

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Doss W9404                          Nancy Doss                          VA  
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State of Tennessee }  
Fentress County    }    on this the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August 1833 personally personally appear'd before me Robert Richardson an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Fentress afoesaid being one of the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of said county which is a court of Record William Doss a resident citizen of the County of Fentress aforesaid aged Sixty nine years in May Last agreeable to his best information he having no record of his age. but he is condfident that is his age, and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath states in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 18325

That he entered the service of the united in the Revolutionary War in Buckingham County Virginia, where he was born and rais'd and lived till after the end of said War. He was thrown into classes by number and a called out according to number as a drafted private militia. he entered said service under Capt. Mosely [probably Moseley] his first name [not?] recollected and went into the Barrax in Albemarle County said state, and guarded the same three months. [sic: Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville where prisoners taken at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 were kept from Jan 1779 till Feb 1781] he is not certain as to the precise time of entering and quitting said service but he recollects that the period of the warm season of the year and he thinks in the year 1780 he not being certain as To dates. he receiv'd a written discharge from his said capt's at said Barrax having serv'd out his three months and returnd home

and some Time thereafter he was again called out when it came to his Turn, and he entered the service he is not certain the precise time but he thinks some time in December 1780. he marched off under capt John Chambers and Col Holcum [sic: John Holcombe] and went on To various places in North Carolina and To guilford Battle and was in that engagement [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and march'd on with the army to deep river and there had a written discharge from his said capt John Chambers his not certain as to the precise time, but recollects it was in the spring season of the year and he believes It was in 1781

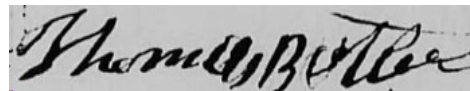
he was some time in the ensuing summer the precise time remembered called out agreeable to his number and again enterd the sevice under capt Miller his first name not remembered and went on to the Seige of York. he having been under different cols during his said Last servitude his is not certain who was his proper col of his Regiment he was part of the Time under Col Skipper [sic: Henry Skipwith] he after marching to various places was finally marched to York where he was engaged in the most servile Labor untill the Surrender of Lord Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] after which Time he having serv'd his said three months he was there discharged had a written discharge from his said Miller and returnd home having serv'd nine months in toto at three different periods of service as a drafted private militia of musketry in infantry

applicant was born and raised in Buckingham county virginia and staiad there till after the end of the war and went to Franklin County Georgia Staid there a few years and mov'd back to Buckingham Virginia staid there a short time and mov'd Wilks county [sic: Wilkes County] North Carolina Staid there a few years, mov'd to Buncombe County said state Staid there a few years and mov'd Wayne County Kentucky Staid there a few years and mov'd to overton county Tennessee to the part that is now Fentress County where he now lives and has liv'd about 12 years

applicant has Lost his discharges in some way Long ago and has no docamentary Evidence of his services and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services that he has any chance of getting Except a certain Thomas Butler [pension application S3098] as to one Tour the evidence of whom applicant has no doubt that he can get. he can prove his character as a man of reputation and as a soldier of the Revolution by Abram Brown Job Simpson and Belfield Wood Andrew Smith and by all his

intimate acquaintance and his neighbors generally. he states that it is out of his power To obtain the Evidence of a clergy man as requested by the War department there being no Clergyman any place within or near his vicinity, or neighborhood applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State  
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State of Tennessee }  
Morgan County } on this the 3<sup>d</sup> day of September AD in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appear'd before me John M. Davis one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Morgan aforesaid being a member of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of said County Thomas Butler resident citizen of Anderson County Tennessee living not far distant from me he being a man with whom I am intimately acquainted. a man of veracity and Entire respectability who appears to be a very old man an states on his oath that he is seventy years old the Eleventh day of November next agreeable to his record which he has and after being sworn as aforesaid states that he serv'd as a Soldier in the revolutionary war and went from Bedford County viginia he serv'd at the Siege at York at the Time of surrender of Lord Corn Wallis, and after the surrender of Corn Wallis, he came on home he came on with a certain William Doss who came on from said siege and liv'd in Buckingham County virginia affiant came on to the place of residence of the said William Doss and staid all night with him and affiant then came on to his home in Bedford County witness states that he is inform'd and believes said William Doss lives in Fentress County Tennessee. witness has a distinct recollection of the facts that he has herein deposed things then occurring in away that strikes his memory forcibly, an further affiant saith not



NOTES:

On 25 June 1838 William Doss applied to have his pension transferred to Kentucky, having recently moved because "I prefer living in Wayne County Kentucky."

On 3 Oct 1853 Nancy Doss about 59 or 60 applied for a pension stating that she married William Doss about 40 years previously in Haywood County NC while both were living in Buncombe County, and that he died on 15 Sep 1853. She stated that she raised a family of children, the oldest then being about 38, and most of whom were living in Fentress County. On an application for bounty land dated 10 April 1855 Nancy Doss stated that her maiden name was Nancy Brown, and that she was about 20 or 25 when she married.

On 13 Aug 1853 William D. Doss, aged 24 on 3 May 1853, stated that he lived with his mother, Nancy Doss, about 25 miles from Albany KY, and he certified the information in her application. He also stated that his oldest sister, Fanny Doss, if living, would be at least 15 or 16 years older than himself. He also stated that "the week before last he pailed [paled = fenced?] in the Grave of his said father and fany Doss, and that the day of his fathers death was and still is on the head stone, at his Grave."

On 14 Oct 1857 Enniss Doss, 33, and Sally Doss, 27, stated that they were children of William and Nancy Doss.

Many of the 127 pages in this file, largely relating to the difficulty in proving the marriage of Nancy Brown and William Doss, are not transcribed here.