

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Rock W985

Nancy Rock

VA

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State of Tennessee }
Washington County }

On this 27th day of May 1818 Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the State of Tennessee Personally appears John Rock aged Sixty four years Resident in the State & County afforesaid who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late Act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War.” that he the said John Rock enlisted in Augusta [sic: Augusta] County in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Betkins [sic: Henry Bedkin of PA] in a Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonol Pulaskie [Casimir Pulaski Ga7] that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of the war when he was discharged from the service of the united states in the town of little york in the State of Pennsylvania & then commanded by Colo Armong [sic: Charles Armand BLWt2291-850] & that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], & at the Capture of Cornwallace’s [sic: Cornwallis’s] army at little York in Virginia [19 Oct 1781] and sundry other skirmishes and that he received slight wound at Battle at Guilford; And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has not other evidence now in his power of his said services. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year afforesaid

John hisXmark Rock

District of Washington SS.

ON this 16th day of October 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district [circuit, & county, John Rock aged near sixty seven years, resident in Washington County in said district, [circuit & county,] who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that in September 1781 he enlisted in Augusta County State of Virginia, into the Continental service in the Revolutionary war, under Captain (afterwards Col.) Gambell [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300], in the Eleventh Virginia Regt. commanded by Col. Faybeecar [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675], and was enlisted for & during the war, and about six weeks after his enlistment was under the call for six men to be taken from each regiment, was one, and was attached to Armonds legion, under Captain Labarret. after having before served under Col Pulasky, who was killed [died at Savannah GA, 11 Oct 1779], and was discharged at little york state of Pennsylvania in December 1783 by General Armond of s’d Legion and was in the Battles of Guilford and taking of Cornwallis and did heretofore make out his declaration for pension on the 27th May 1818

And I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war,” passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. towit one mare worth \$30 one yearlin colt worth \$12. three head of Cattle \$25 four sheep \$5. one sow six pigs & six shoats worth \$11 3 pots worth \$-6. one axe \$1.50 – six plates 1 Bason half dozen old knives & forks and is indebted thirty five Dollars -

he further states that he is a collier by trade, and has a wife and he had seven children his wife is living with him & is a sickly woman, and his children have left him, and owing to a fall from his horse, in the Revolutionary war, he had his ancle so much injured and [undeciphered word] that, he is unable to pursue

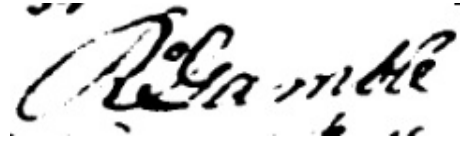
his trade, or any other business profitably for the support of himself & wife and stands in need of assistance for support
John hisXmark Rock

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This will certify that John Rock who was afterwards draughted to serve in Armands Legion was inlisted as a militia man to serve during the war late in the year 1781 one thousand seven hundred & eighty one agreeable to an act of assembly & received at the Gen'l Rendezvous at Cumberland Old Ct House, but I can not recollect the month or day.

Given this 18th July 1784

Ro Gamble Capt.
8th Virg'a Reg't

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Gamble". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

NOTES:

See also <http://revwarapps.org/b222.pdf>.

On 4 Feb 1825 Rock assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land. On 25 June 1839 Nancy Rock, 72, applied for a pension stating that she married John Rock on 1 July 1789 in Washington County VA, and that her husband died 9 Dec 1838. She and long-time friends Amon and Mary Hale [W227] stated that she and John Rock moved in 1789 with her mother, Rachel O'Brian, and her sister, Katharine, to the North Fork of Holston River where John Rock worked as a collier at Ross's Iron Works in Sullivan County TN, and that their first child, Kitty, was born some months afterward. The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Washington County VA on 22 July 1790 by John Rock and William Wilkerson for the marriage of Rock to Nancy Bryan, daughter of John Bryan, deceased, of Washington County.

Other documents in the file state that Kitty Rock was born on 27 Mar 1791, and that Nancy Rock died on 10 May 1854. The file also includes a copy of John Rock's last will and testament, dated 28 July 1838, naming among heirs a grandson, John Washington Combs, under age 21, and Caty Conkin's children. There is also an affidavit filed in 1844 by Nancy Combs, 35, daughter of Caty Conkin and grand daughter of John and Nancy Rock.