Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Roman R8973 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky City of Lexington & County of Fayette -: SS

On this 12th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Mayor's Court for the City of Lexington - now sitting Isaac Roman a resident of Jessamine County and State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 – that he was born on July 18, 1755 – the record of which he well remembers seeing in the Family Bible but which record is now lost - that he removed out westerly to Holston River with one of his Brothers now dead in 1773 – and continued to reside there near the seven mile Ford on Holston until 1797 – when he removed to Jessamine County six miles from the City of Lexington where he has resided ever since – that he was enrolled into the Militia service on the breaking out of the Revolutionary War – his Company was 1st commanded by John Campbell Brother to Colonel Arthur Campbell and said Captain John Campbell commanded the same company at the battle of Long Island against the Cherokees before he joined said Company – When the Company he belonged to was called out against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] to go to Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] Captain Arthur Bowen commanded - who for some reason unknown to him did not go with this Company - and the men when at Kings Mountain were commanded by General William Campbell – His family was so circumstance that he did not go with his Company to Kings Mountain but hired a Substitute by the name of Miles Goforth who got wounded in the knee in the battle at Kings Mountain – to procure said substitute he had to give a fine mare saddle & bridle which was more than half of his property – being then poor & just beginning the world notwithstanding he hired a substitute hoping thereby to be able to stay at home with his wife who was in need of his assistance. In 4 or 5 days after the men had started to Kings Mountain a Tory Captain by the name of Howell with a party of men came over the mountains and threatened the Settlement on the head of New River he had to go with the balance of the company that remained at home against Captain Howell & his Tories, they mustered about 60 or 80 men and were commanded by Sergeant Macfarland [McFarland] who also belonged to Captain Arthur Bowen's Company – After traveling on foot five [?] days meeting [?] Howell they were apprised by the Spies & information that an attack would be made that night they accordingly kept up the fires &c planted sentries all round – on their approach they were so effectively repulsed as induced him to retreat with considerable loss & death of their commander who was mortally wounded - this defeat & that of Ferguson which was heard of directly after gave peace to the Holston Settlement during the balance of the War – that he continued in the militia the whole war – that he knows of but one man of all his Company of the name of Thomas Wooley to be alive – & that he does not know where he resides – during all the War & until 1797 when he removed to Kentucky he lived at or

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joining Colonel Arthur Campbell's where he was married or within two miles in the house on the road he sold to Mr. John Byers – adjoining to the plantation of Captain Arthur Bowen who is dead – that he expects to prove the above statement by Colonel Robert Russell who lives in Fayette County – 4 or 5 miles from the City of Lexington as he has known him from a child – & that it was so much more convenient to General Russell who is a Magistrate in Fayette County & his other witnesses who lived in Lexington made him apply there. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency or the agency of any State only on that of the Agency of the State of Virginia in Washington County 23 – 25 miles East of Abingdon – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Roman goaac

[Thomas Smith, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

I Robert Russell¹ do hereby certify that I was born in Culpeper and removed to Washington County Virginia about 1774 where I resided until I removed to Kentucky in 1793 and now reside in Fayette County 8 miles from the City of Lexington – that I was well acquainted with Isaac Roman when he was a young man I resided in Washington County Virginia and have known him ever since. I believe the foregoing statement of his services to be correctly detailed – and from his general conduct & unimpeachable character I consider him entitled to full credit & belief – I was also well acquainted with Colonel Campbell & Arthur Bowen & knew them to be in the Service mentioned.

Sworn & subscribed the 11th day of February 1833

S/Robt. S. Russell

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