

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rossen (Rosson) S9093

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this ___th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before W. J. Hawks, Geo. W. Thompson and William Forsha [?] Esquires Justices of said Court now sitting John Rossen a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-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. That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

That he substituted in the place of Reuben Crow in the Militia of North Carolina and entered the service in Chatham County in a company commanded by Lieutenant of Aquilla Carena [?] on the 2nd or 3rd of March in the year __¹ he marched from Chatham to Salisbury and about 4 miles from Salisbury they were joined by a company of Militia from Caswell County under the command of Captain Benjamin Turner from thence he was marched to Charlotte from thence to Augusta in Georgia where they joined some troops which he thinks were commanded by General Lincoln from thence he marched to Bacon's Bridge near Stono and was stationed about a mile from said bridge with the Army commanded by General Lincoln General Butler, Colonel Hugh Tinnen, Colonel Johnson, Colonel McDowell he recollects that Captain Hardin & Malmedy were in the same service the Battle of Stono was fought about 5 miles from the Stationed he fought in the engagement at Stono as a private in Lieutenant Cavena's [?] Company after the battle he retreated with the Army to his former quarters where he remained until his Term of service expired he received a written discharge after he had faithfully served his Country for five months which was signed by General Butler -- but it is now lost or destroyed and he is unable to procure the same.

After he reformed the above service he cannot recollect how long he volunteered his services in the County of Chatham in the North Carolina Militia and joined Colonel Luttrell [John Luttrell] at Luttrell's Barracks in Chatham County who at that time had but very few soldiers under his command he was immediately marched to the North as far as the River Roanoke when he was detached with a number of Negroes and other property belonging to Colonel Luttrell to Bedford County in Virginia where he remained until his Term of Service expired when he returned home and received a written discharge from Colonel Luttrell after he had served 3 months which discharge is now lost or mislaid and he is now unable to procure the same.

¹ The events described by this veteran would indicate that the year was 1779.

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 or Territory in the Union.

S/ John Rossen, X his mark

[Benoni Rosson and John Dorsitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Chatham County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Rossen who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For 6 months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

Question where and in what year were you born

A. I was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia in the month of February A.D. 1749

Q. have you any record of your age and if so where is it --

A. The record of my age is in an old Bible now in my possession which was said to have been written by my Father or some person under his direction

Q. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

A. I resided in Chatham County North Carolina when called into service and have resided there ever since

Q. how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if so for whom

A. on one occasion I was a substitute for Reuben Crow and on another I volunteered my services

Q. State the name of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

A. To the foregoing question I can add nothing more than I have stated in my declaration

Q. did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it

A. I received one discharge signed by Colonel Luttrell in another signed by General Butler but before the close of the war my Father's house was plundered by the Tories in which my discharges were cents [indecipherable word or words] time I have never seen them and believe they were carried off by the Tories.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

A. Benoni Rossen, John Docett, Andrew Headen, John Harris, Allen Goodwin, Hardy Goodwin & others

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above mentioned

S/ Robert Bingham, JP

S/ John Rossen, X his mark