

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ross R9029

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State of Tennessee Greene County,

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the State of Tennessee holding court for said County William Ross aged eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after named to wit

That he entered the service in the year 177? [last digit obliterated and illegible] in Botetourt County Virginia under Colonel Skelven [George Skillern] Capt. Robinson [could be either John Robinson or Hercules Robinson] Lieutenant McDaniel as a volunteer and went to the Moraventown [Moravian town] in North Carolina now called Salem and returned and left the residue of the troops at Salem he being permitted to return but how long he was out on that trip he cannot now state. During that trip he drove his own wagon & team. After he returned from Salem as before stated he again entered the service as a volunteer with his wagons and team under Captain May [David May] who was then Clerk of the Court in Botetourt County under the command of Colonel Skelor [Skillern] and on the march of [off?] met the first troops he went out with returning and in that campaign was in the battles of the Reedy fork [March 7, 1780] and Gilford [Guilford Court House: March 15, 1781] and served the whole of that campaign and believes he was out considerably more than a year on that tour and after that service he volunteered with his wagon and Team under Captain May and was forthwith marched to Yorktown Virginia and kept in the service in Virginia throughout the Spring and Summer under the command of General Lafayette until the siege of York Town and continued in service until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – during which time he was engaged hauling for the Army and during the Siege of that place in hauling Bomb Shells.

He states that he served in all more than two years and he believes nearly three years and he never received anything for his team or himself.

He further states that after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis he went to Winchester with his wagon and team hauling prisoners.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, and there is not in his neighborhood a Clergyman to testify to his Services –

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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Ross



[Thomas Temple and John S Reed gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The declaration of William Ross Supplemental to his former declaration in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832

Personally appeared before me – Hugh Maloney – an acting Justice of the peace for Greene County in the State of Tennessee William Ross the declarant and made oath that the services rendered and stated in his former declaration was all rendered in the military Service of the United States and the services rendered by himself and his team was rendered in forwarding the objects of that part of the Army to which he belonged and hauling for the Army and that before he went into the service with his team each time he was notified his team was about to be pressed and he was determined if his team was taken into service he would go with it and volunteered taking his team with him and served that campaigns of which he has given an account in his former declaration and at the places and under the circumstances he has therein stated.

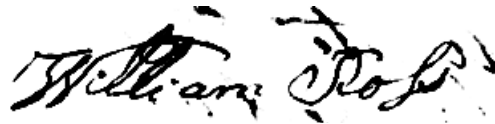
He further states that he was born in Ireland in the County of Farmanough [Fermanagh] Joining the County of Tyrone and came to the United States when he was between twelve and fifteen years of age and was landed at New Castle Delaware and lived five years after he came to America in Maryland and then moved to Botetourt County Virginia where he lived till after the close of the revolutionary War and directly after the close of the War he moved to the County of Greene in the State of Tennessee where he now resides and has resided ever since.

This affiant states that he has not any record of his Age as the Bible of his father was lost on the passage to America and his statement of his age is from recollection. His age was recorded in the Bible as he was informed and believes.

Sworn to and subscribed before me 13th May 1833.

S/ Hugh Maloney, JP

S/ William Ross



[Note: A note in the file indicates that the veteran did not receive a pension because his service as a 'transporter' [Teamster] did not qualify as military service under the 1832 pension law. Only Teamsters engaged in the Continental service were entitled to pensions under the 1832 act according to the note in this file. On page 3 of the Fold3.com digital images of this application, there is a wonderfully clear handwritten letter dated April 21, 1858 from Greenville Tennessee signed by then US Senator (later President) Andrew Johnson inquiring as to the status of this claim on behalf of the heirs of the veteran.

