

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ash W5645

Jane Ash

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State of Georgia Franklin County} SS

On this first day of October 1844, Personally appeared before me William Turk one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of said County Mrs. Jane Ash a resident of Captain David's District in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of William Ash late of said County deceased who was a private in the Militia in the war of the Revolution and served as she verily believes as follows (to wit) that in the early part of the Revolutionary war her husband the said William Ash Deceased who then resided in York or Camden District South Carolina (does not recollect whether they were then divided or not) entered the Militia Service of the United States in the year 1776 in Colonel Neal's [sic, Thomas Neel] Regiment and served in what was called the Snow Campaign¹ against the Indians as a Substitute in the place of one William Burroughs as she is disposed too think and served this time at least two months he was again in the Militia in Colonel Lacy's [sic, Edward Lacey's] Regiment and was marched to Charleston South Carolina served this tour two months or more. He was again in the Militia under Colonel Lacey and in the Battles at Congaree & Friday's Forts² this service about two months. He was again in the service she thinks about the year 1777 under Captain Bratton [probably Hugh Bratton] and Colonel Lacey and was marched to a place called Ashley where she thinks he had a battle with the British and Tories served this time two months or more has served another tour under the same officers and was at the battle at Rocky Mount³ served this time 2 or 3 months, he was again in the service under Colonel Lacey and was at what was called Sumter's Defeat⁴ -- served this time 2 or 3 months he was again in the service as a volunteer in Colonel Lacey's Regiment and was at the Battle at Bickhams Church [sic, ? Biggin Church⁵ or Beckhamville⁶?] and served 2 or 3 months this tour all of which service she relates upon information received from her said husband and others all of which she verily believes to be true her said husband moved from York District in the State of South Carolina to

¹ December 1775-January 1776

² <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortgranby.htm>

³ July 30, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockymt.htm>

⁴ Also known as the Battle of Fishing Creek August 18, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fishingcreek.htm>

⁵ July 16, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/bigginch.htm>

⁶ June 8, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/bechamville.htm>

Wilkes County in the State of Georgia and from thence to Franklin County in the said State of Georgia where she now resides. She further more declares that she was married to the said William Ash on the 8th day of April 1783. That her husband the aforesaid William Ash died on the 15th day of October 1831. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written before me
S/ William Turk, JIC

S/ Jane Ash, X her mark

[p 5: family record]

John Ash was born the 30th day of November 1782
Alexander F. Ash was born the 5th day of March 1785
James Ash was born the 24th of October 1786
Doley Ash was born the 18th day of April 1789
William Ash Junior was born the 26th day of January 1791
Jannet Ash was born the 21st day of January 1793
Robert Rutherford Ash was born the 31st day of May 1795
Mary Hunter Ash was born the 6th day of March 1798
Elisabeth Ash was born the 26th day of December 1800
Elijah McWhorter Ash was born the 20th day of November 1802
Isabella P. Ash was born the 29th day of October 1804
Rachel A. Ash was born the 29th day of October 1804
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[p 7: On January 7, 1845 in Franklin County Georgia, Robert R Ash authenticated the family record is having been taken from his family's Bible.

Robert K. Ash

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State of Georgia Franklin County} SS

Before me William Turk one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of said County personally appeared William Fleming⁷ who now resides in Cherokee County in said State, and being duly sworn deposed and saith. That he has been well acquainted with William Ash late of the said County of Franklin and his wife Jane Ash (who is now about to apply for a pension) ever since and during the Revolutionary War. This deponent was present at their marriage which took place in York District in the State of South Carolina on the 8th day of April 1783. That they have lived together ever since as man & wife up to the time of the death of the said William Ash and that his widow Jane -- has not been since married. This deponent further states that he saw the said William Ash in the service of the United States in two of the Tours as set forth in the declaration of Mrs. Jane Ash, to wit, the one where she states he was in the battle at Ashley; and the one in the battles at Congaree & Friday's forts & this deponent has no doubt from what he understood during the war and ever since that the said William Ash performed the balance of the service as set forth in said declaration.

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[The widow was pensioned at the rate of \$21.54 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]

⁷ [William Fleming S32250](#)