

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ross S35636

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[State of Kentucky, County of Adair]

Be it remembered that on this first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty eight personally appeared at the County Court of Adair County and state of Kentucky while said Court was in session being a Court of record proceeding according to the principles of the Common law and by Statue, John Ross a resident citizen of said County aged about Seventy one years who being first duly sworn in open Court according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and of the first of May 1820 that the said John Ross after having served several times in the Militia against the chirokies [Cherokee] Indian & British and other enemies of his Country had enlisted for the Term of three years as a private soldier //// [indicates a word crossed out] on the ___ [blank in original] day of ___ [blank in original] in the year 1776 in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. George Lambert in the 11th Virginia regiment commanded by Col. Charles Lewis, General Weaden's Brigade on the continental establishment that he continued in service under said inlistment [enlistment] and in said establishment until his term of Service expired. After which Term I was honorably discharged at Philadelphia by Col. Webb which discharge I kept for many years and should have preserved it to the end of my life had it not accidentally been consumed in my house which was burnt together with most of my property therefore I cannot now produce it he states that when he was in service under said [i]nlistment he was occasionally and in deed often changed or sent on expeditions out of his regiment upon all occasions he cheerfully obeyed the call and promptly repaired to those places where he was ordered he states that during the time he was in service as afd [aforesaid] he was in the following Battles, Trent, [did not complete Trenton] German Town at taking Stoney point the battle of Brandywine and many other routs & skirmishes against the common enemy he states that he is by occupation //// a farmer and has ever been since he left the service he offers here his reasons for not having made an earlier application for a pention [pension] that while he was in good health and able to labour although poor he was unwilling to take the humiliating oath required as to his indigent circumstances and altho he has always been poor yet he has hitherto with much difficulty supported now he is old and infirm and in such circumstances as really required his Country's aid to enable him to support himself and his aged /// & infirm wife he has a wife who is about 67 years of age and estremely [extremely] infirm having /// entirely lost the use of one of her arms by a dislocation of the shoulder and is in many other respects infirm so that she is incapable of contributing in the least to his support but on the contrary adds greatly to the burden of your petitioner he has one daughter single now living with him about 19 years of age and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820 I the said John Ross do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States of America on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any other person in trust for me any property or Securitie [security] contracts or debt due to one nor have I any income other than what is contained in the /// schedules here unto annexed and by me subscribed the following is the Schedule of my property and containing the whole of it, to wit (139 acres of poor land worth \$80: and no more) 4 head of cattle worth not more than \$20. 12 head of hogs not worth more than \$10: 8 head of sheep not worth more than \$4: one bed & furniture not worth more than \$15: a few water vessels & cooking

utensils & in all not worth more than five or six dollars one 100 acre land warrant worth \$5; & no more & that I owe about the sum of \$8:

John Ross

Then there is an oath by William Willis and John Cavley, witnesses that agree with what John Ross has said; as well as an affidavit from William Cal....., Clerk

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State of Kentucky Adair County Sct.

On this 6th day of April 1829 personally appeared in open Court being the County Court of said County and the Court of Record proceeding [according] to the principles of the common law & statutes of Kentucky John Ross a resident citizen of said County aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on his oath state that his application for a pension based on his declaration made by him in the Adair County Court in December last past contains in part a history of his services in the revolutionary war, Although he performed service equally meritorious that is not therein set forth. Yet as to this he will not avert as he is informed that the evidence of his service is satisfactory. He states that he forwarded the aforesaid declaration & made application to the proper Department for a pension which has been returned to him alleging that it is defective but which he herewith produces (marked A) & which he has been informed is insufficient to authorize the Department to place him on the pension roll because he did not specifically (in said declaration) state what changes have taken place in his property since the 18th day of March 1818.

In obedience to said requisition he now begs leave to offer this as an amendment and in addition to his said former declaration on which his said application was made he states that since the 18th day of March 1818 there have been no change in his property either real or personal no [nor] did [he] own any thing which he has since sold or parted with that he has been struggling to maintain himself on his poor farm the profits of which would not allow him to acquire any stock or property which was not indispensable to their immediate & pressing wants & before the year 1818 his personal property was reduced to that point & no part of it could be parted with without reducing him below the means of anything like comfortable subsistence & consequently no change has taken place save increase of his stock which has been more than counterbalanced by its death & the necessary consumption of it for the care of his family.

Subscribed & sworn in open Court

S/ John Ross¹

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¹ I do not believe that either this signature or the signature to the original application is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting in both instances is identical to the handwriting of the document itself. Consequently, I believe that he signature is simply an indication by the scribe that the veteran signed it. Of course, it is possible that the entire document is in the handwriting of the veteran, and if so, then the signatures probably are his actual signatures.

State of Kentucky County of Adair: SS

Be it known that on this 5th day of January A.D. 1852, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Martin Ross, a resident of Cumberland County in the State of Kentucky, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is a son of the identical John Ross deceased, who was a Revolutionary Pensioner, and whose name was inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of Kentucky Agency at the rate of \$8 per month. He states that the Pension certificate of his father the aforesaid John Ross is lost, and that after diligent search and inquiry therefore, it cannot be found, and that in consequence of the loss of it, he cannot state the precise time that the Pension of his father commenced, but that to the best of his knowledge and recollection he commenced about the month of May 1829, and not before.

He, therefore, as executor of the Will of the aforesaid John Ross deceased, makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining such amount of Back Pay, or Pension as may be due from the 4th of March 1826 to him that said Pension commenced.

S/ Martin Ross, X his mark

[Facts in file, the veteran died February 11, 1835, place not given. In 1835, William Ross and Martin Ross were executors of the veteran's will. Cornelius Ross and Josiah Hunter were securities for the bond executed by the executors. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 8th, 1829, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]