

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Martin Amoss S8024

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State of Ohio }

Gallia County Ss } On this 22nd day of September A.D 1832, personally appeared before me Thomas Rodgers one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Gallia County, Ohio, at his residence in Ohio Township in said County, Martin Amos a resident of said Township & County, aged seventy one years and upwards, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That early in the month of March 1776, in Albemarle County Va. where he then resided, he was enlisted as a common soldier, by Lieutenant George Thompson a recruiting officer, (who died at Dumfries of the Small Pox in the month of September following) in the Virginia State Troops, for the period of three years. That he went to Williamsburg in Va. where he joined the company commanded by Capt. Brown, and the above named Lieutent Thompson. That by reason of the loss of his memory occasioned by his infirmities & advanced age, he is unable to state the number of the Regiment in which he served, or the names of his field Officers. [See endnote.] That he continued in said service in said Company for the period of about five months, at Williamsburg; That about this time he received an injury occasioned by a strain in his back, that caused him to be taken to the Hospital, where he remained a few weeks, and then obtained a furlough signed by one Serjeant Gault [sic: probably Surgeon Patrick Galt], a Physician in the Hospital & a Colonel whose name he has forgotten, which authorized him to go to the springs in Greenbrier Co. Va to recover his health. That after he had advanced about eighteen miles on his journey, he took a relapse & was unable to proceed further on foot, but sent to his Father who lived in Fluvanna Co. which had been set off since his enlistment [formed from Albemarle County in June 1777], who provided him with the means of conveyance to his residence, where he went & remained sick on furlough & unfit for duty for about seven months when, finding that there was no prospect of his recovery he obtained a Certificate of his condition signed Col. Thos. Napper [sic: Thomas Napier], Major Geo. Thompson and officers in that County, which Certificate he sent to the military officers at Williamsburg and shortly after received a written discharge from further service, under his enlistment, signed by Col. D. Gorden, which he afterwards sent to Richmond to get his pay, but the same was never returned to him. That he has never recovered from the injury he received in the Army, but has always since been lame, & for about four years past wholly unable to walk, by reason of which he is unable to travel to the County seat, which is eleven miles distant. That his afs'd. furlough was sent to Williamsburgh with the above named certificate, neither of which was ever returned to him. That he has no documentary evidence of his said service and that he knows of no person living, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, excepting what may be known of the circumstances of his going into the Army by Wm L. Bellamy, whose affidavit accompanies this Petition. That from the time of his entering the service as afs'd. until the date of his discharge as afs'd. one year elapsed, excepting eight days, which is the exact period of his service.

That the following are the names of some of the soldiers who served in his company, towit, Joseph Stephens, John Stephens, Jacob Funtress, Valentine Funtress [Valentine Fentress (Fantress), pension application W3008], Thos. Carrell, John Adams, Thomas Bell [S30859], James Nemore, Cookson Davis & James Hix, from whose names it is hoped the War Department will be able to collect from the Records those facts which he by reason of the imperfections of his memory is unable to state. That he was born in Albemarle Co. Va; That he has a Record of his age in his Bible, which he took from his Fathers Bible. That he resided in Patrick Co. Va. about eight years, after the war; when he moved to Kanahwa [sic: Kanawha] Co Va. where he resided until twelve or fourteen years since, when he moved to Highland Co.

where he lived one year, when he moved to Mason Co. Va., where he lived three years, when he moved to Gallia Co. where he has ever since & still resides — He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State

[signed] Martin Amoss

NOTES:

From pension applications of soldiers with whom Amoss served, it appears that Amoss enlisted in the 6th Virginia Regiment.

William L. Bellamy deposed that he had lived within 3 miles of Martin Amoss and recalled having seen him "a short time before he went into the Army, that he had a cockade in his Hat, & wore a Hunting shirt, & was pointed out to this Affiant as a soldier."