

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hananiah Rollens (Rollins) R8970 Martha Rollins f68NJ [MD]

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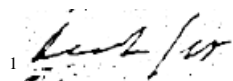
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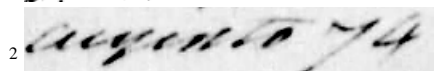
On this sixth day of September 1834 Personally appeared before me John Levingston, a Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County and State aforesaid which Court is a Court of record at the Rising Sun in Randolph Township in Said County, Hanniah Rollens [sic] a Resident of said Township aged seventy-three years on the 13th of August last, 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 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following Officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in the militia of New Jersey in Salem County for one month and served the United States for that period under Capt. John Kelly in the year 1778 to Guard the Shores against the Refugees & British – that he served out the month and was regularly discharged –

That he then volunteered under Capt. Sayr [?] in the service of the United States and served one week on the Expedition to Guard the droves of Cattle & Horses for the American Army – then volunteered again in the Service of the United States under Capt. Charlton Shepard to guard Hancock Bridge, and served upon this Expedition two weeks, during which time they were attacked by the Gun boats, and very near put to death, he was taken prisoner, marched as [one or more indecipherable words]¹ Salem, but Escaped before they arrived. That he again volunteered and was with General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] on a foraging party, was at Red Bank Fort where ~~Genl.~~ Col. Green [Nathanael Greene] commanded and saw the *Augusta* [?]² 74

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Possibly one of the following ships:

Augusta. SchV:46, British vessel, 60 guns, Capt. F. Reynolds, burned at the attack of Mud Island, in the Delaware in 1777.

Augusta. PANavy:194-95, 197-201, 201-204, FW3:602, 836, ND11:880, British warship, 64 guns, Capt. Francis Reynolds, which caught fire and burned in the invasion of the Delaware River in 1777. Ford:70, 75, 80, 81, guns and

blown up, was at Cooper's [?] Creek, where Wayne fought the Gran Regiment [one or more indecipherable words]³ British. Received a slight wound in the knee, that he was at Red Bank Fort and helped to take two British Barges and that up to this time he served four months in all. That in the month of March 1781 He enlisted in the service of the United States in the Continental Army in the Maryland state troops in [word too faint to discern] County in the State of Maryland at Masses Cross Roads [?]⁴ for three years unless sooner discharged, under Capt. Mason. That William Freeman was the Sgt. Major and a Major Deane. That he was inspected by Col. Bradley [?] at New Town on Chester River. That the Company then marched to Annapolis, where they Joined the Maryland line and was again inspected by General Smallwood [William Smallwood]. That they marched through Bladensburg, Georgetown on the Potomac, left Alexander [sic Alexandria?] on the left hand, thence to Dumfries and Colchester, thence to Williamsburg and joined Wayne & Lafayette from thence to the Siege of Cornwallis, was at the surrender [October 19, 1781] and that in that Battle. Then went to Guard the Prisoners. That they were commanded by General Smallwood, Major Stewart, Captains Walton [?] & Mitchell [?], a Lieut. Artus and Sergeants Elburn, Noony [?], Maddox & Longfellow – That he was regularly discharged in the month of March or April 1782 having served constantly pursuing no other business for one year ~~and two months~~. That he received a Regular discharge from Maj. Stewart But it has long since been lost or destroyed. That he has no documentary Evidence of his service, nor does he know of any living witness by whom he could prove it. That from old age and infirmity and consequent loss of memory he cannot state more precisely the time and circumstances than above [indecipherable word]. That he does recollect most distinctly and cannot be mistaken that he served the United States during the revolutionary war as above stated one year and four months –

That since the revolution he has resided in the State of Delaware, New Castle County about seven years – then in the County of Fayette Pennsylvania about four years, Then Butler County Pennsylvania 13 years, then Brown County Ohio 16 years, then Dearborn County, Randolph Township near the village of the Rising Sun Indiana for the last 11 years where he still resides.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state.

Where and in what year were you born.

I was born in Kent County Delaware 13th of August 1762

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

I have in my big Bible at home

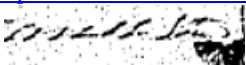
Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live –


Salem County in the State of New Jersey Since the revolution and have lived as above

How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom

other items were salvaged by Americans.

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In the service performed in New Jersey of four months I volunteered in the latter of one year enlisted

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Service –

In answer to this interrogatory I can state nothing in addition to the Statement in my declaration

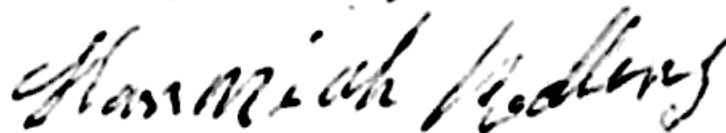
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

For the Tour of one year I received a discharge from Maj. Stewart and it has long been destroyed the others [indecipherably faint word or words]

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your Present Neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution –

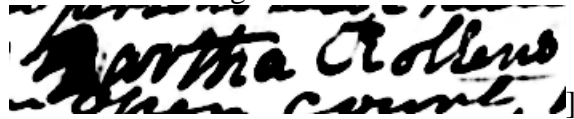
I am known to James Jones a clergyman of this place, Mr. Caleb A. Craft, William Lanius, John Lanius Post Master Joshua Haines, Joel Decoursey

S/ Hanniah Rollens



[James Jones, a clergyman, John Lanius, William Lanius, Joel Decoursey, Caleb A. Craft and Joshua Haines gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On May 12, 1845 in Ohio County Indiana, Martha Rollens, a resident of Randolph Township in Ohio County Indiana, aged 83 having been born on May 15, 1762, made application under the 1838 act for a widow's pension; that she is the widow of Hannaniah Rollens, a fifer for more than 7 years in the Revolutionary War; she rendered a very detailed description of what she said was her husband's services and involvement with almost every major engagement during the revolutionary war; she states that she married her husband October 15, 1787 in New Castle Delaware by the Rev. Thomas Smith at the Presbyterian Church; that it was almost 9 years before she bore her 1st living child, her son Benjamin born June 20, 1789, her daughter Nancy born November 29, 1796, her daughter Lucina born May 24, 1801, her son Selah born June 8, 1803 and her daughter Elizabeth born December 21, 1805



[pp17-18: Family Register:

Marriages

Hannaniah Rollins and Martha his wife was married in the year of our Lord 1787 in October

Isaac Enoch & Nancy Rollens was married August the 19th 1819

William Crouch & Lucina Rollens was Married October 17th 1819

Benjamin Rollins and Elizabeth his wife was Married in the year of our Lord 1820 November 19th

John Barker & Elizabeth His wife was married in the year of our Lord 1822 January

Selah Rollens and Isabella Fuller was married August the 12th 1831

John Perce and Marthann Crouch was married September 22nd 1836

Births

Hannah Rollens was Born on 1761 March [illegible]

Hannah Rollins was Born in the year of sixtione [sic, sixty one] August 15th

Marthay Rollins wife of hannah Rollins was Born in the year of Sixty two May 15th

John Pearce was Born in the year 1815 March 6th

The Children's name of the Mr. Rollins and wife

Nancy Rollins was Born in the year of ninty six November 27th

Sary Rollins was Born in the year 1798 March 19th

Benjamin Rollins was Born in the year of 1799 June 20th

Luciney Rollins was Born in the year of 1801 May 24th

Selah Rollins was Born in the year of 1803 June 8th

Elizabeth Rollins was Born in the year of 1805 November 21st

[p 20: On November 2nd, 1852 in Ohio County Indiana, Benjamin Rollins [signed "Benjamin Rollens"] executed a power of attorney in which he describes himself as the son of Hannaniah Rollins, a musician in the revolution.

Benjamin Rollens]