

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Francis Ash R274

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia Frederick County Sct.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1850 personally appeared before me Rich'd. McSydnor a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Elizabeth Ash a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy eight years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Francis Ash who was a private in Capt [blank] Company drafted from Virginia militia and served a tour of six months [see endnote] this tour of duty was performed in the year [blank]. That the said Francis ash was drafted and served a tour of six months in the year seventeen hundred and [blank] in Capt [blank] Company Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War. She further declares that she was marred to the said Francis Ash on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine that her Husband the aforesaid Francis Ash died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April in the the year eighteen hundred and twenty eight. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service , but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and Ninety four, Viz. at the time above stated She farther states that her husband the said Francis Ash said that he served one of the tours above mentioned as a substitute for his Father George Ash that the other tour above mentioned was in fulfilment of a requisition made upon himself  
Elizabeth herXmark Ash

[8 Aug 1850] The deposition of James Blackmore, aged seventy seven years, Testifies that he was well acquainted with Francis Ash that the said Francis Ash was the son of George Ash, and this affiant married the daughter of the said George Ash, and sister of the said Francis Ash – that after the death of the said George Ash which happened in the year 1807, this affiant was present when the Executor examined the papers left by the said George Ash, among said papers, was found an honorable discharge for a tour of six months service, performed in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine, by the said Francis Ash as a draft from Virginia Militia, in the Revolutionary War. affiant read said discharge. It was at the same time stated by the said Francis Ash, that on the ninth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, he again joined company of drafted militiamen, and served as such till after the surrender of Cornwallace at York Town in Virginia [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], that said Francis Ashe stated that in consequence of the great excitement and confusion after said surrender, that he was discharged from the service, without receiving a written discharge for said Tour. – The above information was received as above stated, and affirmed by frequent conversations among the members of the Family, who are all long since dead – affiant further states that he heard Thomas Adams say that he messed with Francis Ash in the tour of 1779, and that he heard George Johnson and Aquilla Dyson say they messed with the said Francis Ash in the tour of 1781, the said Adams, Johnson and Dyson are all dead many years since. – The said Francis Ash resided in Fauquier County in the state of Virginia at the time the foregoing service was alleged to have been performed. [signed] James Blackmore

[27 Aug 1850] The deposition of Benjamin Stinson aged eighty three years, Testifies that he was well acquainted with Francis Ash, in the time of the Revolutionary War, that he lived in the same neighborhood, in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia. This affiant saith that the said Francis Ash served as a Malitia man in the Revolutionary War that he served some whare towards Philadelphia as this affiant then understood but how long he served he cannot say

Benjamin hisXmark Stinson