## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Bounty Land application of Philip Ronemous (Ronomis) BLWt36658-160-55 Jane f29VA Transcribed by Will Graves 7/21/12

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## State of Virginia County of Jefferson: SS

On this 17th day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within & for the County & state aforesaid Jane Ronemous aged seventy-one years next December (1856) a resident of Jefferson County in the State of Virginia, who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Philip Ronemous ( was spelled in the discharge Ronomis) who was a private soldier in the Company commanded by Captain Jacob Linder in the Regiment or Battalion commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ or by Wood Jones Major, 2nd Division in the War of the Revolution against Great Britain declared in the \_\_\_\_\_ that her said husband went from this County Jefferson (then probably known as [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> or Berkeley County in the State of Virginia and continued in actual service for a certain period & upwards of 14 days in the said Revolutionary War," and was honorably discharged November 4th, 1781 as will be seen by reference to his discharge herewith sent – the particulars she cannot now state that she has no doubt of the fact that her said husband did serve in the revolutionary War & that he was at Yorktown in Virginia at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] having often heard her husband speak of it in his lifetime, and also heard the facts stated by others who were then with him –

She further states that she was married to the said Philip Ronemous (or Ronomis) on the 5th day of March A.D. 1807 by Moses Hoge a Presbyterian Minister in the County of Jefferson & State of Virginia<sup>2</sup> and that her name before her said marriage was Jane Thompson; that her said husband died March 19th 1832: & that she is now a widow. She does not know of the existence of any private or public record of her intermarriage with her said husband nor can she conveniently procure the evidence of Miss Charity Johnson who was Bride's Maid to her at her said marriage, & who is still living so old & infirm – She has been advised that her testimony may be dispensed with inasmuch as she has it in her power to prove enough to satisfy the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions, by several gentlemen whose affidavits are herewith annexed & sent, who have lived near her for many years & who knew her husband the said Philip Ronemous & herself as husband & wife from about the time of their marriage up to the time of his death:

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved the 3rd of March 1855.

S/ Jane Ronemous, X her mark



 $^{2}$  In a subsequent document, she adds that they were married in the house of one James McKee.

[James Rice, Joseph Melvin & Edward Lucas, Junior all of Jefferson County, gave a supporting affidavit as to their belief of the services of the applicant's husband as a soldier during the revolution; that he was generally spoken of as being a revolutionary soldier; that they all knew the soldier and his wife prior to their marriage because they lived as near neighbors to them.]

## [f p. 16]

This is to Certify that the Bearer Philip Ronomis of Barly County in Captain Linders Company is herby Discharg'd Louden [Loudoun] County November 1<sup>st</sup> 1781

S/ Jacob Lendin Capt. S/ Ward Jones Majr 2<sup>nd</sup> Devision

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State of Virginia County of Jefferson: SS

On this 4th day of April in the year 1856 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within & for the State & County aforesaid, Jane Ronemous aged about Seventy years last December 1855 a resident of Jefferson County & State of Virginia aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is (as stated in a farmer Declaration, dated day of 1855, to which this is to be a Supplement the widow of Philip Ronemous deceased, who was a Private, in the Company of \_\_\_\_\_ commanded by Captain Jacob Linder in the \_\_\_\_ Regiment Virginia Militia State Line under command of \_\_\_, in the War of the Revolution: her said husband, Philip Ronemous, as she supposes, was drafted or detailed for a term of service in the militia about the year 1780 to 1781, and marched from the lower end of Bucky [sic] County, now Jefferson Virginia to join the American Forces in the South: and continued in actual service of the United States in said War of the Revolution, for a period of \_\_\_\_ months in the State of Virginia and was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in 1781, as she repeatedly heard him say and was honorably discharged as appears from his Written Discharge, dated Loudoun County Virginia November 4th 1781, now on file, together with her 1st Declaration, forted to Pension Office April 1855. She also declares, as heretofore stated, in said 1st Declaration that she was married to the said Philip Ronemous at the house of one James McKee, in Jefferson County Virginia on the 5th day of March 1807, by one Reverend Moses Hoge, a Presbyterian Minister, & that her name before her said marriage was Jane Thompson, and that there is no record private or public that she knows of that she has in addition to farmer proof, procured the annexed affidavit of Miss Charity Johnston of Bolivar Jefferson County Virginia who was one of the attendance bride's maid of the marriage which she hopes will be sufficient proof as to the fact of her marriage. She further states that her said husband Philip Ronemous died in Jackson County Virginia on the 20th of March 1832 and that she is now a widow.

That in regard to the history of the Discharge of her said husband, Philip Ronemouos, she further declares, on oath, that it was found among the old Family papers at the late residence of his brother Conrad Ronemous, in Berkeley County Virginia & handed her by John Ronemous, one of his sons, soon after the passage of the Act of March 3rd 1855 (in the month of March 1855) who, whilst searching for his father's discharge found this one (her husband's) together with two others of the Ronemous brothers three others of whom were also in the War of the Revolution, though the discharge of his Father, Conrad, could not be found. The said John Ronemous who found & brought the discharge of her said husband who is about 36 to 38 years of age & his Father, Conrad, died in 1831. The two brothers Conrad & Philip Ronemous, her said husband, had remained unmarried & lived & kept house together at her residence which belonged to & was occupied by her many years after the close of the Revolution & the former being the oldest of the two, had custody of the old Family papers & took them with him to Berkeley County Virginia which after his deceased fell into the hands of his Admr [administrator] Solomon Robb & subsequently were returned to his son John aforesaid and were never out of the possession of the Family except whilst held by this Admr., as she supposes –

That, with respect to the reputation of her said husband, Philip Ronemous as a soldier, she likewise declares upon oath, that, so far as she knows & believes it was good. One of her reasons for believing so is that if the said Philip Ronemous & his brothers, or either of them, had not been in fact, as well as, by reputation, good soldiers & patriotic citizens, she would likely have heard it and they certainly would not have been honored, as they were, by the friendship & esteem of their neighbors – who knew them well both before & after the Revolution, and many of whom had served with them in that War amongst the number were the Bedengers, Morgans, Lucases, & Darkes all [of whom were] Revolutionary Officers. Conrad & Phillips Ronemous, her husband, had served in the South with General William Darke (then Major) and were ever after recipients of the especial kindness & friendship of that Lion-hearted Stalwart Soldier.

She makes this Supplemental Declaration in consequence of having been notified, by letter, from the Pension Office, days 17th of January 1856, of the suspension of her claim for want of sufficient evidence, on certain points, and furnishes such additional proof, as she could conveniently procure, at this late period, when nearly all the old citizens had been removed from among us, with a view, to meet the requirements of the Department & make out her case, for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act approved the 3rd of March 1855.

S/ Jane Ronemous, X her mark

[f p. 11: Miss Charity Johnston gave a supporting affidavit dated March 27, 1856 in Jefferson County Virginia. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]