

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ross W8557

Sally

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County of Boone, State of Kentucky

On this day personally appeared before me James Records a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sally Ross a resident of the County of Boone State of Kentucky who cannot attend court by reason of bodily infirmity aged Eighty-two 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 7th, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of the late William Ross who was a Regular Soldier on the Virginia Continental line during the war of the revolutionary War and was in the service at least five years but in consequence of her great age and loss of memory she is unable to state the name of the officers under whom he served he was in several battles but she does not recollect any of them. She has often seen his discharge but do not recollect by whom it was signed it with all of his papers was consumed by fire many years ago when their house was burnt up she was married to the said William Rawls in Prince William County, State of Virginia on the 29th day of January 1787 or 8 and she has no family record of her Marriage or any of the ages of her Children and prays the best information that can be produced of her marriage may be received and she refers to the record on file for his Service, and the Record of the County of Prince William State of Virginia for her marriage. She further declares that her Husband the aforesaid William Ross died on the 15th day of November in the year 1814 and she has remained a widow ever since his death.

S/ Sally Ross, X her mark

[Acknowledged and attested July 25, 1839 by James Records, JP]

[f p. 15]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 22nd day of June 1784, in the name of William Ross, as a Soldier of Infantry for £55.10.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Ford and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
3rd day of June 1839.

S/ A. W. Morton, 1<sup>st</sup> Clk  
Auditor absent

[f p. 5]

I Alexander Ross of Boone County Kentucky do state that I am the Brother of the aforesaid William Ross and I do know of my own personal knowledge that he was in the war of the revolution some considerable time but from my great age and loss of memory I am unwilling at this great length of time to state how long he was in the Service and I do further state that the above said Sally Ross was married to the aforesaid William Ross at or near the time stated by her in her Declaration for I was present at the Marriage and do further state that he died at or near the time stated by her in her declaration and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the aforesaid William Ross. Given from under my hand this 26 day of July 1839.

S/ Alexander Ross, X his mark

[f p. 38: On the December 7 1839, Fanny Ross gave testimony that she is the youngest child of William and Sally Ross; that she had 6 siblings older than herself; that she is upwards of 4 years old but has no record of her age; that she concurs in the testimony of her mother given in an amended declaration which I have not transcribed because it did not add any additional substantive information.]

[f p. 7]

State of Ohio Hamilton County, City of Cincinnati: SS

On this 27th day of October in the year 1843 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Henry E. Spencer, Mayor of the city of Cincinnati, and a Justice of the Peace for the city, county and State above mentioned Jesse Ross who being duly sworn according to law, and whose testimony is worthy of credit, declares that that he is the son of William and Sally Ross deceased. His Father William Ross was a Revolutionary Soldier who died in Barren County Kentucky in 1815. His Mother Sally Ross died about four years ago in Boone County Kentucky. Some 10 or 12 years ago his Mother made an application through Lewis C. Suggett [?] of Case Spring Scott County Kentucky for a Pension. The deponent is advised that there was a Pension allowed his Mother as the widow of William Ross. But that the amount that was allowed was never drawn by deponent's Mother. The object of this statement is to have the claim examined at the Pension office to [indecipherable word, perhaps intended to be the word "learn"]<sup>1</sup> the amount of the pension the time of its commencement. If the Certificate of Pension has been issued as deponent supposes he wishes to know to whom sent and where the Pension was made payable and from what date the deponent will be sixty years old in March 1850 (next) he has a sister by name of Francis [sic] aged about fifty years the deponent has appointed Eliphalet [?] Easton of this City his agent to aid him in this matter and the Honorable James L. Edward will please answer the above inquiries directed to this place care of [indecipherable word, could be intended to be an abbreviation of the word "General" or perhaps the name "Emil"]<sup>2</sup> Easton . All orders that said Easton me from time to time make in this matter will and ought to be respected.

S/ Jesse Ross

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<sup>1</sup> *learn*

<sup>2</sup> *Emil*

*Jesse Ross*

[f p. 9: On December 31, 1849 in Boone County Kentucky, Chasteen Scott gave testimony that he was appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Sally Ross widow of William Ross and pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum. That Sally Ross died July 17, 1843 leaving three children surviving whose names are Jesse Ross, Frances Garrison and Nancy Martin all of lawful age; that the pension due the widow was paid up through March 4th, 1843 and that he files this application in order to obtain the arrears of pension due the widow at the time of her death.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]