

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ross R9024

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State of Indiana Monroe County: On this 13th day of November 1843 personally appeared before me Aquilla Rogers Judge of the Probate Court of the County & State aforesaid -- Rachel Ross a resident of said County of Monroe State of Indiana aged eighty years (past) __ March 1843, who being first 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 acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and March 3rd 1843, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war. That she is the widow of William Ross who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War the space of __ as she believes a part of which time he served as (she believes) in the following capacity this as a private, as an orderly Sergeant and as an Ensign but what length of time he served in each or either of said capacities she does not know. She believes he entered the Service early in the war but cannot say under how many engagements he served believes part of the time served was in the year 1778 and the year 1779. She does not recollect any of the names of the commanding officers nor the names of any of the Staff officers under whom he served nor does she recollect under what Captains nor and what regiments he served. She believes it probable he was under General Ash [sic, John Ashe] at one time. She cannot say whether he was a volunteer or was drafted or an enlisted Soldier or a Substitute but thinks he was at one time of his service in the militia by draft and was placed as a guard to some lead mines or powder mills or in the armory and ammunition for the Army. She does not know when he left the Army at any time. She declares William Ross her deceased husband died August the 30th day 1825 in Wythe County Virginia. That the declarant and said William Ross deceased was married in Montgomery County Virginia by one William Marshall on the 17th day of April 1780. That they had the following named children Kissia, Reuben, Randolph, Mary, Cherokee, William, Rachel, Clarissa, Elizabeth, Ann, Uphemia, Cenia, and Catharine none of which was under 16 years of age at the time of the death of said William Ross. That he resided in Guilford County North Carolina when he entered the service. She recollects of hearing him speak of being at Brier Creek, Pedee, and Savannah but whether he was in the battles at those places she cannot say -- And that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim nor does she know where any could be obtained in support of her claim here presented. That she never before applied for a pension although requested long ago to do so by her friends. She further declares she was married to the said William Ross on the 17th day of April in the year 1780. That her aforesaid husband William Ross died on the 30th day of August 1825 as before noted. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 at the time above stated. She respectfully refers to the records if any and the war department relating to General Ashe's Army and the records of the troops from Guilford

County North Carolina in the years of 1778 and 1779 and before and that she saw all at repeated times in the Army discharge in favor of said William Ross Services but does not recollect for what length of time nor by whom given nor does she recollects or know what has become of said discharge.

S/ Rachel Ross, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year before named
S/ Aquilla Rogers, Judge

[fn p. 8: Randolph Ross, son of the applicant, gave an affidavit dated November 1843 in Monroe County Indiana in support of his mother's application in which he asserts that his impression is that his father served 3 years and 9 months during the revolution; that his father entered the service from Guilford County North Carolina that his mother's name prior to her in her marriage with his father was Rachel Fugate; that he recollects the "uniform friendship existing between Colonel Robert Sayre and John T. Sayers and his father as old Revolutionary Soldiers the first a Captain in the service the latter a Lieutenant that they may have served together...."]

[fn p. 3: Ann R. Dudley, wife of Charles Dudley, filed a power of attorney in Monroe County, Indiana on February 14, 1853, stating that she is the daughter and an heir of Rachel Ross deceased widow of William Ross her father.]