

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Ireland R5494

Nancy Ireland

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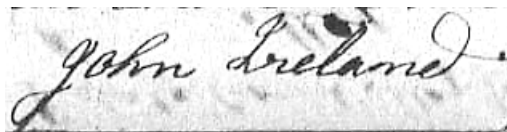
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The State of Indiana, St. Joseph County: St. Joseph Probate Court May Term 1848

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1848 Before the Probate Court of said County now sitting, in and for said County, Personally appeared John Ireland a resident of the vicinity Mishawanka [Mishawaka], in the County and State aforesaid aged 67 years who being first duly sworn in open Court doth on oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain a pension that was due his mother the late Nancy Ireland, deceased, under the act of Congress, passed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1836, granting pensions to widows of Revolutionary Soldiers, that she was the widow of his father of the late James Ireland, deceased, who was a Revolutionary Soldier and served from Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina. That his said parents were married in Rowan County North Carolina on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1776, as appears by the family record of his parents, which is now in his possession, which is hereto attached, said record was made by my Father the said James Ireland in his own handwriting prior to A.D. 1800 when his said parents resided in near Cane Ridge in the County of Bourbon and State of Kentucky – and that he remembers of seeing said record as long ago as the year A.D. 1800 and that he has no doubt but that it contains the true date of the marriage of his said parents he does not know for certain but thinks he has heard his parents say that they were married by a Justice of the Peace named Sharp. That his parents resided in said in Rowan County North Carolina until about the year 1787, then moved to Bourbon County, in the State of Kentucky, where they resided until about the year 1805, or 6, then removed to Preble County of Ohio, where they live up to the decease of the said James Ireland, which took place about the year 1826 aged about 74 years when he died and that the said Nancy Ireland remained in Preble County until the year 1831, then removed to St. Joseph County, and State of Indiana, and that she died in Penn Township in the County of St. Joseph aforesaid at the residence of this deponent on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1839, aged about 86 years when she died, that she did not intermarried after the decease of her said husband, but remained a widow of to her decease and that her maiden name was Nancy Fleming, that she left children her surviving to wit: this deponent and William Ireland both of said St. Joseph County Indiana which are now living being her only children that survived her and our now living. That he has heard his father and mother relate the Revolutionary service of his said father which is as follows as near as he can recollect to wit: that his father was a resident of Rowan County North Carolina and went into the service of his Country in the early part of the Revolution being the year 1775 or the forepart of 1776, when he entered the service and before his marriage to Nancy Fleming as aforesaid and served six months under Captain William Knox of said Rowan County, in the capacity of first Sergeant, and that after his said marriage he served of terms in the capacity of Ensign, he does not recollect all the particulars of his father's service nor all of the Officers that he served under, thinks he served one term under Captain James Purviance and that

in 1780 & 81 and the Company commanded by Captain Bickerstaff [John Bickerstaff] in Colonel Martin's Regiment and that his father was at one time wounded when in service by a Tory, after they had taken the Tory prisoner. That after the pension law of March 1818 his father considered that he was entitled to a pension but was not willing to call on government for support but a short time before he died he had concluded to make application for a pension, but died soon after he had concluded to apply for a pension and therefore his application was not made. He refers to the proofs hereunto annexed and prays that the pension due to his said mother at her deceased may be granted to him and his brother William – being the only surviving children of his said father & further declarant saith not.

S/ John Ireland

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Ireland". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 7: On June 24, 1848 and St. Joseph County Indiana, William Ireland gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Mrs. Nancy Ireland deceased, reputed widow of James Ireland who was reputed to have been a Revolutionary Soldier; that Nancy died in Penn Township about September 3, 1839; that the affiant assisted in making her coffin and was present at the her burial. His relationship, if any, to the veteran or his widow is not stated.

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[p 8: On June 23, 1848 in St. Joseph County Indiana, Doctor John A Stiles gave testimony that he was the attending physician for Mrs. Ireland the reputed mother of John Ireland and widow of James Ireland, father of John Ireland; that she died some time in the fall of the year 1839; that she died in the house of said John Ireland.]

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State of Indiana, St. Joseph County

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County this day personally came John Ireland of lawful age who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he is the reputed son of James Ireland, and that he well remembers hearing his Father say that he entered the American Army in the spring of 1776 first as Sergeant, under Captain William Knox in (I think) the Continental regulars, that he served at that time six months, soon after his return home he was married I have heard him say that after that he served several Tours. One of which he spoke of as the Snow Campaign. Most of the time in South Carolina under Captain James Purviance as Ensign this was in the Summer of 1780. And from circumstances he must have continued through the following winter. As I have heard him tell of being in the Army at the time of the Ramsour's Battle [Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780] in Lincoln County North Carolina which was two weeks before the birth of one of his children And as he wished to see his Wife before the engagement, while the Army was marching to meet the Enemy, passing within a few miles of his house he left & went home not expecting the Battle to commence so soon he did not return to the Army until the battle was principally over, but still in time to discharge his Rifle at the Enemy. And although he had often shot when he had a good chance to kill, this was the only time he was certain of bringing down his man. This time he saw him Fall. This was about the first of June 1780. I well recollect of hearing him say that in the Winter following the British were in possession of a certain town, the name I do not recollect, and as the American Army

marched to attack them the British left and as the Small Pox was raging among them, as they retreated they left a corpse of an individual who had died with the Disease exposed probably with the intention of giving the Disease to the Americans. As soon as he could he left the Army & returned home & himself and all his family were inoculated & the child before spoken of was about six months old at this time. I well recollect hearing my mother say that while Father was out in the service (in the Army) that same winter, she had to tie her babe in the Chair, while she went out to milk her cow & feed the Cattle &c that at one time the Chair overset & child came near being burned to Death before she came in. All of the above conversations I well recollect of having from time to time with my Father & Mother.

S/ John Ireland

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Affidavit of David Purviance

I was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1766, and continued to reside there till after the close of the Revolutionary war, I was acquainted with James Ireland from my earliest recollection, till his deceased, many things relating to that war I recollect distinctly, But not being of age to be in the service myself, I knew those things only as matters of public & general notoriety. I may say that in that way, I knew that James Ireland served in the Revolutionary war for a considerable time, I am satisfied more than six months, but I cannot say with certainty. The first to I recollect certainly was under Captain William Knox, I recollect that he was in the war afterwards under General Griffith Rutherford, and I believe James Purviance was his Captain, at the time a battle was fought with the Tories at Ramseur's Mill, which took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1780, About the year 1777, he was married to Nancy Fleming – he died about the year 1826. – Leaving his Widow, and she died about eight years ago.

S/ David Purviance



Affirmed to & subscribed before me the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July A.D. 1847

S/ John F Ireland, JP



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Affidavit of David Ireland

I was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1765, and continued to reside there till after the close of the Revolutionary war, I was acquainted with James Ireland from my earliest recollection till his deceased, Being his Brother, I distinctly recollects that he was among the 1<sup>st</sup> soldiers that enlisted in that County, I further recollect that he served 6 months at that time under Captain William Knox as 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Shortly after his return home, he was married to Nancy Fleming I think about the year 1777. – I further recollect that he served one, 3 months Tour as an Ensign but cannot recollect the officers name, he served under, – I think he served another tour but my memory has so failed me that I cannot be positive.

He died about the year 1826, leaving Nancy Ireland his Widow, and I am satisfied from Information she died about 8 years ago – and that John Ireland of Mishawaka is there lawful heir.

S/ David Ireland

*David Ireland*

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Affidavit of David Foster

I was Born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1769, and continued to reside there until after the close of the Revolutionary war, I was intimately acquainted with James Ireland from my earliest recollection, My Father residing in the same neighborhood, – I am satisfied he served in the revolutionary war 6 months at one time whether before he was married I cannot say, – But one thing I distinctly recollect he was in the service after he was married, from the following circumstances, – the Tories came into the neighborhood to steal and commit depredations, and robbed my Father's house (this was in the night) Rosannah Steel and my mother ran over to James Ireland's to turn his horses out for fear the Tories would get them, he being absent on a tour, and his wife being at his Father's. I cannot recollect the officers names

S/ David Foster

*David Foster*

[John F Ireland, JP swore that all of the above affidavits were given in Saint Joseph County Indiana my credible witnesses.]

[p 16: Family Record:

Births	Births
James Ireland was born December 15, 1752	John Ireland was Born July 15, 1780
Agness Ireland was born October 14, 1753	Polly Ireland was born December 22 1784
Martha Ireland was born March 12, 1778	Sintha Ireland was born September 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1804
John Ireland was born July 15, 1780	Elizabeth Ireland was born October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1805
Peter F Ireland was born April 8, 1785	Alpheus Ireland was born January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1808
James Ireland was born May 26, 1788	Sally Ireland was born January 17 <sup>th</sup> 1810
William Ireland was born August 3, 1790	James Ireland was born January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1813
Jinny Ireland was born December 19, 1793	Polly M Ireland was born May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 1815
Sintha Ireland was born September 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1784	Luiza Ireland was born July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 1818
Elizabeth Ireland was born October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1805	Malisa Jane Ireland was born September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1825
Alpheus Ireland was born January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1800 [?]	Ann Ireland was born August 15, 1828
Marriages	
James Ireland and Nancy married October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 1776	
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[David Purviance, David Ireland, John Ireland and David Foster all gave affidavits in support of the claim.]