

Pension Application for John Ross

S.43953

State of New York SS

To the Honorable Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayors Court of the City of New York, which is a court of Record of the State of New York.

The declaration of John Ross under oath formerly a drummer engaged in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war; now a citizen of the United States and resident in the City of New York.

Respectfully Sheweth;

That on the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine during the revolutionary war between this country and Great Britain he the said John Ross enlisted [enlisted] as a drummer "to serve during the war" in Captain John F. Hamtramick's Company in the fifth New York Regiment of Musketry in the New York Line in the Army of the United States on the Continental establishment, that the said John Ross served in that capacity against the common enemy from the time of his enlistment aforesaid until the spring of seventeen hundred & eighty one when he was transferred as a drummer to Captain Andrew Moody's Company in the Second New York Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel John Lamb in the said Line & Establishment, and that the said John Ross served as drummer aforesaid in the said last mentioned company until the end of the said war, when on the 9th day of June 1783 he was honorably discharged from service & received one badge of military merit for three years faithful service.

And the said declaration further representeth that the said John Ross is now a citizen of the United States; resides in the City of New York, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support. And that he hath never received or been allowed any pension whatever by the laws of the United States.

Therefore the said John Ross conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States In the revolutionary war" approved the 18 March 1818 and requests that your honor will examine into the truth of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case and the proceeding had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of Department of war to the end that such relief may be had in the [?] as is by law in such case provided.

And In support of the facts above set forth the said John Ross reply to the oath of himself and of William Leaycraft hereinafter set forth. (Signed) John Ross

New York 26th March 1818.