

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Ross S35639

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Graves County

At court began and held for the County aforesaid at the courthouse in the town of Mayfield on the 15th day of January and year 1829 present the following Justices to wit Matthias Francis, Frederick Farmer, Richard D. Gholson, Crawford Anderson and William McClendon Esquires on the 15th day of January 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record created as such by the act of the General Assembly of the said Commonwealth of Kentucky passed at the Session of 1823 for the County of Graves aforesaid and State aforesaid James Ross resident in said County aged seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said James Ross enlisted for the term of three years on the 9th day of May in the year 1776 in the County of Granville and State of North Carolina in the company of dragoons or cavalry commanded by Captain John Dickenson that the said company being cavalry was attached to no Regiment but belonged to the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said company until January 1779 during which time he had fought the battles of Brandywine and Germantown when he hired James Dorin [?] to serve out the residue of his term being about four months upon which he the said James Ross was discharged (which discharge is now lost) from the service in the State of Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except that of North Carolina and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension (to wit) that he the said James Ross made a declaration before the judge of the circuit court of Breckenridge County and State of Kentucky in the year 1823 in order to obtain a pension under the said act of Congress that his said declaration was sent on to the war department but was returned to him said Ross am not allowed in consequence of not being accompanied by an affidavit proving he is (Ross's) Services and that he the said Ross was unable at that time to obtain the necessary proof having lost his discharge and knowing of no person in the Western country by whom he could prove his service and being old and having no money to bear his expenses to North Carolina to hunt for testimony he concluded he would be compelled to abandon it and did abandon from the causes above give him until lately he accidentally met with Nathan Jones of Illinois who was one of his early companions and had knowledge of his service and in pursuance of the act of 20th May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit  
"one horse colt three years old"

S/ James Ross

I am a farmer by occupation and that age has so far reduced my strength that I am almost wholly unable to pursue it that I reside with my daughter aged 45 years whose husband is dead and whose name is Polly Clarke who has living with her one daughter Polly Clarke aged 11 years and one stepdaughter Pamela Clarke aged 17 years and one small son Josiah Clarke aged 9 years which said children with myself and daughter aforesaid constitute the whole of the family whose capacities from their sex and youth are quite small to carry on a farm that my daughter aforesaid owns no land and only one horse and a small stock of cattle and hogs that since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property to wit amount of property owned by James Ross on the 18th March 1818 to wit -- 2 horse beasts one of which was a mare both of whom is long since dead.

Sworn to and delivered on the 15th day of January and year 1829 in open court before the Justices aforesaid

Attest: S/ John Anderson, Clerk

State of North Carolina Secretary of States office 29th June 1829

Sir

To enable me to give answers to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 22nd instant, I have examined the Warrant book and the Journal of the Provincial Congress held at Halifax in April 1776. The Warrant issued to James Ross is not in this Office, and the Warrant book on which the same is noted does not say whether he was of the cavalry or infantry, but the Journal of the Congress above mentioned shows that three Companies of Cavalry were ordered to be raised, and that John Dickerson was appointed Captain of the first Company. The appointment of the Officers to the other 2 companies immediately follow on the Journal, but I thought it unnecessary to copy more than you find on the other half of this sheet.

I find a deposition in this office stating that John Dickerson served as a Captain of Cavalry about 2 1/2 years, on which commission is ordered a warrant for his service.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant

Jas. L. Edwards, Esqr.

S/ Wm Hill

In the Journal of the Provincial Congress commenced at Halifax on the 4th day of April 1776, I find the following resolutions, viz.,

**Tuesday April 9th 1776.**

Resolve that it be recommended, that three companies of Light horse, consisting of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Cornet and thirty-three privates each be raised by this province and that it be recommended to the House to apply through their Delegates to the Continental Congress to place the same on Continental establishment.

The House taking the same into Consideration concurred there with.

**Tuesday April the 16th 1776.**

The Congress taking into consideration the appointment of Officers to the Companies of Light horse to be raised in this Province.

Resolved the following persons be appointed accordingly viz.:

John Dickerson Captain	}	
Samuel Ashe Junior Lieutenant	}	of the first Company
Abraham Childers, cornet	}	

I certify that the above is correctly taken from the Journal aforesaid. Given under my hand this 29th of June 1829

S/ Wm Hill, Secry

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I Nathan Jones of Johnston County and State of Illinois do solemnly swear that I knew James Ross (who now lives in graves County Kentucky) in Granville County State of North Carolina during the revolutionary war and that said James Ross enlisted in Captain John Dickenson's company of North Carolina dragoons in the said County of Granville and that he the said James Ross served as a regular soldier of said Cavalry company for the term of two years at least and I think for a longer term that I cannot precisely recollect the time when said Ross enlisted but believe it was in the year 1776 the great length of time and age has obliterated from my memory the precise day & month but I was intimately acquainted with James Ross and have a perfect and distinct knowledge of his having he enlisted in said company of dragoons and of his having served therein two years at least and I believe a longer period. Given under my hand and seal in the cracking County Kentucky the 3rd day of January 1829.

S/ Nathan Jones, X his mark