

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Cross W18975

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: On the 8th day of February 1844, personally appeared before us Hiram Ward & James Goss – Two of the Acting Magistrates & Members of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for said County, it being a Court of Record, Hannah Cross a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July the 4th day, 1836 –

That she is the Widow of Jacob Cross Deceased, of the County of Rowan, now Davidson, in the State of North Carolina, who was a private soldier in the North Carolina Militia, in the war of the Revolution & as such he served the United States in the following manner viz. – first he was drafted for a three months Tour under Captain Hedrick & Colonel Lopp under General Rutherford to go to the Eastern part of the State, he the said Jacob Cross left home joined the Army & they marched on to Fayetteville & to Wilmington & said Jacob Cross returned home and brought his discharge after having served three months & fifteen days in the Army.

The next Tour of service said Jacob Cross was again drafted for another three months tour under Captain Hedrick & Colonel Lopp & General Rutherford to go out against the Indians in the Cherokee Nation at which place he was kept in service upwards of four months at least before he was discharged from that last Tour of service & that she very well recollects he said Jacob Cross brought home with him his discharge, which together with his first discharge has been lost since or about the time of his Death.

She further declared that she married the said Jacob Cross in the month of June 24th 1778 in the County of Rowan North Carolina, that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Cross died in the year 1804, & that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to & subscribed before us –

S/ H. Ward

S/ Hannah Cross, X her mark

S/ Jas. Goss

State of North Carolina Davidson County: On this 8th day of February 1844, personally appeared before us Hiram Ward & James Goss Two of the Acting Magistrates in & for said County, Peter Cross a resident of said County & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statements, viz., that he is the said Peter

Cross is now seventy-seven years of age, that he from his childhood has been intimately acquainted with Jacob Cross Deceased of Rowan County North Carolina, also with his wife Hannah, who is now applying for a pension on the Account of her Deceased Husband's revolutionary Service, that said Peter Cross who was present & witness the Marriage between the parties of Jacob Cross & Hannah Martin, which marriage took place at the house of Michael Brown Esquire in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1778, said Peter Cross states said parties Jacob Cross & his wife Hannah then settled & lived together being lawful man & wife until Jacob Cross was drafted as a private soldier into the Army of the Revolution War for a three months tour under Captain Hedrick & Colonel Lopp under command of General Rutherford at which time said Jacob Cross left house joined the Army & they were marched on to Fayetteville & from thence to Wilmington & after serving in the Army three months & seventeen days he was discharged & came home to his wife & family, it being his wife & one child, bringing his discharge which he the said Peter Cross distinctly recollects having seen it many times –

Peter Cross further States on his Oath, the next Tour of Service the said Jacob Cross was again drafted for a three months Tour as a private soldier into the Revolution Army for to go out against the Indians in the Cherokee Nation under Captain Hedrick, Colonel Lopp & under command of General Rutherford, Said Peter Cross States, at the time of being drafted the Soldiers were all permitted to go to their houses & be in readiness when orders were given to march, that time for a march was at the day of draft not ascertained, said Peter Cross states that Jacob Cross after returning home from the place of being drafted, in all haste, started & did go a trip to Fayetteville with some produce to sell in that market & in his absence the Army to which he was to serve with us was ordered & had marched off, on horseback, with his father & myself we said Peter Cross & the aforesaid Jacob Cross & his father overtook Captain Hedrick, Colonel Lopp & the Army to which said Jacob Cross belonged at Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina, then & there said Jacob Cross joined the Army & at the time of starting, his father said [“now Jacob, rush not in danger, but if the enemy comes own fight like a man never be a coward[”], said Jacob Cross replied, [“I go to fight & not to run, but what will Hannah & our child do[”] & said Jacob Cross offered if I said Peter Cross would live with his wife three months he would give me a gun I consented & accordingly at my return set in & remained with Anna Cross the wife of said Jacob Cross & continued with her & family until until said Jacob Cross returned home from the Army which was four months & 17 days, the amount of time said Peter Cross states he served as a hireling & it being the length of time said Jacob Cross was absent from his family acting as a soldier in the Army as aforesaid, & at his return home said Jacob Cross draw his discharge from the Army which together with his first discharge said Peter Cross states he did frequently see until about the time of Jacob Cross's Death which happened in the year 1804.

Sworn to & subscribed before us

S/ H. Ward

S/ Jas. Goss

S/ Peter Cross, X his mark

North Carolina Davidson County: On this 8th day of February 1844, personally appeared before us Hiram Ward & James Goss two of the acting Magistrates in & for said County David Cross, Senior, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, who being first duly qualified according to law, doth on his oath make the following statements, viz., that he the said David Cross is now seventy-one years of age – States he recollects very well when Jacob Cross was drafted to go on with Hedrick & Lopp's Army & was to March on to Fayetteville & in a short time after the draft,

Captain Hedrick & Colonel Lopp came on with their Army & stationed at said David Cross's Father's house one night, & on the day following the officers Captain Hedrick & Colonel Lopp with their Army paraded in said Crosses lot & said David Cross states Jacob Cross there joined the Army & marched off – & after some months absence from home, returned, & stated to his friends & family the reason he had been From home so long, the Army where he was drafted in, was ordered to March from Fayetteville to Wilmington & said Jacob Cross was compelled to stay with the Army longer than he suspected to have done.

Said David Cross states he recollects Jacob Cross as aforesaid was again drafted to go against the Indians in the Cherokee Nation & did go & were gone from home a considerable time, but, how long the said David Cross cannot recollect. Sworn to & subscribed before us.

S/ David Cross, X his mark

[fn p. 15: on October 12, 1844 in Davidson County, George Fritts¹ gave testimony that he served with Jacob Cross in the two tours of service referred to in the above affidavits.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's six months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]

¹ [George Fritts S6864](#)