

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Asahel (Acil) Cross R2523

Temperance fn44NC

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State of Tennessee Morgan County: SS

On this the 28th day of March 1839 personally appeared before me Thomas Jack a Justice of the peace in and for said County Temperance Cross a resident citizen of Morgan County State of Tennessee who was born the 17th day of February 1763, and after being duly sworn for that purpose, on he [sic, her] oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed 7th July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, that she is the widow of Acil Cross, who to her best knowledge and belief volunteered in North Carolina to serve nine months, sometime about the first of March 1779 or 1780 agreeable to her best opinion to serve nine months as a nine months man of said State. She is not certain as to the Captain under whom he served but she recollects of hearing him speak of serving under Major Tatum and General Lincon [sic, Benjamin Lincoln], and at some part of the time of his service transferred to Colonel Littles [sic probably a reference to Archibald Lytle's] Regiment and serving with Regulars, and of being in some engagement at Stono, and of marching through North Carolina and Georgia and South Carolina and of being in service near Charleston and being stationed at some corner near Charleston, for many months and of being discharged by General Lincoln himself, and having a discharge which she has seen, that she has no knowledge what became of it, and of his being in the Battle of the hanging Rock (at some Period of the war) and finally of his living and being in Wilkes County North Carolina, his engaging to serve three months she believes as a volunteer under Captain ___ and Colonel Locke and, serving part of the three months under Colonel Malbede [sic, perhaps a reference to Colonel Malmedy] and was she distinctly recollects of hearing him say that he thought in the Eutaw Springs Battle by the side of Manoah Dyer¹ a Pensioner living near Declarant but in the edge of Capbell [sic, Campbell?] County. She has no record of her husband's service nor of her age. She positively states that she was married to her Deceased husband the said Acil Cross in [sic, on] the 21st day of March, next ensuing after the siege of York, in Rowan County North Carolina by Justice named Menater, his first name not known, that she has no record of her said Marriage, and lived as husband [and] wife with her said husband until the 18th day of October 1818 at which time he died in Wilkes County North Carolina he died of pain in the side and

¹ [Manoah Dyer S2532](#)

puking and that she has not married since her said husband's death. She positively states that she was not married to her said husband prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ Thomas Jack, JP

S/ Temperance Cross, X her mark

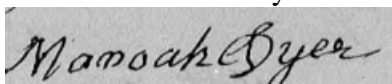
[fn p. 31]

State of Tennessee Morgan County: Personally appeared before me Thomas Jack in and for said County Manoah Dyer a Revolutionary Pensioner whose statements are entitled to full credit and on his oath states that Acil Cross served three months with him in the summer and fall of 1781 under Captain Alexander Gordon and Colonel Frank Locke [Francis Locke] and Colonel Malbody [Malmedy], affiant in said Acil Cross both entering service from the same neighborhood, in Wilkes County North Carolina, and that some short time after said tour of service, said Cross married Temperance Dadman [?] that affiant was in the same mess with said Cross and knew him very well, that Temperance Crossed the widow of said Acil Cross now lives not far from affiant, and affiant knew said Cross until his death in North Carolina said Cross died somewhere about 20 years past and his widow has not married since his death.

Sworn and Subscribed this 29th March 1839 before me

S/ Thomas Jack, JP

S/ Manoah Dyer

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manoah Dyer".

[fn p. 8: on March 28, 1839, Henry Hamby & Sally Hamby, his wife, gave testimony in Morgan Carolina; that Sally Hamby was the fourth child of Acil Cross, deceased, and his widow Temperance Cross; that they are convinced that Rebecca Holdway, the oldest child of Sally's parents, will be 56 years old on May 2 next; that Sally's parents were married March 21st, 1782 in Rowan County North Carolina.]

[fn p. 9: on July 31, 1852 in Morgan County Tennessee, Rebecca Holdway testified that she is in her 70th year being the first child of Mrs. temperance Cross born in Rowan County North Carolina May 2, 1783; that she is the first child of Asahel Cross, deceased, a soldier of the revolutionary war; that her parents were married March 21, 1782 which he thinks was in an old record but that her mother loaned the old Bible to a man by the name of Elliott who by accident dropped the Bible in a stone mill and it was destroyed; that her mother's youngest child, Abraham H. Cross, is now in the 49th year of his age; that her (Rebecca's) younger sister Sally Hamby is six years younger than herself; that Sally was married November 29, 1810; that Sally is the fourth child of her parents; that Abraham H Cross was married sometime in the year 1829 or 1830; that she, Rebecca, was married to John Holdway , deceased, November 14th, 1805.

[fn p. 5: on October 2, 1854, in Scott County Tennessee, A. H. Cross, 51, a resident of Scott County, filed a claim for the pension due his mother temperance Cross, he being one of the surviving children of Asahel or Acil Cross and his widow Temperance; he alleges that his mother died August 19, 1853 leaving the following surviving children, Rebecca Holdway, Sarah Hamby, Nancy McPeters, Fanny Dickson and affiant.]

[fn p. 42]

Mr. Robert A. Dabney

Sir

Your letter of the 23rd Ultimo was received a few days pass, requesting information respecting the services of Acel Cross in the War of the Revolution. I regret that I am compelled to say his name does not appear on the rolls in the Office of Secretary of State of North Carolina, I have carefully searched for it there. There are only two persons of the name of Cross on the rolls, one is Autry a three years man enlisted 14th June 1779 in Captain Bradley's Company of the 10th Regiment and omitted October 1779. The other Stephen a private in Captain Carter's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the 19th May 1781 for 12 months and served out his time.

Major Tatum under whom it is said Acel Cross served, was and Officer of the regular Army of the revolution. I have no militia rolls and cannot therefore give any information as to Militia service.

Yours respectfully

S/ Wm Hill

The fee for a search is only ten cents & not having the change our return the money sent me. WH