

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Lynch W5032

Rose Lynch

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this 28th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham Elijah Lynch resident of the County of Rockingham State of North Carolina aged sixty-seven years being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress passed the seventh of June 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain James Curtly and served in the ___ Regiment of the Guards in the line and served under the following officers for the first year in the company of Captain James Curtly¹ at the end of which time ___ Porter [perhaps Captain Thomas Porter] was appointed Captain of the same company in which he continued during the [indecipherable word]² term of his service – Colonel Francis Taylor, Major John Roberts were the officers of the Regiment at the time of Elisting [sic, enlisting?] he resided in the County of Culpeper & State of Virginia and enlisted at the Court House of said County and marched to the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia where he remained as one of the Guard of the prisoners of that Station until for [sic sic] three years at the end of which time he marched to Winchester Virginia where he remained four months when he was regularly discharged in the year 1781 after having served three years & four months & that his discharge was given him by Captain Porter which he was unfortunate as to have destroyed by fire.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 29th of November 1832

S/ Ro. Gallaway, CCC

S/ Elijah Lynch, X his mark

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state.

S/ Elijah Lynch, X his mark

[p 16: On November 27, 1844 in Rockingham County North Carolina, Aaron Lynch, 47, made a claim on the half of himself and other heirs at law of Rose Lynch, widow of Elijah Lynch, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that Elijah Lynch died December 20,

¹ This MAY be a mistaken attempt to identify Captain William Kirtley who served as a company commander in the Convention Guards at Albemarle barracks under Colonel Frances Taylor. I could find no other likely candidate for the officer identified by this veteran as "James Curtly."

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1839 leaving Rose Lynch his widow; she died June 18, 1844 leaving the following children surviving her: Aaron Lynch, Elijah Lynch, Robert Lynch, Ann who intermarried with Alexander Grogan, and Sarah who intermarried with John Willson, all of legal age; that it is his understanding that Elijah & Rose Lynch were married in 1785 as supported by a marriage bond.

Aaron Lynch

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[p 32: in a subsequent document dated May 28, 1845, Aaron Lynch signed his name as follows:

Aaron Lynch

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[p 12: Copy of a marriage bond dated October fifth, 1785 issued in Culpeper County Virginia to Elijah Lynch & James Rosson conditioned upon the marriage of Elijah Lynch to Rosa Crawford of the County of Culpeper.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]