

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cross R2526 VA
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State of Kentucky } S.S.
County of Muhlenberg }

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County Court of Muhlenberg, now sitting William Cross a resident of the County aforesaid & State aforesaid aged seventy three 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 7th 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was drafted about the year 1778 the precise time he does not recollect, entered the regiment of Col. David Mason in Sussex County, Virginia, he was drafted for eighteen months that he marched to Williamsburg Virginia, and served some length of time but how long he cannot recollect That owing to the delicate state of health of this applicant's father, he was induced to hire a substitute for the remainder of the Term. That he received a discharge from Col David Mason which he has lost or mislaid. He does not now recollect the names of any of the other officers belonging to that Regiment.

That afterwards, but in what year he does not recollect he served three tours of militia in all about three months under the command of Capts. Laurence Smith Robert Jones & Nicholas Wilson, all of whom were of Sussex County & State aforesaid.

That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That he was a resident of Sussex County & State of Virginia, that he removed to the State of Kentucky in the year 1804 to Muhlenberg County where he now resides

He hereby relinquishes 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Wm. Cross

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Muhlenberg County Sct [30 Dec 1833]

Before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County came William Cross Sr. and made the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain a pension

He would state as in the original that in the year 1778 he believes he was drafted as therein stated for eighteen months and after having marched with the troops to Williamsburgh Va. And continued there some days for some troops that had just recovered from the Small Pocks and from the causes stated in his original declaration he was induced to hire a substitute for the ballance of the time And he did then & there hire a man by the nam of Flake as well as he now recollects of Norfolk Va that he paid Flake for substiting one hundred & Thirty pounds Virginia money. that he dilived said substitute to the Colo. commandant who gave this deponant a discharge for eighteen months service which has been lost as stated in his original declaration This deponent then started home leaving the Army at Williamsburg

In his original declaration he has stated that he served three Towers of Militia duty; he cannot now recollect the year of service but he knows he was in this service ninety days the length of time has been so great and he has now become so frail that he cannot recollect so as to give days and dates with the solmny of an oath attached thereto

He would state that he was born on the 1st day of June 1759 near Hampton Elizabeth County Va I think my Father removed to Susex County Va. when this deponant was verry young

My age was kept by Father in the family Bible
I live in the neighbourhood of Capt Jesse Reno Charles Morehaed Esq'r. Bryan C. Bennet esq'r &
Charles Tyler esq'r. who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a
Soldier of the Revolution [signed] William Cross

Kentucky } Sct
Muhlenberg County } [3 May 1834]

William Cross makes the following additional amendment to his declaration for a pension under
the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

He states positively that he was in the service in the year 1778 in the Regiment of Colo D Mason
at Williamsburg Va six days before he hired Mr Flake as a substitute and then received the discharge
mentioned in his Original and amended declaration hereto annexed [signed] Wm Cross