

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cross S39382

VA

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District, and State of Virginia Frederick County Ss

On this 6th day of May 1818, before me the subscriber sole and residing Judge of the superior Court of law of the said County of Frederick in the State aforesaid personally appears John Cross aged Fifty years resident in the County [several illegible words interlined] and state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress, intituled 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 Cross enlisted at Point of Fork [at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] in the county of [blank] in the State of Virginia in the month of July in the year of 1782 as a privet soldier in the company of Cavellary commanded by Captain [William] Parsons of the the 3^d Virginia Regiment of Cavalry on continental establishment commanded by Col William Washington, that he continued to serve in the said company, or in the service of the united states until the month of May in the year 1783 when he was discharged at Locklests[?] farm near Winchester in Virginia aforesaid That he has no other evidence of his said services except the subjoined afadavit of William Ball And that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of his countryes aid for a support.

On this 21st Nov'r 1819 The above applicant John Cross personally appeared before me Robert White Sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Courts of Law for the Counties of Frederick and Jefferson in the State and District aforesaid, and being by me duly sworn according to law, on his oath did further declare, that when he inlisted in the manner set forth in his afore going declaration, he inlisted to serve during the War Certified under my hand the day and year aforesaid Robt. White

Jefferson County State and District aforesaid. On this 21st day of November 1819 George Johnston [pension application S38088] upwards of seventy nine years of age personally apeared before me and being by me first duly sworn according to law deposed. That he the said deponant being then a Soldier in the Continental establishment sometime in the month of April in the year 1781 as he thinks, was marched from Winchester in Virginia aforesaid to the Point of Fork in Company with a number of 18 months drafted men and their substitutes, of whom the applcant John Cross was one. That he & the s'd Cross were Messmates. That sometime after they had been at the Point of Fork he thinks in the month of May the said Cross with others left them under the Commandant of some officer whose name the deponant knew not. But he understood from the said applicant and others [one or more pages apparently missing]

Dear Sir) I was called on by Mr John Cross who is now liveing with Mr Stephen Dandridge as an overseer to state to you his situation, Mr Cross came to live with me as an overseer the first of January 1811 I found after he moved to my House that he was very much in debt & had no property but a cow or two, & some few things in his House, and at the end of every year that he lived with me he was in debt. I found his wages would not support him & his wife & six or seven Children, although his wife & Daughters were very industrious indeed, he continued with me until the first of Januay 1817 & when he left me there were several debts he owed when he came to live with me was not paid & I do not believe they ever will Mr Cross has still a wife & six Children liveing with him and I do not [page torn] his situation is any better than when he left & if it was not for the industry of his wife & Daughters I know not what the family would do. And I do assure I think he is fully intituled to his Pension under the Law I am with Respect & Esteem/ yours &c/ John Throckmorton/ November 27th 1819

Jefferson County Va. Sct

On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the said county John Cross aged fifty nine years resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in the State of Virginia and served in the third Regiment of dragoons commanded by Colo. William Washington, to the end of the war and was discharged at Winchester Virginia and was at skirmish at Dorchester near Bacon's bridge in South Carolina where several prisoners were taken. And I do solemnly swear 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 person 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, and that I am unable to maintain and support myself by labour and that my profession is that of a labourer, and my family residing with me consists of my wife aged 51 years, my daughters Mary aged 30 years Sarah 28 years, Elizabeth 16 years, & Eleanor 7 years, & my sons Abraham 12 years, & Samuel 10 years, and I have received a pension in virtue of a Certificate No. 16 421.

Schedule

1 mare, 2 Cows, 12 Sheep 4 hogs, 1 chest & one table

Sworn & declared in open Court 24th July 1820

[signed] John Cross

NOTE:

On 28 March 1829 John Cross applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, stating that after living in Berkeley County VA for the previous several years he had moved to Fairfield County OH in Nov 1828.

The file contains the following letter:

Bantam, Clermont Co. Ohio Oct. 15th 1858.

Hon. Geo. C. Whiting,

Dear Sir would you be so good as to inform me whether there was ever any thing obtained for the benefit of the heirs of John Cross, a revelutinary soldier of Fairfield County, Ohio. Moses B. Corwine MC. [Member of Congress] from this state soliseted the agency through Gen Geo Sanderson, of Lancaster, Ohio, and, after being put in possession of the propper authorety, stated that "Mr. Cross having died before the passage of the law, his widow & children ware not intitled to its benefits" Mr Corwine now professes to have done nothing in the matter, has no knoledge of it whatever, tho I have his letters in my possession, I, confess Sir that I have fears of foul play. Mr. Cross was my Father in law and drew his pension regularly, until 1847, the year he died (if I am not mistaken). You will confer a lasting favour on me by giveing me the information desired. Yours Truly,/ James Armstrong