Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Ross W5722 Lydia (Liddy) fn54NC Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 1/20/10

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State of North Carolina, Anson County: October Session 1832

On the 10th day of October 1832 personally appears in open Court before the worshipful court of Pleas and Quarter Session now sitting James Ross a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 71 years a soldier of the Revolution who being sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. First I volunteered in February 1781 in the County of Martin under Capt John Kennady [sic, probably John Kennedy] of Col. Whitmill Hill's Regiments in the Brigade of Genls Eaton and Butler and was marched and join Genl Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] army at hanging rock thence through Hillsborough to Guilford Court House where we met the British army under Lord Cornwallis. I was in the battle at Guilford Court House in March 1781. Soon after which Capt. Kennady was disgraced and dismissed from the army.

I was then placed under Capt James Evans and was at Ramsey's Mills on Deep River when the Cavalry had a battle with the British; from thence in Genl Greene's Army - was marched to Camden South Carolina - and was in the battle at Camden - against Lord Rawdon in April 1781. Served at least five months and was discharged near Camden So Carolina by Col Guilford Dudley in July 1781.

I again volunteered in the County of Martin No Carolina in August 1781 - under Capt Ballard in the regiments commanded by Cols, Major Eaton and Sewell - and was marched to Hillsborough, Salem & Salisbury and from there to S. Carolina on the Catawba River - Served four months and having been for some time in the hospital attending on the sick I was discharged in December 1781 by Doctor .

I volunteered again in the County of Martin No Carolina in January 1782 in the light horse or Cavalry under Capt. George Cockburn attached to Col. Whitmill Hill's Regiment. Served nine months and was discharged in October 1782; having served in all during the three terms - Eighteen months.

When I removed from Martin County I left all my discharges - at the home of my father - they are all lost -- I have no documentary evidence - nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can provide to testify to my services.

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¹ Guilford Dudley W8681

I hereby relinquish my every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Ross

1st Question by Court - Where and what year were you born? Answer. I was born in the County of Martin State of North Carolina on 8th day of June 1761.

2nd Question by Court - Have you any record of your age if so, where is it? Answer - A record of my age has been kept in the family Bible - but I do not recollect whether its not been wrong [?]

3rd Question by Court - Where were you living when called into Service - where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer - I was living in the County of Martin North Carolina when called into Service. I continued to live in Martin County for many years after the Revolutionary War and removed from thence to this County Anson about 33 years ago where I have continued to live ever since & where I now live.

- 4. Question by Court How were you called into Service were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom? Answer I volunteered in every instance.
- 5. Question by Court State the name of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops with whom you served Such Continental and Militia Officers as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answers- Genl. Greer a Regular Officer. - Genls Eaton, Butler, Dudley, & Sewell of the Militia. The names of the Regiment not recollected - my services were altogether in North & South Carolina.

6. Question by Court. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received my discharges but I have lost all of them. My discharge for my first term I recd from Col Dudley - for my second I recd my discharge from a doctor whose name I have forgotten.

7. Question by Court. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior in your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answers - The Rev. John Culpeper and Joseph White Esquire are well acquainted with me.

S/ James Ross

[John Culpepper, a clergyman and Joseph White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 16: on April 22, 1849 in Union County North Carolina, Liddy Ross, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of James Ross, a pensioner at the rate of \$67.50 per annum for his services in the revolution; that he died January one, 1849; that she is still his widow; that they lived together as man and wife 68 [could be 58] years after being married in Martin County North Carolina.]

[fn p. 17: on May 9, 1849 in Union County North Carolina William Ross, 79, filed a supporting affidavit stating that he is the brother of James Ross whose widow Liddy Ross is applying for a widow's pension.]

[fn p. 20: on April 11, 1850 in Anson County North Carolina, Elizabeth Griffin, 67 or 68 years of age, testified that she is the daughter of James and Liddy Ross; that she the affiant was 14 or 15 years of age when her parents moved to Anson County; that her mother had 13 children.]

[fn p. 24: On April 9, 1851 in Union County North Carolina William Ross testified stating that he was born in 1770 according to records of his father's family and is now 81 years of age; that his brother, James Ross, and Liddy Courborn ²were married by John Kennedy, JP, in Martin County at the house of Frank Courborn, father of the bride; that his brother and his wife lived in Martin County about 17 years then removed to Anson County in 1798; that he, William and his father's family moved to Anson (now Union) County in 1799; that his brother and Liddy had it 11 children, namely: Elizabeth, Dugal, Polly, Nancy, Hugh, Francis, Liddy, Spicy, Sarah, Thomas and Margaret.]

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² This name is spelled Coburn and Cockburn in other documents in the file.