

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Valentine Ross S38335

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State of Virginia To Wit

On this fourth day of June 1819 before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia allotted by law to the thirteenth circuit, which comprehends the County of Washington, personally appeared Valentine Ross aged fifty six years, resident in the County & State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the later 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:” that in conformity with an act of the legislature of Virginia laying off it’s Militia into Classes and requiring each class to furnish a soldier for the regular service for the period of eighteen months he the said Valentine Ross was the person who went from his class in the County of Culpeper and marched under the command of Captain Henry Hill a militia Officer to Chesterfield Courthouse in the said state where he was placed under the command of Captain Fitzpatrick of the Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Thomas Matthews [Thomas Mathews W17076 and R16019] this as well as he recollects was in the year 1779 that a short time after joining the said troops he enlisted with the said Captain Fitzpatrick into the said Corps for the War: that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the close of the revolutionary War and was discharged from the service of the United States in the City of Richmond in the said state in the latter part of the summer of the year 1783: that he was in the battles of Jamestown in the State of Virginia [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and in the battle between General [Anthony] Wayne and the Creek Indians near Savannah in Georgia where General Wayne was surprized by the Indians [skirmish at Sharon GA, 24 May 1782]; that he has long since thrown away his discharge in consequence of it being worn out and of his supposing it to be of no value to him, and that he has no other evidence of his said services now in his possession, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support.

Washington County in the State of Virginia Sc:

On this 21st day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County of Washington, Valentine Ross aged Fifty seven years, resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary War as follows. He enlisted in Captain Henry Hills Company in the Virginia Infantry and served and was discharged in that Regiment. The Original declaration bears date on the 24th day of June one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and he has received a pension Certificate No. [blank] and dated on the 31st day of July 1819 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any 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 person 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 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.

One horse, Two cows & two yearlings, Two sows & 7 or 8 shoats Two old Chairs & some pots & kettles.

Valentine hisXmark Ross

The said Valentine Ross further declares on oath that he is by occupation a Wheel & Chair maker, and that from age & infirmity he is now unable to labour. He further states that he has living with him one daughter aged about fifteen years, one son aged about Sixteen years & one other son aged about Thirteen years, and that his eldest son is a cripple & unable to work.

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Washington county }

I Valentine Ross aged sixty six years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that about or in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine I enlisted or entered the service as a private for the term of "during the war" in the Regiment commanded by Colo Matthews and afterwards served in the same Regiment under the command of said Matthews and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the said Regiment of the Virginia line. While I resided in the county of Culpepper my discharge was permitted to be destroyed as I did not consider it of any value. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transfer'd my claim in any manner whatsoever.

Valentine hisXmark Ross

[The rest is power of attorney, dated 5 Mar 1830. Certified by Moses Allen, pension application S2487.]

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify Valentine Ross a Soldier of the Continental Virg'a line has Served therein three years successively and is enlisted for the war.

Aug't 21st 1783 Jo Conway Lt [Joseph Conway BLWt461-200]
V. Line

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Conway' with some initials below it, possibly 'J.C.'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Valentine Ross, age 16, height 5' 3½", light-brown hair, grey eyes, dark complexion, sail maker, born and residing in Culpeper County where he enlisted in Aug 1780 for the duration of the war. Sized in March 1781.