

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Cross R2519 Easter fn42NC
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State of Missouri County of St. Louis: In the County Court February Term 1833

On this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of the County of St. Louis, Zacariah Cross a resident of said County and of the State aforesaid aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath doth make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That on the 25th day of March in the year 1777 he entered as a volunteer and William Hicks's Company in Sullivan County in the State of North Carolina that the troops along with which this declarant served were commanded by Colonel Isaac Shelby and Major Anthony Bledsoe, that he so remained and served for the space of nine months, that during that period he was not in any general action, but on one occasion was engaged in a skirmish with the Indians on Clinch River. That in the month of September in the year 1779 he again volunteered and served in Captain Maxwell's company in Sullivan County aforesaid for two months. That in the month of September in the year 1781 he again entered service as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Wallace and served in the company commanded by said Wallace until the 24th day of December in the year last aforesaid during which time, he was in the State of South Carolina, and while there was present and engaged in an attack on a British Fort which was carried, and 80 prisoners made who were taken to Cambden [Camden] in South Carolina. In the month of October in the year 1782 again entered service as a volunteer in the company of Captain Hubbard. That the troops were commanded by Colonel Anderson and Colonel Sevier that he served in said Company of Captain Hubbard under the command of Colonels Anderson and Sevier from October in the last mentioned year until late in the month of November following during which period of service they were engaged in hostile operations against the Cherokee Indians with whom they had frequent skirmishes. That except in the expedition against the Cherokees the different companies in which he served were always under Colonel Shelby as the commanding officer. That the whole of his military services were performed in that region of Country now comprehended within the limits of the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. That he has never received a certificate of discharge from any of the officers commanding the different companies in which he served nor has ever receive a certificate of discharge from any person, though he never left in a

company in which he served without the same being regularly discharged from further duty by the proper officers. That in the year 1783 declarant removed from Sullivan County aforesaid to the District or Country now known by the name of West Tennessee where he resided for four years, or nearly that time, that in the month of May in the year 1787 declarant left West Tennessee, and went to Logan County in the State of Kentucky, within about three miles of the town of Russellville where he remained for forty years, that in the month of October in the year 1829 declarant came from Logan County aforesaid to the County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri at which place he now resides, and has resided since he left Kentucky. That this declarant knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the facts herein set forth, nor, has he any documentary evidence by which he can prove the services by him performed as above stated, and is wholly unable to prove said services or any of them, by either oral, or written testimony. And this declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. That declarant further states that he was born as he has been informed and believes on the 25th day of March in the year 1761 in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written in open Court

S/ Henry Chauteau, Clerk

S/ Zacariah Cross, X his mark

In the said Court do hereby profound to the said Zachariah Crossed the said declarant the following interrogatories, which with the answers thereto make part and parcel of the above declaration.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. On the 25th of March 1761 in Baltimore County Maryland

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have no record of my age in my possession. There is a statement of my birth in a Bible in the possession of my sister in Tennessee.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. I was living at the time I entered service at the place stated in the declaration above subscribed and sworn to by me, and have lived at the different places therein set forth and now live in the County of St. Louis aforesaid.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. I served as a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was the only regular officer whose name I recollect as in command over the troops while I was in service and this only during the time that I served in South Carolina as stated in my declaration. I do not recollect the names of any of the Continental Regiments with which the Regiment to which my company belonged served. My company formed a part of the Regiment of Colonel Shelby the general nature of the service in which I was engaged is truly stated in said declaration by me subscribed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court this eighth of February 1833

S/ Henry Chouteau, Clerk

S/ Zacariah Cross, X his mark

[G. M. Call, Richard B. Dallam and Benjamin Fallon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On March 3, 1845, in White County Illinois, Robert F Cross filed a claim on behalf of himself and the children of Easter Cross stating that he is a son of Zachariah and Easter Cross; that his father was a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$40 per annum; that he died February 27 1838 in Wayne County Illinois; that he was survived by his wife Easter Cross who died December 21st, 1841; that his mother was survived by the following children: Rachel McDonald, William Cross, Mary Funkhouser, Ednay Reeves, James Cross, Oliver V. Cross, Robert F Cross; that William Cross resides in Alabama; Oliver, if living, in Missouri territory and all the others in the state of Illinois; that his parents were married in Logan County Kentucky in the year 1792. S/ R. F. Cross

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R F Cross", written in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box.

[facts in file: the widow whose maiden name was Easter Johnston; she died without leaving a will; fn p. 22 : John Johnston of gave testimony in White County Illinois that he was present on August 15, 1792 in Logan County Kentucky when his sister, Eastern Johnston married Zachariah Cross and that they were married by clergyman by the name of Grammar.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]