

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Rossin W8559

Pamelia

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[f p. 10]

State of Kentucky Franklin County: SS

On this the [indecipherable number] day of May 1843 Personally appeared before me Benjamin Luckett Esquire an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and state aforesaid Mrs. Pamelia Ross and a resident of said County of Franklin State of Kentucky and who is aged near 79 years and who after 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 7th day of July 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows,["] to wit, that she is the widow of Joseph Rosser who was a Sergeant in the revolutionary War and belonged to the Regular Continental Line of Virginia and served in said Regular Continental Line nearly the whole term of the war. She thinks he volunteered to serve one tour of three years and after serving it out volunteered to serve longer and did so, and his full term of service was nearly the whole duration of the war of the Revolution. She cannot state the officers under whom the service of her said husband was performed. She thinks however that she can say a portion of his service was under General Green [Nathanael Greene] & the latter part of the same. She further declares that her said husband entered the service about the commencement of said war and served nearly the whole duration of the war, and was in the service in the North and also the South and was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and also the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and resided at the time he entered the service in Orange County Virginia and continued to reside there until he moved to Kentucky where he lived until his death which took place about twenty-five years ago. She declares that she is enabled to make the foregoing Statement from the conversations she has had with her said husband and from those held in her presence with other persons who served in said war. She further declares that her said husband received a discharge from the service for his aforesaid service as Sergeant, and which discharge showed that her said husband was entitled on account of his said service to about four or five hundred acres of land and that her said husband before his death, and during the lifetime of General Scott who was Governor of Kentucky, delivered his discharge to said General Scott in order that he might obtain the land and her said husband on account of his said services and General Scott then told her said husband that he could obtain for him his land and since the death of General Scott the aforesaid discharge has been searched for among the papers of General Scott and could never be found. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim: she further declares that she was married to her said husband the aforesaid Joseph Rosser and in the year 1782, if she is not mistaken in the year, and that her aforesaid husband Joseph Rossin departed this life on the 30th day of May 1818, and that she was not married to her said husband before the last period of his service terminated, but was married to him some

short time thereafter, and the said marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated. And that she has never married since the death of her said husband was still continues his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Pamela Rossin, X her mark

S/ Ben Luckett, JP

[f p. 13: On May 10, 1843 in Franklin County Kentucky, William Rossin gave testimony that he is the son of Mrs. Pamela Rossin and her husband Joseph Rossin; that he will be 60 years of age July 1st next; that during the lifetime of his father he the deponent has heard his father speak of the Revolutionary War and his having served nearly the whole duration of the war as Sergeant; that he has often heard his father and a gentleman named Keaton speak of this service together in the war; of his father having tried to get his bounty land through the efforts of General Scott.



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[f p. 26: On October 20, 1843 in Franklin County Kentucky, Joseph Rossin Junior gave testimony that he is the son of Joseph Rossin deceased; that he has heard his father speak of having belonged to the Virginia line and being entitled to bounty land; that he is now about 47 years of age; that he, deponent, and three of his brothers were soldiers in the late war [the war of 1812] with Great Britain and served 18 months, 12 months of which he served as Sergeant under Colonel Owen. Deponent signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 33: On June 5, 1843 in Franklin County Kentucky, Benjamin Edwards a resident of said County gave testimony that he is the brother of Mrs. Pamela Rossin who married Joseph Rossin who was in the Army of the Revolution nearly the whole duration of the war and he thinks served as a Sargeant; he states that Joseph was in the battles of "Brandywine, Monmouth &c"; that he was a witness to the marriage of Joseph Rossin to his sister in 1782. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 18]

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 29th day of October 1784, in the name of Joseph Rossin, as a Sargeant of Infantry for £19.17.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Heath 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  
9th day of December 1845 [could be 1846].

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 4]

State of Kentucky: SS

On this the 7th day of January 1845 personally appeared before me George Howard an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said County and State Mrs. [sic, Mr.] Jesse Rosin [sic] a

resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 79 years the 31st day of May 1844 and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is the youngest son of his Father and that he has seven Brothers older than himself and that every one of them was in the Revolutionary War and that his brother Joseph Rossin died about the 30th of May 1818 and who was the husband of Pamela Rossin who now lives in Franklin County Kentucky who has made her declaration in order to obtain a pension for her husband's service in the Revolutionary War he further states that he was nearly twelve years of age when his brother Joseph Rossin enlisted in the Regular Serve [service] of the United States in the Continental Line of Virginia under Captain George Slaughter of Culpeper County State of Virginia he further states that he was present when his brother Joseph Rosser and took the Bounty Money for two years, and he served out his time and was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and in the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] and in the Battle of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina, which city was surrendered to the British on May 12, 1780] and after his two years was out he returned home and staid but a short time before he volunteered and went out in the service again and was a Sergeant and continued in the Serve [service] until 1782 at which time he was appointed a Lieutenant by Captain B. Graves and was sent to enlist men for the said War and while out he became acquainted with Pamela Edwards and married her in the year 1782, so he thinks, he says he was not in [at the] marriage but he saw them shortly after they were married and they lived together as husband and wife from the year above named until his death which took place as before stated, he further states that he has documentary evidences that prove to him that his Brother Joseph Rossin and Pamela Edwards were married some 10 or 12 years before 1794 he further states that his Brother Joseph Rossin served almost the whole War and was at the Battle of Camden under General Gates. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January 1845

S/ Geo. Howard, JP

S/ JesseRosson [sic], X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]