

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Williamson Ross S7429

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County: January Term of the County Court 1833,

On this 7th day of January 1833, Personally Appeared before the Justices of the Court for Montgomery County now sitting Williamson Ross resident of the above County aged seventy-three 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 7th 1832,

He entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 as well as he now recollects the day nor month not recollected & served under the following named Officers General Nash, Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun], Colonel Joseph Clinch, Captain James Gray, Captain Creasy & Captain Ned Clinch and served as herein Stated; first as volunteer as a Private Soldier for three months under Captain James Gray Colonel Hogun & General Nash & marched from Nash Court House to Kings Tree or Town [sic, Kinston] on Nuice [sic, Neuse] River from thence to Wilmington. There stationed for some time then marched back to Peacock's Bridge on Great Contentny [sic, Contentnea] Creek his time of service expired there discharged by Captain James Gray he then returned home continued some time then went as a substitute for Daniel Taylor six months the year not recollected and went from Nash Court House to Kings Tree supposed to be forty miles then under Captain Creasey was marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville from there to Cheraw Hill on Great Pedee River from there was marched to Pine Tree now Campden [sic, Camden] from there to Columbia on the Congaree River & between fair & Charlestown was put under Captain Ned Clinch & Colonel Joseph Clinch both residents of Nash County where he resided his officers marched down near Charleston there halted for some time at that time the British took Charleston his Officers marched back to Columbia his time of service expired was there discharged by Captain Ned Clinch and returned home his Captain with him who was sick on the way they reached Cape Fear River at Smith's Ferry where his Captain died he returned home the Year not recollected continued short time thence Drafted for twelve months his sufferance was so great when to the South six months he hired a Substitute & went with him to Halifax town on Roanoke River about sixty miles there delivered him to the Officer his name not recollected & he returned home & therefore he came to him to stand a draft that was no [sic] for men he never was in any Battle his discharges he has lost & has no documentary evidence to prove his Service & knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services.

Q 1. Where & in what year were you born

As -- I [sic, In] the State of Virginia -- 1759

Q2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

As -- I had but for the want of care is lost

Q3. Where were you living when called into service & where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War and where do you now live

As -- In North Carolina Nash County & continued their to the close of the War then moved to Franklin County in the same State after moved in the years 1802 to Montgomery County in the same State near the Pedee River where he has continued to live ever since

Q4 -- How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for home

As -- A volunteer the first time for 3 months the 2nd time a Substitute for 6 months and 3rd times drafted for 12 months & hired a Substitute

Q5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia regiments as you recollect & the General circumstances of your service --

As -- General Nash, Colonel Hogun, Colonel Clinch, Captain James Gray, Captain Creasy & Captain Ned Clinch all Militia officers

Q6. -- Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

As -- By Captain James Gray Captain Ned Clinch but have lost them

Q7 -- State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

As -- Daniel Freeman, George Allen, Alfred Swearingen, George Shankle & Thomas Kirck  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to Pension or annuity except the Present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State,  
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before the Court now sitting

S/ Williamson Ross, X his mark

[George Shankle, a clergyman, and William Swearingen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]