

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Ross S39036

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State of Alabama

At a Circuit Court begun and held for the County of Morgan on the fourth Monday in April 1824 (the same court being a Court of record having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law) Charles Ross a resident of said County aged about sixty-five years, came personally in Court and having been duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress the 18th of March 1818, the 1st May 1820 and of the 1st of March 1823. That the said Charles Ross about the fall of the year 1779 as he thinks, enlisted for during [the] War in a company commanded by Captain George Lambert in the 14th Regiment commanded by Colonel James Davis of the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he served in the said Regiment until he was taken prisoner by the British at Charleston [May 12th, 1780], that he served under the said Captain Lambert until he was cashiered and broke, then he was commanded by Captain Holt who commanded till he __ and was afterwards commanded by Captain Kendal [Curtis Kendall] and under whom he served a short time and was then transferred to a company commanded by Captain __ Minnis [probably Callohill Minnis or Holman Minnis, both of whom were captains in the 1st Va. Regt. and taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston] who was taken prisoner at the same time. That he was kept closely confined while a prisoner in a prison ship near Charleston until the peace after the surrender of Cornwallis. That after he had served a short time in the 14th Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis he was transferred to the 1st Regiment commanded by Colonel Ball who was also taken prisoner at Charleston at the same time. That he the said Charles was never able to get his discharge he calls he was a prisoner at the close of the war, but that he received a certificate and drew his pay for his time of service –

That he fought at the Battle of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], besides others of less importance, and fought at Charleston at the time he was taken prisoner, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820, 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 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 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

Schedule as follows

one feather bed worth

\$20.00

one old mare	20.00
one cow & calf worth	10.00
one yearling	3.00
half dozen plates	1.00
half dozen pewter plates	2.00
one pot worth	2.00
one skillet "	1.00
one oven"	2.00
seven hogs	4.00
one coffee pot for cups & saucers 1 prayer book	1.00

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

S/ Charles Ross, X his mark

And the said Charles Ross further says that he is by occupation a farmer, that his wife Lucy Ross is about seventy years old, that she has a disease supposed to be incurable called the asphyxiation [?]¹ of the blood vessels of her legs and completely confined and unable to do any service whenever and has been so for five years. That he has no means of support except by his own labor, that he is in debt to the amount of nearly as quite \$100 and that the increasing infirmities of age render him illy able to sustain a life of toil.

S/ Charles Ross, X his mark

Also in on the same day came personally into court William Mitchell² a credible witness and a resident citizen of said County who makes oath that he also served in the 14th Regiment with the said Charles and knew him well at the time he was performing his term of service and was with him in the said Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis and was with him at the Battle of Stony Point. That he was personally acquainted with said Rawls all the time they continued in the 14th Regiment which was as he thinks about two years and six months.

S/ William Mitchell, him his mark

And on the same day came into open Court Colonel Matthew W McClellan a credible witness and a resident of said County who makes oath that he is a near neighbor to Charles Ross and well acquainted with his circumstances and believes the foregoing schedule subscribed by him contains fully as much as he has and that the value set to each article is as much as it is worth and that he believes he is fully as much in debt as he has stated and that the situation of his family as stated by him is correct.

S/ M. W. McClellan

[f p. 9: on August 27, 1831 in Warren County Tennessee, Maston Ross son and administrator of the estate of his father Charles Ross gave testimony that his father departed this life March 13th, 1831.

Maston Ross

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asphyxiation

¹
² FPA S38216

[f p. 3: a receipt dated September 22, 1831 given by Mastin Ross, administrator of Charles Ross deceased for the sum of \$50.08 being for 6 months & 8 days pensioned you the deceased from September 4, 1830 2 March 13th, 1831.

Mastin Ross.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 26, 1824, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]