

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ross S31336

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State of Kentucky, Madison County

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Madison County, now sitting John Ross a resident of Madison County, State of Kentucky, aged 71 years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as follows – He states that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1799 [sic, 1777 or 1779?] -- at that time a resident of the State of South Carolina, Captain Waddleton [William Waddington] commanded the Company to which he belonged and Colonel Lyle [Lt. Col. John Lisle, Sr.] the Regiment he served under said officers a three months tour as a Light Horseman – we passed into the State of Georgia and back again to South Carolina during the three months service – he states he was drafted into the service for the tour above mentioned.

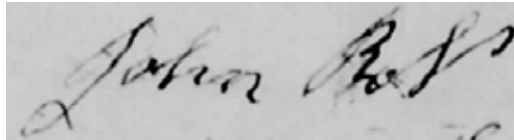
He states that in the spring 1780 he was again drafted into service, and marched under Captain Jones [John Jones] – and Colonel Lindsay's [Lt. Col. John Lindsay's] Regiment – and marched to Camden in the State of South Carolina where the Magazine was located – we there obtained a supply of munition and then marched into Georgia, crossing the Savannah River and went on 4 miles beyond Augusta to where the troops were stationed – we were here discharged upon parole for 16 days – to return home and meet again at the Congaree we commenced our march to the Congaree intending to march from there to Charlestown, but hearing that Charlestown was taken [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] by the British, we returned home. He states upon his return home he was taken prisoner by the Tories, and remained a prisoner about three weeks – He thinks this tour of service was about two months – He states that in the summer 1780 he volunteered and went and joined General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Army, serving under Captain Jones and Col. Lindsay's Regiment. General Sumter was at that time stationed upon the Catawba we remained in camp some four weeks and then march[ed] down to Rocky Mount in the State of North Carolina [sic, South Carolina], we marched from there down the country below Camden to intercept the British at the crossing of the Catawba – from there we retreated up the Country, pursued by the British – was overtaken and fought a battle and was defeated – we continued our march up the Country – and at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780]¹ on the Catawba – there was a battle between our Army & a gang of the Tories, in which the Tories were defeated – from thence we marched up the Country to Kings Mountain where we joined Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] – shortly after we joined Colonels Campbell & Shelby the Battle of Kings

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

Mountain [October 7, 1780]² was fought, and the British were defeated – we remained in the upper Country marching backwards & forwards for some time, the Army then marched down the Country to the Eutaw Springs. I was taken sick and remained sick for several months –during this time Cornwallis surrendered [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] and peace was made – it was 18 months from the time from the summer 1780 – when I volunteered and joined Sumter's Army until I got back home – I did not continue in the Army in their March down to the Eutaw Springs – being unable to do service – He states that he has no discharge no written evidence of any time by which he can establish his services – he knows of no person now living who served with him – by whom he can prove 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. He states he was born in Brunswick County Virginia -- he served as a militia soldier --

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Ross

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Ross", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Joseph Pond, a clergyman, and George Alcorn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky, Madison County

On this 20th day of December 1832 personally appeared before me Joseph Turner a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Madison aforesaid John Ross, a resident of said County aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplementary to his declaration made on the 13th of August 1832 and the Madison County Court in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he has a record of his age made by his Father on the leaf of a large Bible which he, this applicant, has now in his possession from which it appears that he was born in the year 1761 on the 7th day of July --

That he was living & a resident of the County of Newberry State of South Carolina when called into the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war-- after the Revolution he removed from Newberry County aforesaid to Greenville South Carolina, from that place he removed to Madison County Kentucky, where he has resided ever since.

That he thinks he received a written discharge in one or two instances as a soldier of the Revolution, but he has lost them many years since -- & has none now.

He notes Joseph Pond & George Alcorn are his neighbors-- said Pond is a preacher & Alcorn a Justice of the peace, who can & have testified concerning his character & their belief of his Services.

S/ John Ross

Subscribed & sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Madison aforesaid by the said John Ross this 20th December 1832

S/ Joseph Turner, P. M.C.

[Facts in file: Veteran's last pension payment was made Sept. 6, 1844.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina militia.]

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html