

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rodham Luttrell¹ W10206 Frances Luttrell

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State of Kentucky Owen County Sct.

On this 25th day of September 1843 personally appeared before Benjamin Haydon a justice of the peace in and for said County and one of the justices of the Owen County Court Frances Luttrell a resident of the said County aged 53 years who being duly sworn according to law upon her oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This declarant states that her maiden name was Frances Adkins and that she was legally married to Rodham Luttrell in Scott County Kentucky on the __ day of September 1810 – that her said husband died in the County of Owen on the 14th day of January 1832 and that she has continued to live in Owen County ever since and has not married since his death. She further says that she has often heard her said husband & others also state that he served as a soldier and semen in the War of the Revolution – during the whole or nearly the whole of that war – that at one time as she has understood from him he served under one Richard Taylor who was called Commodore Dick Taylor. She recollects that a short time before his death he made an agreement with one Henry Wingate of Frankfurt Kentucky to procure his bounty land for him from the Government and that the said Rodham made out the proof of his services and died and after his death several papers in regard to his services were found among his papers and placed in the hand of said Wingate who this declarant is informed forwarded them together with the other proofs of his services to the bounty land office and procure an allowance of the bounty land due him which allowance has been accounted for by the said Wingate. And she refers to the papers connected with said Application and proof of his Services and in support of this her claim. She claims now from the Government the amount due to her deceased husband from fourth of March 1831 up to the period of his death under the act of June seventh 1832. And she prays that an allowance be made to her accordingly.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Frances Luttrell, X her mark

[p. 68: On 25 September, 1843 in Owen County Kentucky, John Luttrell, now 32 years of age and the oldest child of bottom and Frances Luttrell gave testimony that his father Rodham died in Owen County January 14, 1832 and that his mother the said Frances Luttrell still lives and

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remains his widow; that his father obtained a land bounty prior to his death through the efforts of Henry Wingate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Ficklin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Ficklin".

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Owen County Kentucky Sct.

Frances Luttrell of said County aged 68 years do make the following statement – I have heretofore as the widow of Rodham Luttrell deceased applied for a Revolutionary pension, and I refer to my former statements and also to my statement and accompanying evidence of even date here with claiming the benefits of the Pension Act of June seventh 1832. I was married to said Rodham Luttrell in Scott County Kentucky in October 1810 by one John Ficklin a preacher and my name before marriage to him was Frances Adkins.

My husband the above named Rodham Luttrell died in this County on the 14th day of January 1832 leaving me his widow, since when I have never again married but am still his widow.

I made this declaration for the purpose of applying for the benefit of the Act of Congress of February third 1853.

And I hereby with full power of substitution appoint C H Barkley of Louisville Kentucky my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to prosecute said claim, hereby revoking encounter Manning any and all previous powers of attorney to all persons whomever.

Refer generally to the proof that accompanies or may hereafter be added to an application that I made of even date here with claiming the benefit of the Act of June seventh 1832, and

Witness my name on this 18th day of April 1857

S/ Frances Luttrell, X her mark

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Owen County Kentucky Sct.

I Frances Luttrell of said County aged from my best information about 68 years do make the following statement.

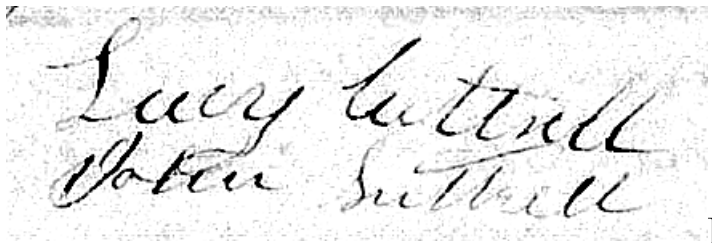
I am the widow of Rodham Luttrell, and as such have heretofore claimed a Revolutionary pension as the widow of said Rodham Luttrell, who from my best recollection served on the See and Land Service both in the troops of the State of Virginia – Refer to my Statements heretofore made – I was married to the said Rodham Luttrell in Scott County Kentucky in the month of October 1810 by one John Ficklin a preacher, and my name before said marriage was Frances Adkins.

I have no record of our marriage and know certificate of it – I understand that the records of said County of Scott were burned about 20 years ago and that it is therefore probable that there is no public record of our marriage – I do not know of any person anywhere convenient that was at our wedding and I understand that the preacher is dead – and I am also told that his family has gone to Missouri – County unknown so that it would not be convenient for me to find them and get a certificate from his "Record" and do not know indeed whether he kept one or not. Our Son John Luttrell has the record of his birth and that is the best proof that I can get of our marriage.

My husband the above named Rodham Luttrell died in this County on the 14th day of January 1832 and some time before he died (I do not now remember how long) he received or applied for some land Scrip from the State of Virginia or the United States or both on account of his Revolutionary services. Mr. Henry Wingate of Frankfurt Kentucky had something to do with getting this scrip but whether as agent or as the Magistrate (or both) I do not know – I remember that my said husband went to see him about it. – My recollection also is that my husband was a witness for Mr. James Biscoe or Briscoe of Franklin County Kentucky who in his lifetime was a pensioner, and whose widow now is – I make this declaration for the purpose of applying for the benefit of the Pension Act of June seventh 1832 and its amendment as the widow of the above named Rodham Luttrell. And I hereby with full power of substitution appoint C. H. Barkley of Louisville Kentucky my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to prosecute said claim hereby revoking and countermand the all previous powers of attorney to all persons whatever – Witness my name on this 18th day of April 1857. I have never married again since the death of said Rodham Luttrell but I am still his widow.

S/Frances Luttrell, X her mark

[p 8: On April 18, 1857 in Owen County Kentucky, Lucy Luttrell, 50, gave a supporting affidavit in which she said she was well acquainted with Rodham Luttrell; that before his death he applied for a land Scrip on account of his revolutionary services; that the affiant as one of his eight years sold her share of said claim; that Rodham Luttrell was her father; John Luttrell, 45, also gave testimony that he is the son of Rodham and Frances Luttrell; that his father made a record from which the following is a copy: "John Luttrell son of Rodham Luttrell and his wife Fanny was born in the year of our Lord 1810 October 25th – Rodham Luttrell was born in the year of our Lord 1818 – July 13th"; that Rodham Luttrell was the affiant's brother

A photograph of a handwritten document showing two signatures. The top signature is 'Lucy Luttrell' and the bottom signature is 'John Luttrell'. The handwriting is in cursive and appears to be from the mid-19th century. The document is slightly aged and has some texture.

[p 23: record from Virginia dated June seven, 1831, showing that Rodham Luttrell was allowed 100 acres of land for three years service as a Seaman in the Virginia state Navy. The warrant was No. 6948.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831 and ending January 14, 1832 for service as a Seaman for two years in the Virginia Navy. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] indexed under the names "Roadham Lutterall" and "Roadah Lutterall"

State of Kentucky Franklin County to wit

Rodham Luttrell this day came personally before me Henry Wingate a Justice of the

peace for said County and being by me duly cautioned charged and sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God doth testify and declare that he served three years in the Virginia Navy first under the command of Commodore James Markham, then under Commodore Richard Taylor, and lastly under the Command of Commodore James Barron, from whom he received a regular discharge, but that he has lost or mislaid the same so that he cannot find it. And that the only written evidence now in his possession of his Services is the annexed certificate from Commodore Markham, he states that he has never received any land from Government in consideration of his Services, and only a small part of his pay – the exact Amount not now recollected.

He states that he is now upwards of 70 years of age and is much in need of what he considers just [indecipherable word] from his Government having spent his early life in its defense, he is now unable to maintain himself by labor.

S/ Roadham Luttrell, X his mark

[There is a supporting affidavit given by James Biscoe but the first portion of it as posted online is illegible. The portion I can make out reads as follows:

To be strictly and literally true they were well acquainted in their youthful days whilst in the service of their Country. And he now lives within fifteen miles of him, said Luttrell, and independent of his own personal knowledge of his services, he knows it to be a fact as well-established as any others from information he has received from others. He knows said Luttrell to be a man of truth and veracity, and believes him to be in very needy circumstances. And further saith not

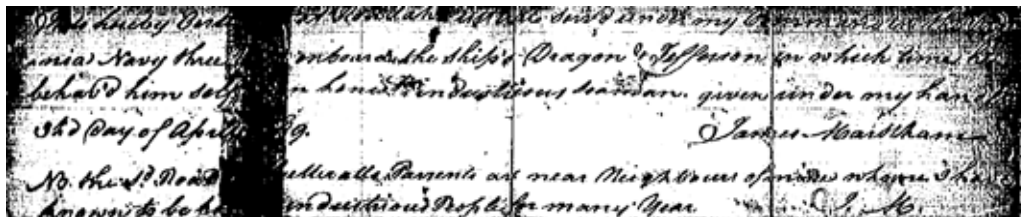


I do hereby Certify that Roadah Luttrell served under my Command in the Virginia Navy three years on board the Ships *Dragon*² & *Jefferson*³ in which time he behaved himself and honest, industrious Seaman. Given under my hand this third day of April 1789.

S/ James Markham

No. The said Roadah Luttrell's Parents are near neighbors of mine whom I have known to be [paper damaged and text obscured but I believe the word covered is "honest" industrious People for many years.

S/ J. M.



² *Dragon*. Coggins:102, ND8:422, ND10:105, ND11:190, 694, 1168, ship of the VA Navy, 1777. VANavy:161 shows it as a schooner-rigged vessel stationed on the Rappahannock or James River, Captains Eleazer Callender and John Markham. Dandridge:187, shows it as a galley built at Fredericksburg, perhaps in 1777. Eller:201, inactive 1780, destroyed, 1781. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html>

³ *Jefferson*. Coggins:102, Paullin:407, 411, Dandridge:186, brig in VA Navy, 14 guns, Capt Richard Barron, 1779, sent to Chesapeake Bay, May 1780. VANavy:154, 174, Davies XX:143, Capt Willis Wilson? sank it near Jamestown in Jan 1781. GMB:35, mentioned as repairable in May 1781 for defense of Hampton, VA. Silverstone:20, VA brig. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20J-K.html>