

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ross S31335

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State of Kentucky County of Fleming: SS

On this 8th day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Justices of the Fleming County Court, John Ross a resident of Fleming County Kentucky aged seventy-eight years on the 18th of September 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 provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 in the month of September under Captain Philip Ludwell Lightfoot Lee in what was called the minute Service in a Regiment of Virginia, commanded by the following officers to wit Colonel William Grayson, of Prince William County Virginia, Major Levin Powel Loudoun County Virginia, Captain P. L. L. Lee, of Prince William County Virginia, Lieutenant John Payton [John Peyton] of Prince William County Virginia, and Ensign M. Whitting of ___ of Fauquier County Virginia. This deponent was born in Prince William County Virginia September 18, 1754, and resided there at the time of his enlistment,

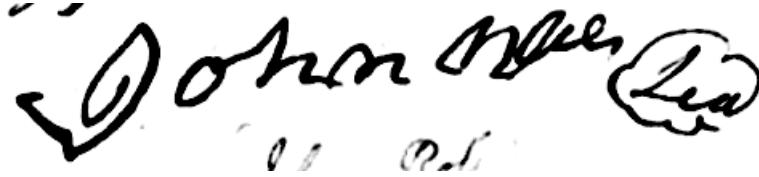
Shortly after his enlistment this deponent was marched to South Hampton and the Light house, on Hampton Roads, passing through the State of Virginia by the way of Fredericksburg, Williamsburg and Little York to South Hampton where he remained until the February following when he received intelligence that a British fleet had arrived in Hampton Roads, and threatened the destruction of the Light house we were marched immediately to prevent [that]; but were compelled by Superior force to retreat under a heavy fire from the shipping, whence he returned to Hampton, near the close of March 1776 we were discharged having served on this Tower [Tour] seven months; and this deponent remained at home in Prince William County Virginia after his discharge until September 1777 when he was drafted, and marched (under the command of the following named officers to wit Colonel Jesse Ewel [Jesse Ewell], Major James Ewel [James Ewell], Captain Valentine Peyton, Lieutenant Timothy Peyton, Ensign Price Posey, all of Prince William County Virginia) to the State of Pennsylvania, passing through Fredericks Town in Maryland, Lancaster Pennsylvania, thence crossing the Susquehanna River to Germantown, we then fell in the rear of General Washington's Army where we remained in active service until the last of November when we were discharged and returned to our homes, having served in this campaign three months. In June 1781 he was again called out, and ordered to march to Dumfries (commanded by the officers under whom he marched to Pennsylvania where he remained in active service for one month guarding said town and its [?]) by the same officers to cut out and open a road through the County of Fairfax Virginia for the passage of General Washington's Army which he aided in executing consuming fifteen days when he was discharged for all the aforesaid services he never received any pay. He served in each of the above services as a common soldier. This deponent never received any written discharge but was marched to the

said County of Prince William Virginia and severally discharged by our captains. This deponent has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no one living by whom he can prove his service but states that he served in company among others with Triplett Moss, John Brit [John Britt?], Robert Warren; but where they live or whether they are alive or not he is unable to tell, and he therefore is unable to produce any.

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 and year aforesaid.

S/ John Ross

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Ross" in a cursive script. To the right of the name is a circular stamp or mark containing the word "Lea". Below the signature, there are some faint, illegible handwritten marks.

[An. G. Houston, a clergyman, and Burtis Ringo [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
And

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 13 days service as a private in the Virginia service.]