an expression still heard in New Jersey where it became the battle cry of Americans besieged in a church during the Revolutionary Battle of Monmouth and who kept up the pretense of battle - when they ran out of musketballs - by substituting wadded paper from plentiful WATTS HYMNALS!

NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe

A Watts Descendant would become the first American governor of New Mexico where, in 1947, a "STEPHEN WATTS KEARNY CENTENNIAL" was celebrated and where the basic law of the state is still the "KEARNY CODE". But see, also, the NYC item below.

NEW YORK

Mooers

Lorraine Orr, a reporter who sparked Mooers' celebration of the BICENTENNIAL with stories about its old WATTS HOUSE was herself named to the town's BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE!

New York City

Maybe one of our researchers will let us know for sure - but it's our guess that Manhattan's WATTS STREET was named after the John Watts who was the maternal grandfather of General Stephen Watts Kearny, the Commander of the Army of the West and "Father of the United States Calvary". To the Indians Kearny was "The Horse Chief of the Long Knives!" But he has also been called by historians "The Conqueror of the West" and "The First of America's Great Proconsuls" - all of which make his antecedents most interesting! In "SOLDIER OF THE WEST", a biographer, the late Dwight L. Clarke of Los Angeles, states that Kearny's mother was a Susanna Watts who in turn was a daughter of a John Watts of New York City. The son of a Robert Watts who "belonged to a family long distinguished in Scotland", this John Watts was the last Royal Recorder of the Province of New York, member of the King's Council, a founder of the New York Public Library and the first President of the New York Hospital. With this background how could the old gentleman have been anything but a Loyalist! And he died soon after his large estates were confiscated. But, perhaps because of his many good works, after the Revolution the New York State Legislature did the decent thing and restored the properties of this John Watts to his daughter Susanna, the mother of Stephen Watts Kearny. Stephen's share of this inheritance eventually would pay for his education at Columbia. And - if he was only half a Watts - on the occasion of AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL - His contributions to her history should be remembered with pride! They more than make up for his Tory grandfather! Yet who would have thought that "The Father of the United States Calvary" came - not out of West Point - but out of Columbia! Or that "The Horse Chief of the Long Knives" was an Ivy Leaguer! The Clinton County Historical Society published the story of BUCK BAKER, a legendary border strong man whom many HOLLOW TREE WATTSES claim as a maternal grandfather. On the paternal side this branch of the family - your editor's - traces its origins to a British soldier who, in something less than gratitude for the theft of his inheritance by foster parents, deserted when the British retreated into Canada from the Battle of Plattsburgh - concealing himself for sometime after the battle in a HOLLOW TREE!

Plattsburgh

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham

In 1974, its 80th year, Durham's WATTS HOSPITAL dedicated its annual report "IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON WATTS" who, in 1895, donated a hospital and also made up the deficits for those who would not or could not pay". Mr. Watts died in 1921. But the hospital would manage to continue even through the Great Depression due to the efforts and contributions of his son-in-law, John Sprunt Hill and his grandson, George Watts Hill. In 1968 voters approved a 20 million dollar bond issue for a new hospital building on the edge of town. Today WATTS HOSPITAL is affiliated with the Duke University Medical Center and other North Carolina institutions of learning.

OHIO

Bath

Both the WATTS FAMILY and CLAN BUCHANAN COAT OF ARMS designs are documented in BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY. Pictures and plaques and brief family and clan histories can be obtained from several sources including Halbert's Inc., 3687 Ira Road, Bath, Ohio 44210

OKLAHOMA

Watts

DESCENDANTS OF WATTS FAMILY PIONEERS have received from the Adair County Cherokee Historical Society a history of the little Oklahoma town named after a John Watts, the half Indian and half English CHIEF OF THE CHICKAMAUGA CHEROKEES.

OREGON

Beaverton

Beaverton's proudest boast is that it was once BEAVER VILLAGE! When the Watts and other mid-nineteenth century pioneers arrived here they found virtually the whole area carved up into a series of ponds and dams on which beaver homes had been built. Needless to say - the pioneers were hard put to match the industry of their predecessors! A Henry Clay Watts pictured in BEAVERTON'S DIAMOND JUBILEE ISSUE in 1968 was its first treasurer when this Washington County town became a City in 1893. Henry was the son of Mary Ann Spencer Watts who in 1852 had become Beaverton's first school teacher and William Watts who led the WATTS WAGON TRAIN West. The graves of William and Mary Ann can be seen in the Crescent Grove Cemetery.

In 1922 a Dr. G. E. Watts became the chief financier of Beaverton's short-lived movie industry, the Premium Picture Production Company. But, pioneering in aviation also, in 1925 Dr. Watts converted the bankrupt company's large studio into a plant which manufactured one of the first four-passenger, low-wing cabin monoplanes in Oregon.

Hillsboro

The publication of the above item in an issue of this NEWSLETTER brought the following request from Mr. Brent Lambert, Director, Washington County Museum, 641 East Main St., Hillsboro, Oregon 97123 (PH:648-8601) "Beaverton had an early fling at movie-making and aircraft manufacture, two areas in which I anticipate doing some research. I would appreciate any information you might be able to provide about Dr. Watts and his association with aviation and films. Are you aware of any individuals either in my area or elsewhere who might be of assistance in this project?" Some information already has been rushed to Mr. Lambert and we are sure that others in receipt of this NEWSLETTER will be able to help with the desired assistance.

McMinnville

In the Yamhill County seat it is planned to characterize FOGHORN WATTS in a BICENTENNIAL play and, further, to display his blown-up portrait in a public building.

Newberg

Remember the highly successful CBS-TV show of the 1950's - "LIFE BEGINS AT EIGHTY"? Alice Watts of Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon, celebrated her 80th birthday February 11, 1976 with gusto! As she is celebrating AMERICA'S 200TH! The oldest child of Henry Clay Watts and a niece of the fabulous FOGHORN, she contributed importantly to the 1968 BEAVERTON DIAMOND JUBILEE ISSUE. More recently she has been very energetic in salvaging pictures, documents and history pertaining to the COVERED WAGON BRANCH of the family. And not content with satisfying demands for such memorabilia from California's Watts - has even offered assistance to three Oregon Counties - Columbia, Washington and Yamhill! And - even topped that with a visit to the NEWBERG GRAPHIC which will give our celebration some coverage by publishing a picture of her UNCLE FOGHORN! Now she writes "The response to your NEWSLETTER is absolutely fantastic! Could you please send me two additional copies - one for my niece and one for a C. Ellen Watts who writes for my church publications?"

Getting suspicious about this Alice Watts - who talks about everyone but herself - your editor checked her family's genealogy and history for something that would explain her missionary zeal! And sure enough - she was a missionary! In China - for many years!

Portland

Charles William Watts, the only son of FOGHORN (Dr. John William) Watts and Martha Hendrix, married a "Miss McNary". A well-known newspaperman, for a long time he was editor of the SALEM STATESMAN, the leading paper of Oregon's Capital. He was clerk of the legislature for two terms. He went to the Yukon in 1897 at the time of the Klondike Gold Rush and, until his death there of pneumonia, acted as the Dawson correspondent of the PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

OREGON(cont)

Portland(cont)

Perhaps it should be mentioned here that FOGHORN'S Aunt Louiza Watts had wed a namesake and grandson of the Jacob Boone who had helped Daniel lay out Maysville, Kentucky, and who is known to historians as the Great Daniel's "favorite cousin". But other marriages also linked the Wattses with AMERICA'S GREATEST FRONTIER TRADITION! And - with the Wattses - the BOONE LEGEND would reach one of its farthest points WEST! For they would help bury the Great Daniel and, later, in Oregon, his namesake - or one of them! Just which one will be left to genealogists to decide! For a son, no less than a half-dozen grandsons and nephews and no one knows how many other connections would proudly bear the Great Daniel's first name! Whichever one he was, one of his namesakes would travel WEST with the WATTS WAGON TRAIN! But, in a rain-drenched Pacific Northwest, this Watts Family Daniel Boone would catch his death of cold and die shortly after arrival. He would be buried in what, in his TRAIL LOG, Big Ben Watts called the "Portland City Graveyard - ironically on Big Ben's birthday, his 26th, November 3, 1852!

St. Helens

As a BICENTENNIAL project, the Columbia County Historical Society published a brief history of OREGON'S WATTS PIONEERS in its 1975 ANNUAL.

Salem

State Senator Anthony Meeker plans to sponsor a BICENTENNIAL resolution in commemoration of FOGHORN WATTS' unique role in American history. In addition to what already has been said about FOGHORN - he himself was a State Senator and, earlier, had become one of OREGON'S FOUNDING FATHERS as a delegate to the state's CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Scappoose

On the spot where the WATTS WAGON TRAIN rolled to a stop this Columbia County City converted its old WATTS HOUSE into its CITY HALL and MUSEUM! And won a letter of commendation from the National Trust for Historic Preservation! And for the benefit of historians and historical novelists of the future the MUSEUM is fast becoming a repository of manuscripts, published stories, pictures, documents and artifacts pertaining to the COVERED WAGON branch of the family. And what an amazing family it was! For from Virginia in two generations it would reach Oregon in the WEST! In three - Sonora in the SOUTH! And in four - the Yukon in the NORTH!

One of William Watts' sons, James Washington Watts, pioneering to the end of his days in Oregon, would father the first Mayor of Scappoose! Another, Tom Watts, would become Columbia County's most colorful pioneer sheriff! Still another, Henry Clay Watts, would remain in Oregon to become, in Washington County, Beaverton's first City Treasurer! And how proud William would have been had he known that another son accompanying him, FOGHORN (John William) Watts, would cast the ONE VOTE which decided the closest presidential election in U. S. history! But William's eldest son, Big Ben, would leave Oregon to pioneer in California, Arizona and Sonora! And another, Francis Harrison Tyler Watts, following Big Ben south, would build a good part of the Mexican border town of Douglas! In Sonora, a grandson, Francis Marion Watts, would build WATTS CASTLE! And far to the North in the Yukon, several thousand miles from Virginia, another grandson, Charles William Watts, would cover the KLONDIKE GOLDRUSH for the PORTLAND OREGONIAN! And - it is interesting to note - that twenty some years after this Charles William Watts died of pneumonia in the Klondike his first cousin, Francis Marion Watts, would die of a heat stroke in the Arizona desert! On October 9, 1913, in Sheridan, a granddaughter of William Watts, Marie Ellen Watts, would wed a Robert Lee Eskridge who had descended from the Colonel George Eskridge whose portrait hangs in Mount Vernon and who was the foster father of George Washington's mother!

Sheridan

PENNSYLVANIA
Philadelphia

From the Historical Society of Pennsylvania the DESCENDANTS OF WATTS FAMILY PIONEERS have received material concerning the state's WATTSBURG and WATTS TOWNSHIP.

TEXAS
Houston

Information concerning Houston's WATTS ROAD is expected shortly from the Harris County Historical Society.

VIRGINIA
Jamestown

If you think you have read all there is to read about Jamestown, what do you know about Sir John Watts? In 1616, the year Shakespeare passed away at Stratford-on-Avon, Sir John died in London. It is possible that both the Great Bard's demise and his own had been hastened by the Puritannical movement which brought troubles to English theatre and, undoubtedly, to the Chief Administrative Officer of London! A merchant and shipowner, Sir John had fitted out privateers and, in 1588, commanded one of his ships against the Spanish Armada. One of "Drake's Boys" who managed not to lose his head he would become Alderman, that is, Chief Administrative Officer of London, which was really keeping - and using - his head! Further, in 1601, he would become the first Governor of the East India Company which has been both credited with and accused of laying the foundations for the British Empire. But Sir John's services to the crown would not end there! And, evidently, he got along as well with King James as he had with Queen Elizabeth by whom, in 1603 and shortly before her death, he had been knighted. A charter member and one of its officers, he was very active in the affairs of the Virginia Company which at Jamestown, in 1607, thirteen years before the Pilgrims landed, began the English colonization of North America! In World War II the U. S. S. WATTS (DD-567) won three battle stars on her way to Tokyo Bay. The destroyer had been named in honor of a Captain John Watts of Virginia, Commander of the American private, PLANTER, which in a desperate battle, July 10, 1799, defeated a French privateer. From the Navy's ship's history, recently received, it has been learned that a Mrs. Judith B. Gardner of Lorton, Virginia, a great-granddaughter of Captain Watts, was the new destroyer's official sponsor when the ship was commissioned at Seattle, April 29, 1944.

Lorton

Mount Vernon

Lincoln in-laws, the COVERED WAGON WATTSES fondly point out that the eldest son of John Watts and Elizabeth Jacoby, Francis Watts, would wed Eleanor Todd years before her cousin Mary moved into the White House! But now comes word from Virginia via Mrs. Margaret E. McClain of San Marino, a Watts descendant, and also via Susie Watts Allmond of Clements, California, that George Washington willed Mount Vernon to his nephew Bushrod Washington, an in-law of the Richard Blackburn who had built Mount Vernon and whose wife was a Mary Watts related to Isaac Watts. A niece of this Mary Watts, Jane Watts, was the maternal grandmother of James Monroe. Thus - through the Wattses - our first and fifth Presidents were related!

Portsmouth

This City's oldest residence, WATTS HOUSE, built in 1799 by Colonel Dempsey Watts, and used by his son, Captain Samuel Watts, to entertain Henry Clay and other historic figures, can be expected to get its share of BICENTENNIAL attention!

Watts Islands

Our NEWSLETTER should not fail to mention Virginia's WATTS ISLANDS - or that for over a century perhaps the world's most appropriately named lighthouse guided ships in and out of Pocomoke Sound! But - in 1944 - WATTS LIGHTHOUSE and LITTLE WATTS ISLAND on which it stood were washed away in a storm! This history - along with a bit of humor - came from the Postmaster of Onancock through whom the Islands formerly received their mail. Now uninhabited, some years ago the larger Watts Island passed into the hands of the WATTS ISLAND CORPORATION.

NOTES FROM ABROAD

ENGLAND

Compton

A museum in which can be seen many of the original works of Sir George Frederick Watts is located not far from London. The publication of his most recent biography, "ENGLAND'S MICHELANGELO", signaled the launching of the WATTS GALLERY 1975 ENDOWMENT APPEAL FUND DRIVE. Inflation has made it necessary to augment the original trust with additional funds - and proceeds from the sale of WATTS' biography will help. So also will contributions - one way for Watts to celebrate our BICENTENNIAL! The address to which inquiries about the book should be made is Mr. Wilfrid Blunt, Curator, WATTS GALLERY, Compton, North Guildford, Surrey GU3 1DQ, England.

London

From several Watts descendants has come information about Sir Philip Watts. A great naval architect, Sir Philip designed ships for the British, Scandinavian and Dutch navies. But if one views almost any modern warship he is seeing navies the way the ideas of Sir Philip shaped them. His modernizing ideas passed to the Japanese with the sale and transfer of British naval vessels. The German and American navies borrowed directly and indirectly and copiously from his designs. In effect, Sir Philip master-minded the cutover from sail to steam, from wooden ships to steel hulls, and is deservedly described in encyclopedias as "The Father of Navies".

MEXICO

Nacozari

Nacozari promises to become famous for two monuments! One is a pillar erected in memory of "MEXICO'S CASEY JONES!" The other is WATTS CASTLE! About 67 miles south of the border town of Douglas, Arizona, LA CUESTA DEL CASTILLO - "THE CASTLE ON THE HILL" - was completed by Francis Marion Watts about the turn of the century. After a turbulent history during and following the Mexican revolution it passed into the hands of Gustavo and Esther Vazques, cousins of Hollywood's Manuel and Maria Moreno, a retired Disney animator and his wife who are godparents - it being a small world after all - of a Betsy Watts whose father was born in the Castle! Says Burbank's Ben Watts, "It's almost like still having it in the family!" He hopes to visit his birthplace in the near future - with the Morenos! Three Watts descendants already have returned from south of the border! And still others plan BICENTENNIAL pilgrimages!

WATTS CASTLE - like other American properties in Mexico - would be expropriated during the Mexican Revolution. But during her 1972 visit Sister Clara Watts would be told the Wattses would always be welcome in "THE WATTS HOUSE OF MEXICO!" Perhaps it should be explained here that when Mexican President Porfirio Diaz, remaining in power from 1876 to 1911, opened the country to foreign capital, Americans with money to invest came flocking. They included Senator George Hearst and his son, William Randolph Hearst I and Francis Harrison Tyler Watts and his son, Francis Marion Watts. The younger Hearst and younger Watts were separated in age only by months. It is a tradition among the CASTLE WATTSES, strongly supported by evidence, that Hearst got his idea for San Simeon from their own "CASTLE ON THE HILL"! Both George Hearst and his son William Randolph Hearst were close friends of - and frequently visited - President Porfirio Diaz who had placed Watts' father-in-law, General Florencio Ruiz, in charge of the Mexican end of the campaign against Geronimo. Hearst's largest landholdings in Mexico were in Chihuahua, neighboring Sonora where Watts had his land, mining and cattle empire. And Watts would build his "LA CUESTA DEL CASTILLO" in the 1890's - a generation before Hearst copied and magnified his idea of a hilltop castle in San Simeon!

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland

The name WATTS appears 27 times on an Auckland memorial listing New Zealanders who served in World War I.

NOTES FROM ABROAD
(continued)

SCOTLAND
Drymen

But when one follows his recorded family tree to the end - what then can he do to acquire additional insight into his family origins? There are about 100,000 Wattses about equally divided between the United States and British Commonwealth. And almost anyone of them will tell you Wattses are "clannish" - but without knowing why or that historians and genealogists trace our family back to CLAN BUCHANAN and an island in LOCH LOMOND! Clareinch or "Clar Innis" - the Gaelic version of the island's name - became the ancient war-cry of the Buchanans. BUCHANAN CASTLE itself stood near the southeast corner of the lake. But now, on grounds where knights of old once duelled, BUCHANAN CASTLE GOLF CLUB promotes a game the Scots invented, some say, so they would have something to do when they stopped fighting the English! But the migrating and marrying Scots found still other things to do! And that is why, today, there are English, Irish and Welsh as well as Scottish branches of our family!

But, if our family origins can be traced, in a general way, back through CLAN BUCHANAN'S thousand year history, our name reveals a misty look at our family's even earlier prehistoric - and continental - genesis! Even today the MACWATTIES - an ancient variation of the name - are one of three recognized branches, or septs, of CLAN BUCHANAN. And too much should not be made of the variation! Then, as now, Wattses were called Wattie! And MAC is only a prefix meaning son! Put MAC and WATTIE together and what do you have - MACWATTIE! But WATT or WAT - and before it became MACWATTIE - was a shortened form of WALTER which had passed into Celtic from one of the Germanic languages. For CLAN and family appear to have become a mixture of HIGHLAND SCOT, that is, Celt and ancient Briton, and LOWLAND SCOT, that is, Celt, Anglo-Saxon and Viking. And WALTER or VALTER, meaning "brave warrior", obviously is in the same generative group as VALHALLA, literally "the hall of the brave", and VALKYRIES, the celestial maidens who accompanied the souls of VALTHIERS, or "brave warriors", to that GREAT HALL IN THE SKY!

UPDATE

THE WATTS FAMILY'S NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL CONTINUES TO SPREAD - EVEN OVERFLOWING OUR BORDERS! INVOLVING BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN MANY COMMUNITIES, IT IS SPARKING PILGRIMAGES, PLAYS, PROJECTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER EVENTS IN CELEBRATION OF OUR COUNTRY'S 200TH BIRTHDAY! IT IS INSPIRING MUCH RESEARCH! AND THE RECORDING OF MUCH WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RECORDED! IT HAS STIMULATED A FLOW OF UNPUBLISHED STORIES TO EDITORS! AND A FLOW OF PUBLISHED STORIES, DOCUMENTS, PICTURES AND ARTIFACTS TO HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND MUSEUMS! AND - IF OTHER FAMILIES CAN BE INSPIRED TO SALVAGE HISTORY WHICH BELONGS TO US ALL - WELL, THAT WAS THE THOUGHT WHICH, IN THE FIRST PLACE, INSPIRED OUR OWN FAMILY'S NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION!

St. Helens-As a Bicentennial project, the Columbia County Historical Society published a brief history of Oregon's Watts Pioneers in its 1975 Annual.

McMinnville, Oregon-In the Yamhill County Seat it is planned to characterize Foghorn Watts in a Bicentennial play and, further, to display his blown-up portrait in a public building.

San Francisco-In 1876, in an Electoral College vote of 185 to 184 (Hayes vs. Tilden) FOGHORN WATTS celebrated America's Centennial by casting the ONE VOTE which decided the closest Presidential election in U.S. history! And just in time to celebrate the Bicentennial-FOGHORN'S "lost" diary has been located in the California Historical Society's Library!

Los Angeles-Los Angeles readers have helped spark the Watts Family's celebration of the Bicentennial both locally and nation-wide by circulating copies of THE TOLUCAN'S "WHAT'S UP, WATTS!"-a bit of family history and humor!

Another Los Angeles publication, Las Californias, will publish a picture of Watts Castle.

Beverly Hills, California-Picture window exhibit reporting events in WATTS FAMILY'S nation-wide celebration of America's Bicentennial has been endorsed by the Los Angeles County Bicentennial Commission as an official project.

Finally, the City has purchased as a cultural facility the famous Watts Towers, built by Simon Rodia, but by chance of location as much a monument to the Julia A. Watts who in the last century came into possession of the part of the big El Rancho Tajuata now known as Los Angeles' Watts Section.

Salem-State Senator Anthony Meeker plans to sponsor a Bicentennial resolution in praise of Foghorn Watt's unique role in American History.

And in Scappoose-This City converted a historic old Watts House into its City Hall and Museum!

San Marino-California's famed Huntington Library has received a Bicentennial gift of a WATTS HYMNAL.

A suggestion that a movie be based on the life of General Stephen Watts Kearny has been added by the Los Angeles City Bicentennial Committee to a resource list made available to those interested in producing Bicentennial films.

Burbank-Ben Watts Trail Log, a tale of the Forty-Niners, was discovered in Burbank in the possession of an heir and namesake of its author.

Buena Park News will publish Ben Watts Trail Log.

In Douglas, Arizona, the recovery by Arizona's DOUGLAS DAILY DISPATCH of the lost history of WATTS CASTLE is sparking Bicentennial Pilgrimages south of the border.

CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL BY DESCENDANTS OF WATTS FAMILY PIONEERS

By LORRAINE ORR

If by chance your name happens to be WATTS... you no doubt will be interested to know that WATTS descendants are playing a great part in helping America celebrate its Bicentennial!



Minneapolis, Minn.-The Minneapolis magazine, Mexican World, plans to publish the story of the Watts' Ward Mudo-Slave of Geronimo-the Indian wonder man who lived 134 years-many of them as a ward of the Castle Watts.

Mooers, N.Y.-A reporter who sparked Mooers' celebration of the Bicentennial with stories about its old Watts House was herself named to the Town's Bicentennial Committee!

Bowling Green, Missouri-Bicentennial will be celebrated in part with a play revolving around Foghorn Watts.

Plattsburgh, N.Y.-The Clinton County Historical Society published the story of Buck Baker, a legendary border strong man, whom many Hollow Tree Wattses claim as a maternal grandfather.

Watts, Okla.-Decendants of Watts Family Pioneers have received from the Adair County Cherokee Historical Society a history of the little Oklahoma town named after a John Watts, the half Indian and half English Chief of the Chickamauga Cherokees.

Paris, Kentucky-Linked in history with both Oregon's Watts House and Mexico's Watts Castle, the old Watts-Jacoby Log House participates in the Annual Tour of Old Kentucky Homes.

Gainesville, Florida-In 1876, a New York publisher filled it with mementoes of the times and turned America's Centennial Safe over to Congress-but kept the key to its inner compartment! Now, who should turn up in Washington with the key, but a Thomas L. Watts of Gainesville, Florida, who had inherited the key from a great aunt to whom, in turn, it had been bequeathed by the publisher!

WATTS FAMILY'S BICENTENNIAL MAP
Van Watts Studio
10707 Moorpark
N Hollywood
California 91602

The North Countryman

Rouses Point, NY

And that folks...is Watts-Wait around our Nation!





THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540

PROCESSING DEPARTMENT
EXCHANGE AND GIFT DIVISION

Refer to: AG
December 13, 1974

Mr. Van Watts
10707 Moorpark
N. Hollywood
California 91602

Dear Mr. Van Watts:

It is my pleasure to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of the material mentioned below. We deeply appreciate your kindness in sending this material to the Library of Congress.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan R. Einhorn

Nathan R. Einhorn
Chief
Exchange and Gift Division

The material received:

Watts Castle. Douglas Daily Dispatch V 20, 1971.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Watts, Benjamin
Elizabeth

R 11217

TENTS

Illinois 29.580

Benjamin Watts 48.9

of Washington Co. in the State of Illinois
who was a Private in the company
by Captain Rice of the Regt.
by Major Munckton in the Virginia
in the month of

Inserted on the Roll of Illinois
at the rate of 20 Dollars - Cents per acre
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Assize issued the 17th day of Dec.
1834 and sent to Hon. J. Casey
N. B.

Arrears to the 1st of Sep. 1834 70.00
Semi-annual allowance ending 1/2 March '33 10.00

\$80.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by D. Brown

Clerk

Book 10.

Vol. 8

Page 64

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Benja^W Watts and
Elizabeth Key was married
November 18 1784
By William Johnson
Baptist preacher state of
Virginia Bedford County
Stanton River

MARRIAGES.

Hayden^W Watts and
Levy Radnor^W was married
29 October 1800 by
William Northland J^r.

Richard^D J^r Watts
and Sally Clement
was married May
the 19 - 1809 by
Elisha Winn J^r.

Joseph^H Watts and
Mary M^W Daniel was
married 28 December
1809 by Elisha Winn
James^W Watts was married
to

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Haydon Watts was Born

November 3rd - 1785

Baptized by Stephen Hull

Richard J. Watts was Born

April 2nd - 1788

Baptized by Richard J. J. J.

Hoyse W. Watts was Born

January 11th - 1796

Baptized by Samuel Cowen

James W. Watts was Born

December 22nd - 1798

Baptized by Hope Hull

Doley Watts was Born

March 31st - 1796

Baptized by James Rogers

Susanah Watts was Born

September 18th - 1798

Baptized by Ben. Blanton

John L. Watts was Born

December 19th - 1800

Baptized by M. S. H. H. H.

DEATHS.

Benjamin Watts was Born

December 10th - 1802

Baptized by Samuel Cowen

Elizabeth Watts was Born

January 12th - 1804

Baptized by M. S. H. H. H.

Joshua Gilpin Watts

was Born 1st of April 1801

Baptized by James H. H.

Judah Watts was Born

3rd of May 1804

Baptized by William H. H.

State of Illinois Washington County ss

Probate Justice Court Special Term

On this 19th day of January 1844 before the Probate Justice Court for the County aforesaid. personally appeared Benjamin Watts, a resident of said County of Washington, and being duly sworn according to law doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain (for the children of Benjamin and Elisabeth Watts) the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows &c.

That he is the son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Watts - that Benjamin Watts his Father was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, and drew a pension of \$20 per annum - was on the Roll of the Illinois agency, and died on the 7 day of March 1840. That Elisabeth his Mother remained a Widow until the 16th day of February 1843 at which time she departed this life leaving at the time of her death the following Children, who are yet living as far as known (Trinity Hayden Watts of Clinton County Ill Richard Loy Watts and Huld Watts of Georgia - Benjamin Watts of Washington County Ill and Elisabeth Fisher of Texas who had removed to Texas before the death of her Mother

He further declares that the said Benjamin and Elisabeth were married on the 18 day of November 1784 as appears from a record now here exhibited and taken from the Bible formerly owned by his Father, and is in the handwriting of his said Father, which is the genuine, original record of his said Father - Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written Before me
Benjamin Watts
Benas H. Vernon Probate Justice

and that we concur in that opinion

and we have subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Oreneth Fisher

Wm H Bradley

And the J^d Court do hereby declare their opinion
after the investigation of the matter, & after putting
the interrogatories prescribed by the War Depart-
ment, That the above named applicant was a
Revolutionary soldier & served as he states.

And the Court further certifies, that it appears
to them that Oreneth Fisher who has signed
the preceding certificate is a Clergyman, Resident
in the County of Washington & State of Illinois
and that Wm H Bradley who has also signed
the same is a resident of D^c County and is a credible
person & that their statement is entitled to credit

I William H Bradley Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Washington County State of Illinois: hereby
certify, that the foregoing contains the Original
Proceedings, & in the matter of the application
of Benjamin Watts for a pension

My own testimony whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand & the private seal of my Office
there being no public seal: this 20th day of
Sept 1834

Wm H Bradley Clerk

I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted
with the above named Wm H Bradley who has
is subscribed to the above certificate and know
him to be Clerk as therein stated, His Certificate
& attestation are in due form according to the laws
of Illinois

Dec 5th 1834 Zadok Casey

and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the Agency of any State

But he further states that he was born in Cumberland County Virginia in the year of our Lord 1764 (on the fifth day of Oct. in 47 year) that he has a record of his age in a family Bible taken from his fathers Record that he was living in Franklin County in the State of Virginia when called into service - That has lived since the Revolutionary War a part of his time in the State of Georgia, But for near 20 years he has resided in the State of Illinois in St Clair County & in Washington County where he now resides That his Father for whom he was a substitute was drafted into service.

That he was acquainted with a Captain Jones, but does not recollect of any other higher officers excepting those mentioned above For testimony in reference to his character he refers to Rev^d David S. White, Rev^d Daniel Whittenburg, Jⁿ H. Kearsage Esq and any other Citizens of Ashville or vicinity who are acquainted with him & among them the names of the Ashville Sworn to & subscribed the last & year of our Lord

Benjamin Watts

The Brethren Fisher & Clergyman residing in the County of Washington State of Illinois & Messrs. [unclear] - Residing in the same locality certify that we are well acquainted with Benjamin Watts who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be near 70 years of age that he is respected & beloved in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution

State of Illinois
County of Washington

On this 20th day of Sept^r 1834 personally
appeared in open Court before the Judge of
the County Court now sitting Benjamin
Watts a resident of Parkville in the County
of Washington & State of Illinois, aged seventy
years lacking a few days, 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 June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States
under the following named officers, & served as
herein stated viz: That he entered the service
on ~~about~~ the fifth day of October in the year
of our Lord 1787 ~~at the~~ Capt. at Prince
Edward Courthouse in the State of
Virginia under Capt. ~~at~~ ~~Prince~~
Rice. That he entered as a substitute for his
father Richard Watts, that he marched from
Prince Edward to Richmond Virginia, was
placed under the command of Capt. Thomas
Fowler, & Lieutenant Slaughter, that he
continued in the service of United States six
months in guarding stores at Richmond &
also at Warwick, and at Manchester Virginia
was discharged from service at Richmond
under Capt. Bush & he thinks Major
Hamilton. That he got a written discharge but
some time after he sent his discharge to Rich-
mond & it was not returned. That he has now
no documentary evidence & that he knows of no
person in this country whose testimony he can procure
who can testify to his services. That he hereby
relinquishes every other claim ^{whatsoever} to a pension or annuity



WATTS Family

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

MEXICO'S WATTS CASTLE

Nacozari, Sonora

Built as a hill fortress with mountains behind and
streams on either side of it

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

NO CHARGE IF YOU CAN USE THIS STORY

Manuel and Maria Moreno are now Orange county residents - either in Santa Ana or Anaheim. I'm not sure which.

Ben Watts, whole related this story, has a daughter, Betsy Watts Garnier in Laguna Beach and a brother, Frank Watts, owner of Fullerton's WATTS WESTERN. He had other relatives in Laguna Hills and San Juan Capistrano. And this did not include all. Fullerton's Frank Watts could tell you more about the numerous Orange County "CASTLE WATTSES".

Van Watts
Van Watts Studio

N Hollywood CA91602



Watts Castle

Another view
of the castle which
became the inspiration

JUNE 1976

JUNE 1976

for Heart's
San Simon

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

WATTS Family OC FOR REFERENCE ONLY

SERVICE

NUMBER

6.

Watts, Garret
Garrett^{or}
Anna

R 11213

CONTENTS

15.41
 18.78
 of the ... in the State of ...
 was a ... in the ... Commission
 by Captain ... of the ... Commission
 by ... in the ... Commission
 for ...

13.30

Inserted in the Roll of ...
 at the rate of ... Dollars ... Cents per annum
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the ... day of ...
 and ...

Arrears to the 1st of ...
 Pension allowance ending ...

\$ 31

Revolutionary Claim.
 1st June 7, 1832.

Recorded by ...
 Book ... Vol. ... Page ... 3

State of Tennessee On the 6th day of ^{Nov} 1851 personally
before me appeared before me Anne Watts aged 84^{years} and
ent of said County & State who being first duly sworn according to
law placed on her oath make the following Declaration in
order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by Congress
at Defunct here for the benefit of the widows of deceased sol-
diers that she is the widow of Garrett Watts who was a
private in the Revolutionary War, he was in Gates Defeat.
under Gen. Marion, she thinks and in the Embury Campaign
by Capt. Lawrence (does not state the place name, but she
that she was married to the said Garrett Watts on the 16 day of July
in the year one thousand eight hundred & ^{seventy} (1787)
that her husband the aforesaid Garrett Watts died on the
6th day of February 1838 in Perry County, Alabama
prior to his being the said 1800, she states that her said
husband as she informed and believes served in the Company Com-
manded by Capt. Lawrence in the Regiment com-
manded by Col. She states that her said
husband received a certificate from the Pension
Office, ~~Book~~ which has been lost or misplaced she
states that her husband is the identical Garrett
Watts who drew a pension under the act of June
7th 1837 which certificate is on record (she states she
has a memorandum she has) in the Pension
Office Book E. Vol. 8 page 53. She further
states that her name before her intermarriage
with the said Watts was Anne Self. She
states that her said husband never received.

from the Government but (\$106.⁰⁰) Per hundred and
Six Dollars, She states that she is still a
widow, and respectfully asks of the Department
that she may receive a certificate authorizing
her to draw her pensions in future at Jack-
son Tennessee.

She makes this declaration that she may draw
the ^{money} ~~pensions~~ she may be entitled to under the def-
erred act of Congress passed for the benefit of the widows
of deceased soldiers.

I was sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above
written and I state that I am acquainted with Mrs.
Anna Watts, that she is still a widow and I believe
her said declaration & that she is of the age above
stated,

Dennis Tatum J. P.

her
Anna ~~Watts~~ ^{Watts} Seal
Mar 16

Attest M. S. Clay

of the County of ... it known that on the 22nd day of
March County of ... 1802 eighteen hundred and
fifty two personally appeared before me an acting Jus-
tice of the peace within and for the county and state afore-
said Mrs. ... with aged about ... and being my
own ... that she is the widow of ...
the ... in the Revolutionary war, she was
not known while ... but she has lived
... in general ... but
she thinks no children in the ... of Virginia, that she was
married to the said ... on the 14th day of July 1787
... in the County of ...
... a ...
... she lived with the said ... up to
... who he now thinks ... in ...
of February 1835) eighteen hundred and thirty-eight
in ... and that she is still
... the said ...
... until he was unable to support
... and that after
... 183
...
... she does not recollect how and
... for the last three or
... what
... was ...
... of her said husband's ...
... the widow of the said ...
... for the purpose of obtaining ...
... to the time of
his death ... 1827 & 28th ...
... as the widow of the said ...
... before ...
... and other ...

County Court

County of ... June Term 1834

On the 1st day of June in the year of our Lord and
Sovereign King's fourth and thirty-fourth year personally appeared
in open Court before the said Judge of the Court
by Court of the County of ... State of ... now sitting
make a resident of the County of ... State of ...
me a good and lawful citizen, who being first duly sworn
according to law with an oath to make the follow-
ing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the
act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he claims
the benefit of the United States under the following name
offered and used as herein stated.

To the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1832 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1833 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1834 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1835 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1836 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1837 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1838 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1839 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1840 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1841 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1842 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1843 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1844 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1845 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1846 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1847 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1848 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1849 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1850 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1851 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1852 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1853 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1854 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1855 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1856 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1857 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1858 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1859 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1860 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1861 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1862 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1863 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1864 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1865 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1866 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1867 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1868 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1869 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1870 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1871 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1872 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1873 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1874 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1875 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1876 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1877 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1878 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1879 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1880 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1881 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1882 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1883 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1884 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1885 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1886 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1887 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1888 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1889 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1890 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1891 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1892 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1893 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1894 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1895 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1896 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1897 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1898 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1899 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year
1900 and the fact of my residence at the fall of the year

[illegible]

5

Suttons (as well as I ^{my} rem^{ber}) This was not far from Cam-
den where the British were under Rawdon and Cornwallis.
The two armies came near each other at Suttons
about 12 or 1 o'clock in the night (This was in the year
seventeen hundred & eighty) The pickets fired several
rounds before day I will remember every thing that occurred
the next morning - I remember that I was among the men
to the enemy - that a man named John Summers was my
pale bearer - that we had orders to wait for the word to com-
mence firing - that the militia were in front & in a public sen-
timent at that ^{time} they were for a quiet, the weather was warm
especially they had been fed a short time previously, our
muskets were dry. I can state on oath that I believe my gun
was the first gun fired notwithstanding the orders for us
were close to the enemy who appeared to manoeuvre in confidence
of us & I fired without thinking except that I might prevent the
main attack from killing me - The discharge and loud
roar soon became general from one end of the line to the
other amongst other things I confess I was amongst
the first that fled - the cause of that I can not tell except
that every one I saw was about to do the same - it was instan-
taneous - there was no effort to rally, no encouragement to
fight - officers & men joined in the flight - I threw away my
gun & reflecting I might be punished for being found with
arms I picked up a drum - which gave forth such sounds
when touched by the twigs I cast it away when we had
gone we heard the roar of guns still but we knew not
why had we known we might have returned, It was that
portion of the army commanded by Skelton fighting
still. Skelton was killed - General Dickson was wound-
ed in the back and a great many killed & wounded
even on the first firing - after this defeat many
of the dispersed troops proceeded to Hillsborough in
North Carolina - I obtained a furlough from Gen-
eral Dickson & had permission to return home a short
time this last tour was for the space of three months
& only two years - - not long after the defeat of General

4 Near three months General
Caldwell a regular officer came from towards the north
and rightly I think the service a good under Captain
O'Brien being again assisted I do not know what the and was placed
under the command of General Fraser - I was at the
battle of Bull Run and heard under General Fraser the
was fought at some old fields some out & surrounded by
broken fences - General Fraser having ordered his army into
three divisions behind one of these fences placed his
a division of Artillery & Cavalry - and the militia were
stationed there near the wood land and all per-
taining to them was to prevent a retreat the the
the two divisions the regulars the was a great bat-
tle both sides fought until they were willing to cease the
we had the advantage for the last division was not
any to have heavy on the British had to give back
that were some of great suffering - we had but little loss
no little to have with a very severe - I was also during
the time of my service with General Fraser at the
battle at Camden or near it - although a small
and on otherwise the two divisions were engaged to
later and work at the two frontiers and in the
General Fraser's division at the battle of Camden
at the British knew our position - they came
out upon us and we had to fight hard & when
by our position to give way - shortly after this
my last time of service I spent - to the last of my
reflections of time and was obliged to remain in the
for some months of not more of 3 days but with
involvement of some position but my health was a little
so that I was not able to leave the country
at the end of the month of June I was in the country
of my service - I think I have no documentary evidence
of my service - I think of the position now being

Rev. and 1812
Pers Section

AWP/HET

February 10, 1930.

Pauline McKinney
Fairfax Apartments, # 411
2100 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R. 11215, it appears that Garret Watts was born January 8, 1756 in Caroline County, Virginia, and when twelve years of age moved to North Carolina.

While residing in Surry County, North Carolina, he enlisted in October 1779, served three months as a private in Captain Minor Smith's Company, Colonel Smith's Regiment of Cavalry with the North Carolina Troops, and marched to Salem, thence to Wilmington and had an engagement with the Tories near Waccamaw Lake.

While residing in Caswell County, North Carolina, he enlisted in 1780 and served three months as a private in Captain Odom's Company North Carolina Militia, and was in the battle of Gates' defeat at Camden. He later served three months in Captain Odom's Company Colonel Moore's North Carolina Regiment, was in the battle of Guilford Court House and battle of Camden.

After the Revolution he moved to Jefferson County, Georgia, then to Pendleton, South Carolina, then to Bladson County, Tennessee and then to Perry County, Alabama.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 6, 1834, at which time he was a resident of Perry County, Alabama.

He died February 6, 1838 in said Perry County.

The soldier married July 16, 1787 in Anson County, North Carolina, Anna Self.

0 1 7 0

In 1851 she was aged eighty-four years and resided in
Gibson County, Tennessee.

Their children are referred to but no names are designated.

Very truly yours,

MARL D. CHURCH
Commissioner.

WATTS Family

Donated by
Granville Hough

Garret Watts
X/C

B Ah

1834 in Perry

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

The Orange County California
Genealogical Society

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

A Division of the Office of Secretary of State
330 Capitol Avenue, SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 - 4:30; Saturdays 9:30 - 3:30

☐ Central Research Library

☐ Civil War

☒ Microfilm Library

☐ Prints

☐ Governmental Records

☐ Manuscripts

☐ Other _____

COPY ORDER REQUEST: Complete one form for each item to be copied.

Regarding your request of 26 January 1982

about Greene County will of Enix Thomas Watts, 1797

Granville W. Hough
3438-B Bahia Blanca West
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

MAIL REQUESTS ONLY:

☒ The Department has the following records in which you might be interested. Return this form with check or money order payable to Department of Archives and History for the amount stated under "Total Remittance Due." Allow 3 weeks for delivery.

NOTICE

WARNING CONCERNING COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS

"The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be 'used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research.' If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of 'fair use,' that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgement, fulfillment of the order would involve a violation of copyright law.

(Please Print or Type)

TYPE OF COPY REQUESTED: ☐ Electrostatic (Xerox) ☐ Film is ☐ Positive ☐ Negative

Photostat: ☐ Positive ☐ Negative

Photograph: ☐ Matte Finish ☐ Glossy Finish Size _____

Microfilm ☐ Silver ☐ Vesicular

☐ Positive ☐ Negative

RETRIEVAL/REFILE INFORMATION: 33/36

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Book/Series/Record Title or Type will

Name of Person(s) Thomas Watts

Date of Record 7 December 1797

County/Agency/Collection Name Greene County

Volume Title/Dates Will Book 2, 1794-1810

Pages/Frames 1, 2, 3

Total Pages/Frames 3 @ \$ 1.00 = \$ 3.00

Additional Charge for Mailing

\$ 1.00

TOTAL REMITTANCE DUE

\$ 4.00

STAFF USE ONLY:

Date of Order: 2/3/82 Order Taken by: js

Permission to Copy Rec'd from: _____

Date: _____

_____ order of _____ orders

Copy made by: _____

Date Order Sent/Picked up: _____

☐ To be mailed

☐ To be picked up

Item refiled: _____

(initials)

(date refiled)

Receipt Number _____

Amount Paid: _____

☐ Official

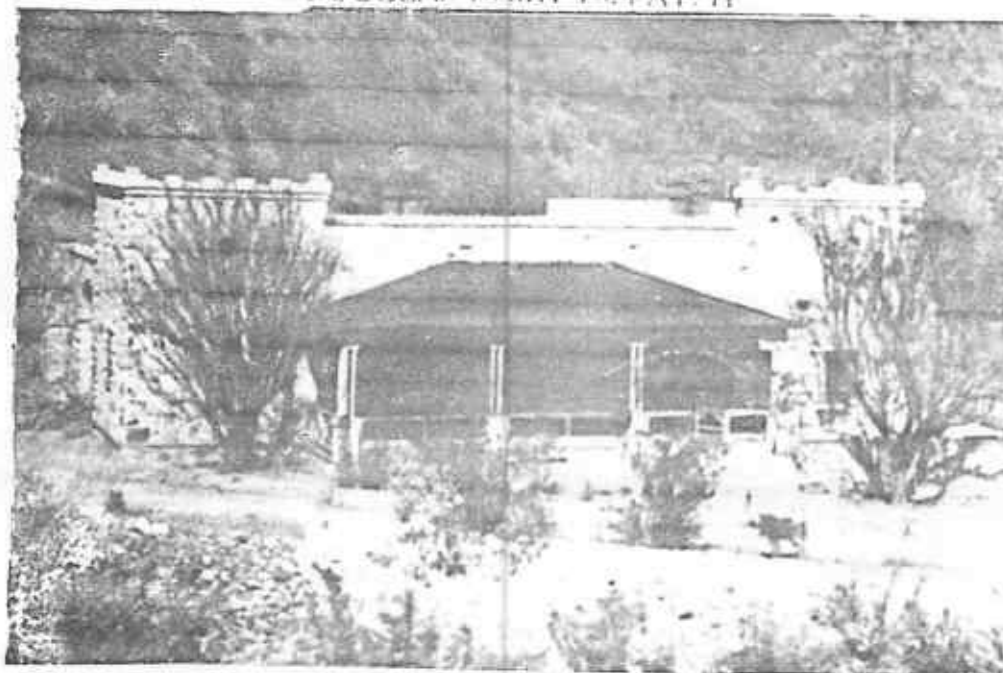
☐ Cash

☐ Check

Other:

It is our policy to undertake one search per letter. Therefore, we have ~~xxxx~~ searched only your first request. Please submit additional requests in separate letters.

The pink copy of this form will serve as the sole citation identification for any copy attached.



WATTS CASTLE

WATTS CASTLE—Francis Marion Watts called the place on which he had built his castle 'The Enchanted Hill,' a name his friend,

William Randolph Hearst, would give to the hill which he later built San Simeon Castle - 'La Cuesta Encantada.'

Author relates story of Watts descendants

WATTS CASTLE

By Van Watts
(In Mexico, the Castle is now owned by the Vazquez, cousins of Manuel Moreno, once a Disney animator, and his wife Maria Teresa, former residents of Toluca Lake. The Morenos are godparents of Betsy Watts Garner of Laguna Beach, a daughter of Burbank's Ben Watts.)

There is a tradition in the Covered Wagon Branch of the Watts Family that Hearst's idea came from Francis Marion Watts' "Castle on The Hill" — La Cuesta Del Castillo.

This is just one of the fascinating stories a San Fernando Valley resident who was born in the castle can tell you. The heir and namesake of the author of Ben Watts' Trail Log, this modern Ben Watts is the source of still other intriguing tales about the West and Mexico.

Made something of a celebrity by the publication of his great uncle's Trail Log, at 70 Ben is a bit overwhelmed to find himself being interviewed by editors, reporters and columnists. And, recently, he was invited to join the Burbank Historical Society. A retired retail store manager, a year ago he lost his wife, Helen, who until her death had been secretary to St. Joseph's Hospital Chief of Staff. Helen was a half-sister of Mrs. Frances Pendarvis, widow of a pioneering Burbank banker.

In 1927 Ben brought his own widowed mother and four of his brothers and sisters to Los Angeles from Arizona. Five years earlier his father had died of a heart stroke in the Arizona desert.

"Take care of your mother and the children," were his last words to Ben.

"And that's what I did!" says Ben — as if he were simply carrying out instructions.

But from other members of the family it appears that for an 18-year-old lad saddled with such a large responsibility he did extremely well, helping his mother to raise and educate his brothers and sisters all of whom speak Spanish and are as proud of their Spanish as they are of their Anglo heritage (A nice note to strike for the Bicentennial!)

But California and Los Angeles were no strangers to the Wattses. Indeed, those who had gone to Arizona and Mexico had branched out from Oregon and California. Isaac Lankershim, "who figured so prominently in the history of the San Fernando Valley, had tried to persuade Ben's father, a good friend, to invest here. The family did vacation, at times, among Southern California relatives and during a period, about 1914, to 1916, when their father had come here seeking medical help for their mother, the older Watts children had attended Los Angeles schools.

It should be mentioned also that when Ben permanently relocated the rest of the family in California his youngest brother was already here, studying for the priesthood at the Old Mission in Santa Barbara. Today, Father Marion Watts, O.F.M., who once taught English to Franciscans in Mexico, is at St. Simon and Jude Church in Huntington Beach.

And — in 1927 a sister, Bertita, already had chosen to become a nun. She is now Sister Clara at Los Angeles' St. Joseph's Convent. The creator of some very interesting — even remarkable — paintings and charcoal drawings, her multifold activities have earned her the nickname "The Flying Nun". A nun who grew up in a castle — when in 1971 she revisited La Cuesta Del Castillo it would be joked around St. Joseph's, "We know how she got there!"

Of her brothers and sisters those born in "The Castle on The Hill" include Burbank's Ben Watts, Elizabeth Watts Evans of San Juan Capistrano and Francis Marion (Frank) Watts Jr., owner of Fullerton's Watts Western. The two youngest members of the family, Lupita Carmen Watts, now of Phoenix, and James Robert who would become Father Marion, would be born in Douglas, where their paternal grandfather, a younger brother of the author of the Trail Log, built a number of business buildings and residences still in use.

Bertita and an older sister, Mary Ann, had been born in Sonora in the hacienda of their maternal grandfather, Genral Florencio Ruiz, described in Arizona's Douglas Daily Dispatch as the "famous Mexican military leader and Indian fighter whose troops cooperated with those of the United States in many an expedition against Geronimo."

Sister Mary Clara (Bertita) and Burbank's Ben Watts can recall sitting on their grandfather's knee and like to tell how their father, Francis Marion Watts came to marry the famous General's daughter. This Francis, or Frank, Watts owned the Sonora Land and Mining Co. He was also part owner of the big Wheeler Land Co. of which he was vice-President and manager

and which controlled millions of Mexican acres. On one occasion, when he and his cowboys had been besieged by Indians, General Ruiz's troops had come to their rescue. Watts admired the General's personal bravery and honored him with a feast. They became close friends and, not surprisingly, Watts would eventually marry the most beautiful of the General's daughters in 1890.

But not till 1902 would Watts Castle be completed.

Built as a hill fortress with mountains behind and streams on either side of it, it was intended to be easily defended against Indians and roving bandits. During the many years that went into its building, its stone being quarried out of a nearby mountainside, Watts and Guadalupe would live in the General's own spacious hacienda.

There, tragically, four children born to them would die in an epidemic which reached the hacienda from a nearby village. Only Mary Ann and Bertita would survive to live with them in "The Castle on The Hill" where three more children would be born.



VAN WATTS
Hollywood

In 1958, at age 88, their mother, Guadalupe Ruiz Watts, passed away at her home at 120 South Keystone Street in Burbank — only a few blocks from the Disney Studios which have filmed many a story less fanciful than she had lived. A woman whose girlish beauty had inspired a castle and who yet had the fortitude to join in defending it with rifle in hand against Indians and bandits, only her proud

family knew that she was both the daughter of a famous Mexican general and the descendent of an old Spanish land grant family of California. At one time — before they had sold their vast holdings at a loss and re-invested what they had salvaged of their fortunes in Sonora — her relatives had owned big chunks of Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Diego Counties.

That was in the days before Fremont and Kearny.

Curiously, if Guadalupe Ruiz would marry a Watts, the mother of General Stephen Kearney was a Watts! And Watts was, in fact, his middle name!

But — back to the castle! Or — at least to the main line of our story — on Oct. 15, 1890, in the Catholic Church in Nogales, Son. Mex., just across the line from Nogales, Ariz., Guadalupe Ruiz would marry Francis Marion Watts! Land tycoon, he was also an investor in mining in both Sonora and Arizona and a history of the Southwest describing a Midwest meeting of Eastern buyers with cattlemen from Texas and Sonora would refer to Watts as "the biggest cattleman among them".

The Watts Saga in Arizona and Mexico appears to have begun with the appearance on the scene in the mid-1870's of this Francis Marion

"THE CASTLE WATTSES"
ARE OFFSHOOTS OF THE
COVERED WAGON WATTSES
WHO IN 1852 SETTLED ON
THE SCAPPOOSE PLAIN IN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON.
A SMALL TOWN WOULD
SPROUT ON THE PLAIN. A
GRANDSON OF WILLIAM
WATTS — WHO WAS ALSO A
COUSIN OF THE BUILDER
OF WATTS CASTLE — WOULD
BECOME ITS FIRST MAYOR.
NOW AS PART OF ITS CELE-
BRATION OF AMERICA'S BI-
CENTENNIAL THE TOWN HAS
BOUGHT THE HISTORIC OLD
WATTS HOUSE FOR ITS CITY
HALL AND MUSEUM!

Watts' Uncle Ben. An in-law of Boone and Lincoln, this Judge Ben Watts was among other things an engineer, inventor and manufacturer. He was the author of a Trail Log which currently is helping to spark America's Bicentennial from Virginia to California. This Uncle Ben had gone West with the Forty-Niners and later helped the family get established in Oregon where he had been a Wells Fargo man and judge and built a salt plant. In his later years he would continue to pioneer in Arizona, Mexico and California — evidently a fabulous and inspiring figure in the eyes of the Covered Wagon Wattses — for wherever he went other members of the family seemed sure to follow!

In 1877, Ben's younger brother, Francis Harrison Tyler Watts, following the pioneering judge into Arizona and Sonora, built Arizona's first flour mill at Prescott and then moved south to help build the town of Douglas and do some pioneering of his own in Sonora. The State's Historical Society has records of still other contributions he made to Arizona history.

With such antecedents — his son, Francis Marion Watts, land tycoon, investor, cattleman and builder of La Cuesta Del Castillo becomes plausible! After all — he had to do something — while his Uncle Ben was manufacturing Watts Baling Chariots and his father was helping to build a town! And, obviously, this Francis Marion Watts was the kind of guy people like General Leonard Wood, Senator Carl Hayden and the publisher, William Randolph Hearst, could not afford not to know — if they wished to accomplish their objectives in that part of the world!

More than likely Hearst's Mexican investments would have brought him into contact with Watts' empire.

in any case — it would have been even difficult to avoid. But Geronimo's Apache bands, raiding out of the Sierra Madre Mountains poised similar threats to Watts' Sonora lands and Hearst's holdings in the neighboring State of Chihuahua. And — a still greater problem would link the interests of Watts and Hearst in Mexico.

In 1909, seeking military help, Watts was in Washington advising the government about the political unrest which would shortly lead to the Mexican Revolution. But events were moving fast — so fast that before he could return to Sonora Guadalupe had to flee with the children — their escape across the border into Arizona engineered by friends and Watts Ranch cowboys.

Though Watts had investments in Arizona, in Mexico the family would lose all to the Revolution — including their beloved La Cuesta del Castillo.

Plundered by revolutionaries, banditos also would have their day in "The Castle on the Hill". Then for years it served as an orphanage with a Catholic priest in charge. About 70 miles south of Douglas, and about 10 miles north of Nacozari in Sonora it would eventually pass into the hands of the Vazquez, cousins of Manuel Moreno (once a Disney animator) and his wife, Maria Teresa, who in turn, are god-parents of Betsy Watts Garnier of Laguna Beach, a daughter of Burbank's Ben Watts. "It's almost like still having it in the family!" says Ben, who was born there! And — talks wistfully about revisiting his birthplace!

During her visit in 1971, Sister Mary Clara would be told the Wattses would always be welcome in "The Watts House of Mexico!"

Of it Arizona's Douglas Daily Dispatch, in its June 18, 1938 issue, would say, "La Cuesta, with its great white walled house and corrals, is still a well-known landmark in the Nacozari district."

It is likely to become even better known! For it is near both a railroad and an improved highway enticing tourists south!

Those whom its builder entertained there included prominent Mexicans, Englishmen and Americans. And among others who enjoyed its hospitality was Watts' friend, William Randolph Hearst. One cannot see "The Castle on the Hill" — or even a good picture of it — without the conviction that it was the inspiration for Hearst's own hilltop castle. But any doubt is removed when one learns that —

Watts, fluent in both Spanish and English, called the place on which he had built his castle — a place English was never spoken unless English-speaking guests were present — "The Enchanted Hill"!

No more chance — it was that name his friend, years later, would give to the hill on which he built San Simeon Castle — "La Cuesta Encantada"!

A fascinating tale — told by the heir and namesake of the author of Ben Watts' Trail Log — with a little help from a nun who once lived in a castle!

Established 1902
Published Evenings Except Sunday
Douglas Dispatch, Inc.
520 11th St. Box H Douglas, AZ 85607
Phone 364-3424

Aaron E. Loney	Publisher
Richard Whitts	Advertising Manager
Joyce Smith	News Editor
Albert Young	Production Superintendent
Connie Hoyos	Office Manager



✓
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
TO
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Deceased

State South Carolina
City Edgefield
Name of Chapter Old 96 District

National Number 187511

(Miss or Mrs.) Sallie Struthers Hoenigsmuth

Wife or Widow of Daniel Brunson Hoenigsmuth

Residence Edgefield S.C.

DESCENDANT OF

John Watts & wife Margaret Pollard

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and her application.

22 January, 1924

(Mrs) Susan B. Hill
Chapter Regent.

Agatha A. Woodson
(Rec) Chapter Secretary.

Mrs Elizabeth L. Swann
Chapter Registrar.

Application and duplicate received by National Society OCT 9 1924, 1924

Fees received by National Society 1 October 7th 1924

Application examined and approved NOV 23 1925, 1925

Inez S. Stansfield
Registrar General.

Accepted by the National Board of Management _____, 1925

Recording Secretary General.

Indorsement for membership at large

State Regent.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society. Two names of endorsers required, one of whom at least must live in the same town in which the applicant resides, provided there is a Chapter in that town. If there is no Chapter, at least one of the endorsers must be a resident in that State.

Name Mrs J. H. Cantelero

Residence Edgefield S.C.

Name Mrs J. H. Peak

Residence Edgefield S.C.

When filled out and properly endorsed, the application must be forwarded to the Treasurer General, N. S. D. A. R., Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D. C., with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society.

LINEAGE

I Sally Wither Polkington being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from John Watts

who was born in Virginia on the 17 day of Oct 1704 and died in Richmond Co S.C. on the 18 day of Oct 1812

His place of residence during the Revolution was Old 96 Dist. Rich. James Co.

I was born in Georgia County of Baker S.C.
State of Georgia

1. I am the daughter of David Strother born 1846 died 1910 and his () wife* Anna Ball Scurry born 1850 died 1914 married 1868

2. The said Anna Ball Scurry was the daughter of James R. Scurry born 1827 died 1871 and his () wife Ella W. Ball born 1829 died 1880 married 1860

3. The said Ella W. Ball was the daughter of John Ball born 1800 died 1834 and his () wife Narcissa Watts born 1801 died 1870 married 1829

4. The said Narcissa Watts was the daughter of John Watts born 1804 died 1812 and his () wife Margaret Pollard born 1766 died 1848 married 1788

5. The said John Watts was the son of James Watts born 1724 died 1781 and his () wife Bessannah Taylor born 1731 died 1781 married 1760

6. The said James Watts was the son of Margaret Pollard born 1766 died 1848 and his () wife Richard born 1766 died 1848 married 1788

7. The said Margaret Pollard was the daughter of James Co S.C. born 1766 died 1848 and his () wife Richard born 1766 died 1848 married 1788

8. The said James Co S.C. was the son of Richard born 1766 died 1848 and his () wife Richard born 1766 died 1848 married 1788

9. The said Richard was the son of Richard born 1766 died 1848 and his () wife Richard born 1766 died 1848 married 1788

10. The said Richard was the son of Richard born 1766 died 1848 and his () wife Richard born 1766 died 1848 married 1788

And he, the said John Watts is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of (He was called Capt. John Watts) Patriot

*Wife in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful wife.

Date of marriage may be substituted for dates of birth and death where such date proves the soldier to have been living during the Revolution and of a suitable age for service.

Resolution adopted by the Twenty-fourth Continental Congress:

Descendants of polygamous marriage are not acceptable as members of this Society.

Do not encroach on this margin, which is needed for binding

Any woman not less than eighteen years of age, who is descended from a man or woman who gave unfailing loyal service to the cause of American Independence as a recognized patriot, soldier, sailor, or civil officer, in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States, is eligible to membership in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; *provided* she is personally acceptable.

Official proof of service must be furnished with the application; also references to authorities quoted, to show line of descent. *Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records, the applicant must file duplicate certified copies of same.* Statements based upon tradition alone cannot be considered.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

✓ The Historical Commission
Columbia show that John
Watts served his Country in
the war of the Revolution -
by furnishing 250 lbs of beef
for Continental use in 1783,

John Watts with his father and two
brothers - George & Richard Watts were
Deputies in the war of the Rev -
in S.C. They lived in 96 District -
now Laurens Co S.C. where
many of their descendants still
reside (Judge R. C. Watts being
one -)

His son - Col. Beaufort Taylor Watts - was Secy -
of State in S.C., later - Charge d'affaires to the
Republic of Columbia, S.A. He also served as
Secy of the Legation - at St. Petersburg, under
Ambassador Middleton - then as S. Minister to R -
It is through letters to Col. Watts from relatives in Va
that the family in S.C. has learned so much of
interest to the S.C. branch of the family, these
letters are in possession of W. M. Ball, Editor of "The State"

Give below references, by volume and page, to the documentary or other authorities upon which you found your record.

(Ship Indent)
No 148) claims against South Carolina
Book O. growing out of the Red
Book O-O, Page 1361

Pay issued 11 day april 1785-
to John Watts

Images taken from paper in General's Office 1789-1780

Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married

- (1) to Margaret Pollard at Va. July 2, 1788
(2) to at 1
(3) to at 1

CHILDREN

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married
Beaufort Taylor Watts	Apr 10-1789	Mrs. Mannd d 1869
Mahilda Watts	Dec 20, 1790	Vaughan
Edgar Kemm Watts	Dec 14, 1792	Watts
Phyllon Watts	Jan 13, 1793	Nasir-Jones
Richard Watts	Apr 8, 1797	Brooks 2 Chappell
Louisa Watts	May 30, 1799	(deceased) Jones
Marcissa Watts	May 29, 1801	John Ball d. 1876
John Pollard Watts	Jan 20, 1806	Cambell 2 Mathis
Carmelia Watts	Aug 16, 1807	Williams
Eliza Watts	Oct 6, 1809	Hill

The following form of acknowledgment is required:

Applicant further says that the said John Watts
(name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived), is the ancestor mentioned in the fore-
going application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her
knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant)

Sallie S. Hollingsworth

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

Edgefield SC

this

12th

day of

Sept

A.D. 1924

[SEAL]

L. May
C. C. C. C. C.

NAMES	SEX	AGE	Days with fever or other disease	Country of Birth	RELIGION	ORIGIN
NAMES	SEX	AGE	Days with fever or other disease	Country of Birth	RELIGION	ORIGIN
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
John	M	5	x	C	Ch. Eng.	Eng.
John	F	18	x	England		
John	M	22	x			
John	F	57	x	Ireland	R. Catholic	Ireland
John	M	70	x	C	Ch. Eng.	Eng.
John	F	53	x	Ireland	R. Catholic	Ireland
John	M	21	x	C	Ch. Eng.	Eng.
John	M	16	x		R. Catholic	Ireland
John	M	17	x		Ch. Eng.	Eng.
John	M	15	x			
John	F	12	x		R. Catholic	Ireland
John	M	10	x		Ch. Eng.	Eng.
John	M	40	x	Ireland	Presb.	Ireland
John	F	48	x	C		
John	M	18	x			
John	F	16	x			
John	F	14	x			
John	M	58	x	England	Ch. Eng.	Eng.
John	F	30	x	C		
John	F	28	x			
John	M	19	x			
John	F	13	x			

* Watt

of Ontario

District No. 20 Niagara

Schedule No. 1.—Nominal Return

Name	Sex	Age	Born within last twelve months	Country or Province of Birth	Religion	Origin
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Trick, John	M	7	-	0	C of England	Irish
" Edward	M	5	-	"	"	"
" Mary	F	2	-	"	"	"
Houseworth William	M	15	-	"	"	"
Trick, Ann	F	8 1/2	-	United States	"	"
Bruce Robert	M	32	-	Ireland	C of Scotland	Scottish
" Flora	F	22	-	Scotland	"	"
" Thomas B	M	16	-	0	"	"
" Robert D	M	13	-	"	"	"
" James B	M	12	-	"	"	"
" Annie A	F	10	-	"	"	"
" Ann W	F	3	-	"	"	"
Hall Thomas B	M	48	-	England	C of England	Scottish
" Emily	F	50	-	"	"	English
" Emily D	F	24	-	"	"	Irish
" Richard B	M	22	-	"	"	"
" Julia M	F	20	-	0	"	"
" Mary S	F	18	-	"	"	"
" Agnes M B	F	16	-	"	"	"
" William	M	14	-	"	"	"
		17				

Names	Sex	Age	Days under twelve months	Profession, Trade, or Occupation	Religion	Ethnicity
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Hall Hugh	M	9		0	C of England	Scotch
" " Theresa	F	6		"	"	"
Purcell Jane	F	18		3	C of Scotland	Irish
Neel Frederick S	M	64		England	C of England	English
" " Mary	F	43		"	"	"
" " Emily	F	19		0	"	"
" " Annie	F	17		"	"	"
" " Frederick	M	15		"	"	"
" " Benjamin	M	13		"	"	"
" " Mary	M	11		"	"	"
" " Alfred	M	7		"	"	"
Garrison Margaret	F	14		England	"	"
Cooper Charles	M	64		0	Baptist	Scotch
" " Cordelia	F	57		United States	"	German
Stone Joseph S	M	33		0	"	English
" " Elizabeth	F	33		"	"	Scotch
" " Frederick W	M	8		"	"	English
Carton James	M	18		England	C of England	English
Neve Henry	M	42		0	Baptist	German
" " Mary	F	24		0	C of England	English

Sholden 1861 Kent, ENGLAND (Near Deal)

The undermentioned House

				The undermentioned House			
Parish (or Township) of		City or Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parish	
Sholden							
No. of Inhabitants	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Sex	Age
		In-occupied	Un-occupied (A, B, or Building - E)				
25	Parsonage House	1		William Cobb	Head	M	45
				Jane G. do	Wife	F	40
				William S. do	Son	M	15
				William S. do	Son	M	12
				George S. do	Son	M	10
				Ann Ketherick	Serv	F	25
				J. Walbridge "Safford"	Serv	M	20
26	The Paddock	1		Anna M. Scott	Head	F	40
				Julia F. do	Serv	F	15
				Lidia Elgar	Serv	F	20
				J. Elgar Spinner	Serv	M	25
27	do Cottages	1		John Percival	Head	M	45
				Martha do	Wife	F	40
				William do	Serv	M	15
28	Drave Road Cottages	1		William Percival	Head	M	45
	Sholden Down			Mary E. do	Wife	F	40
				Samuel S. do	Serv	M	15
				Lucy do	Serv	F	12
29		1		Stephen Marsh	Head	M	45
				Rachel do	Wife	F	40
30		1		James Curlew	Head	M	45
				Jane do	Wife	F	40
				Thomas S. do	Serv	M	15
31		1		George Howland	Head	M	45
				Jane do	Wife	F	40
7	Total of Houses...	7		Total of Males and Females			

Deal, Kent, ENGLAND 1841

Means born in Kent

HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
	1	Mary Norris		15	+ F. S.	✓	
	1	Edward Haywood	30		Glaz. Painter	✓	
		Martha D ^c		30		✓	
		Julia D ^c		10		✓	
		Ellen D ^c		8		✓	
	1	Edward D ^c	4			✓	
		Frederic D ^c	2			✓	
		Jane Wood		20	+ F. S.	✓	
	1	William Watt	50		Surgeon		✓ Born in Scotland
		Anna D ^c		50		✓	
		Thomas D ^c	15		Surgeon Ap.	✓	
		Julia D ^c		13		✓	
		John Bridger	65		+ M. S.	✓	
		Jane Barwick		25	+ F. S.	✓	
		Harriet Hyder		15	+ F. S.	✓	
	1	William Bax	40		Blacksmith	✓	
		Emma D ^c		40		✓	
		Robert D ^c	15			✓	
		William D ^c	13			✓	
		Rebecca D ^c		8		✓	
		Sarah D ^c		7		✓	
		John D ^c	Months 2			✓	
	1	Mary Staltes		80		✓	
	12	George Trott	20		Mariner	✓	

December 27, 1982

Mike Watt

Anaheim, CA 92802

Dear Mike,

I don't know if the information attached is going to be of help or not.

We know that August Dahlberg was born in Sweden. I understand Aunt Alice has obtained a copy of his death certificate and will be sending that to you. The month and date of his birth are generally agreed to be correct but the year is questionable as I have indicated. When he came to America is unknown. I've asked various family members about Grandpa Dahlberg but there just isn't any information to pass along. All of the information there is would have to come from Melvin or Alice since they are the only surviving children of August and Matilda Dahlberg.

We know more about the Olson (maternal side) of the family since they have passed on stories and background through the years.

Lars and Ragnild Olson were weavers in Norway. Ragnild changed her name when she arrived in America (from Rancell) and her three daughters also changed their names. I have shown the original name in parenthesis so you can follow the story if you receive information from other sources.

Lars and Ragnild immigrated from Norway during the 1890s. They landed in New York and continued on to St. Peter, Minnesota. Their oldest son, Ole, came to America first and began sending for the rest of the family as he had the money. His brothers came one at a time, steerage class, and joined him in St. Peter. His mother and father and two sisters made the trip together and were the last of the family to come to America. It was a month long voyage and Matilda (Grandma Dahlberg) and Bessie both contracted a skin disease which caused total baldness on Grandma and almost total baldness on Bessie. Grandma always wore a wig and I never knew she was bald until she was hospitalized just before her death.

The family homesteaded in St. Peter on a farm -- a very lovely home which is still there and where I spent a couple of summers when I was quite young. I remember Grandpa, Granda, Tom and Bessie. The others had died before I was of an age to know and/or remember them.

Bessie never married. She remained on the farm her entire life. She seemed content to stay and care for her bachelor brothers. It was a lonely life toward the end and I remember her telling Ward and me "Well, I've buried all my family, outlived them all, and I'm getting tired". However, she was still the matriarch of the family and you had to remember to bring a six-pack when you went to see her or you had to go back to town to get one.

August and Matilda (Grandpa and Grandma Dahlberg) moved to South Minneapolis when they married. All of their children were born at home. The house is still there and the neighborhood hasn't changed that much. I have very vivid, lovely memories of that house and the times we had there.

Kenneth and Beatrice stayed in South Minneapolis after their marriage; Leonard and Esther moved to North Minneapolis (Camden) area; Alice and George also moved to North Minneapolis in the Theodore Worth Park area; Melvin and Fern moved to California; and Stanley and Vivian stayed at the home place to be with Grandma after they were married.

Your mom and uncles and aunts, with the possible exception of Marilyn, should remember the house -- they lived there until Grandma's death in 1952 when Stanley and Vivian moved to California to be with Vivian's family who had moved there earlier.

It's very strange to write about my family using only first names -- to me they're Grandma and Grandpa, Aunt Alice and Aunt Viv, Uncle Mel, Uncle Stan -- grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins -- family.

There isn't much to write about those who are in my generation. You can get this information first-hand from your aunts and uncles.

Jim lives in Simi Valley and I've only seen him and his wife once -- at Dave and Gladys' wedding.

I see Jeanette three or four times a year -- since we both work it's not easy to find a convenient time for both of us. Jeanette graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota as did her husband, Jon. Their oldest son, David, is attending the University of Minnesota; Stephen is attending St. Olaf (fourth generation Rondestvedt on campus at St. Olaf); Paul and Ann are at home. They live in a suburb of Minneapolis, have a lovely home, and a lovely family.

Tom is at home. He went to a music college in Colorado for two years and is an accomplished organist. He had a pipe organ custom built and installed upstairs in the house which is absolutely fantastic.

Unfortunately, I don't see Carol or Arlene that much -- showers, weddings and funerals. They both have families and live a distance from us. Also, they are both just that much younger than me so we never really moved in the same circles during our younger years.

And then there's me and my sister, Judy. Your mom or Dave and Gladys should be able to fill you in on us. We've been to California several times for visits and Judy spent two years in California after attending the University of Minnesota.

I know you didn't ask for a novel when you wrote, but it's easier for me to see where everyone fits in the family this way. There's five generations that I know. The sixth generation is yet to be added as you and your generation begin your families or as you are able to go further back into your ancestry.

Greet your mom and everyone else from Ward and me -- I hope this makes some sense to you.

Bev Woodwick
3195 Kent Street S.W.
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Lars Olson -- Ragnild Olson

Immigrated from Norway sometime during the 1890s. They landed in New York and continued on to St. Peter, Minnesota where they homesteaded land and farmed.

Matilda Olson -- August Dahlberg (Turi)

Matilda Born: Norway 4-14-1873
Died: Mpls. 9-27-1952

August Born: Sweden 11-17-1869 (1871)
Died: Mpls. 11-25-1940

Kenneth Dahlberg
Born: Mpls.
1-20-1907
Died: Mpls.
11-01-1970

Leonard Dahlberg
Born: Mpls.
02-06-1908
Died: Buffalo, MN
01-21-1981

Alice Neadle
Born: Mpls.
07-03-1910

Melvin Dahlberg
Born: Mpls.
12-17-1911

Stanley Dahlberg
Born: Mpls.
- -1913
Died: Los Angeles, CA
- -1959

Beverly Woodwick
Born: Mpls.
03-14-1936

Carol Hontz
Born: Mpls.
10-19-1940

Jeanette Rondestvedt
Born: Mpls.
03-12-1938

Jim Dahlberg
Born: Mpls.

Delores Watt
Born: Mpls.

David Dahlberg
Born: Mpls.

Judith Kay Bangerter
Born: Mpls.
02-11-1940

Arlene Erickson
Born: Mpls.
08-14-1942

Thomas Neadle
Born: Mpls.
10-11-1942

Shirley
Born: Mpls.

Marilyn
Born: Mpls.

Douglas Dahlberg
Born: Mpls.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Lars Olson -- Ragnild Olson

Matilda Olson -- August Dahlberg

Kenneth Dahlberg M: Beatrice Becker	Leonard Dahlberg M: Esther Stevenson	Alice Dahlberg M: George Neadle	Melvin Dahlberg M: Fern McCutchan	Stanley Dahlberg M: Vivian McCutchan
Beverly Dahlberg M: Ward Woodwick	Carol Dahlberg M: Homer Hontz	Jeanette Neadle M: Jon Rondestvedt	Jim Dahlberg M:	Delores Dahlberg M:
Judy Dahlberg M: Scott Bangerter	Arlene Dahlberg M: Harland Erickson	Thomas Neadle M: -----		David Dahlberg M: Gladys
				Shirley Dahlberg M:
				Marilyn Dahlberg M:
				Douglas Dahlberg M: -----
Ann Marie Bangerter Brian Scott Bangerter	Renee Hontz Jennifer Hontz Mark Hontz Chris Erickson Carla Erickson Cory Erickson Chad Erickson Clay Erickson	David Rondestvedt Stephen Rondestvedt Paul Rondestvedt Ann Rondestvedt		(you should have all the names and dates for the families desending thru your grandfather and grandmother - Stan and Vivian)

Lars Olson -- Ragnild Olson

Matilda Olson (Turi)	Bessie Olson (Birgit)	Louis Olson	Julia Olson (Duri)	Oslie Olson	Ole Olson	Thomas Olson
Born: Norway 04-14-1873	Born: Norway 1876	Born: Norway 1869	Born: Norway	Born: Norway	Born: Norway	Born: Norway
Died: Mpls. 09-27-1952	Died: St. Peter 1962	Died: ? 1936	Died: St. Paul ?	Died: St. Peter ?	Died: St. Peter ?	Died: St. Peter ?

Married:

Married:

August Dahlberg

Unmarried

Married - but
there is no
information
as to where he
moved with his
wife. She was
a widow with 1
child and it is
thought that
they adopted 1
more child after
their marriage.

Unmarried

Unmarried

Unmarried