

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin B. Rose¹ W11162

Susannah

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

On this 3rd day of Mae 1834 personally appeared before me Isaac Pearson a Justice of the peace and One of the Judges of the Mercer County Court, Benjamin B Rose a resident Citizen of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

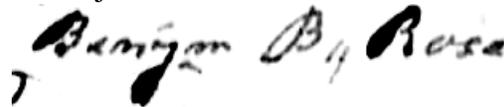
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1780, he volunteered in Captain Robert Yates' Company for a Tour of three months it was in the spring of the year, he does not recollect the month it was for the purpose of raising 8000 men by order of Governor Nelson, and Joined Colonel Stuart Regiment of Militia and marched to the South and were stationed for some time near Guilford Courthouse North Carolina he thinks within a half days March, we received orders to return, and we marched back to King George Court house where we were discharged after serving fully three months we had no battle during this Tour. Again in the year 1781, he was drafted in Captain Robert Yates Company from the County of King George Virginia and marched to Little York, and joined the main Army under the command [of] General Washington and commenced the Siege of Lord Cornwallis he was amongst the first to arrive and was engaged in reconnoitering and preventing the enemy from foraging and plundering the people, during this Tour Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], this was a term of three months which he served faithfully he then marched to Richmond and was honorably discharged, and returned home. Again in the same year, he was selected as a guard on board of the Ship *Vengeance* under Captain Benjamin Grimes in which service he was engaged for sixty-three days. This was called the Flagg Ship, the circumstance of this service was, to prevent any communication from the British and Americans unless the guard was present, he was honorably discharged from this service and returned home, previous to his aforesaid service he served a tour of seven weeks on the Potomac under Captain Yates in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Stiith and again, he served another tour of five weeks under the same officers, and also a tour of four weeks under the same officers. The circumstances of the aforesaid services, which was sixteen weeks, was for this object, the British was in the Potomac River and in the habit of landing and carrying off Negroes and burning houses barns &c and plundering, and our object was to prevent them from doing so. The aforesaid Tours were served he thinks in 1779 and 1780. The service was performed about the time Captain Dent's house and the Cedar point warehouse in the State of Maryland were burnt, and Brent's house in Virginia and Hoos' house was set on fire but was

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saved by our arriving in time, he does not recollect certainly the dates of his service, he was born in Maryland in Charles County and his parents removed to King George County Virginia where he was raised and where he lived during the war of the Revolution, he has a record of his age, he was born the 1st day of March 1761. His General Officers during his service were as follows Generals Washington and Lafayette, Colonels Stuart and Stith, Captain Yates, he received a regular discharges for his service and preserved until recently they have been lost. He solemnly swears that he served twelve months & three days as a soldier in War of the Revolution. That he has no documentary evidence of his service, and he knows of no person living in this Country by whom he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me
S/ Isaac Pearson, JP

S/ Benjamin B. Rose

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin B. Rose". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Benjamin B. Rose".

[Jesse Head, a clergyman, and Andrew McFatridge gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 15: On June 25, 1856 in Johnston County Indiana, Susannah Rose, 59, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin B Rose, a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$32.44 per annum; that she married him in Garrard County Kentucky March 30th, 1816; that they were married by Levi Baldick [?] a Minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Susannah Rutherford; that her husband died in Mercer County Kentucky December 9, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 17: copy of a marriage bond dated March 30, 1816 issued in Garrard County Kentucky to Benjamin B. Rose and Thomas Buford conditioned upon the marriage of Rose to Susannah Rutherford. George Rutherford signed the document to evidence his consent of the marriage of Rose to his daughter Susannah. He is execution is dated March 29, 1816. Further, the document was signed March 30, 1816 by Levi Baldick [?] stating that he solemnized the marriage of Rose 2 Susannah Rutledge on March 30, 1816.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 22 days in the militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]