

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Robins VAS4271
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The index card indicates that the first item below was signed by Col William Davies (BLWt597-500).]

I certify that William Robins was a Soldier enlisted under my command and [undeciphered] in the service at Princetown [Princeton, scene of a battle on 3 Jan 1777] [the rest, as well as revers side, illegible]

Mr Rich'd M. Johnston Esq'r Montgomery County Tennessee

Sir you will no doubt be surprised to Recive a litter from one you never saw or heard of – nor should I have troubled you with this scroll if fame had had left me a stranger to your carrector I was advised by a friend of mine to address a letter to you incloseing a paper which you will find within expressing his full perswation that you would with plesure afford me aney assistance or give aney instruction in your power – the paper alluded to is a certificate of Colo. Wm Davis of the death of my father in the revolutionary war which certificate I suppose was procured by my mothers brother and was by him as I have understood sent to the auditor in Richmond who indorsed on it as you will find theas words J. H. Overstreet no depreateation of land warrant may be had for what term did he inlist – nothing more was ever done in it when his children grew up we were told that our claim would be bured [buried?] not haveing bean attended to in time – but however that may be I think sir Justis will ever dimand that some compensation be made to the Heirs of an olde revolutionary Soldier who lef his wife and several infants (without aney means of support but the labour of my mother) and and fell in defence of his country – by whos death his family ware not only depfived of the help and supporte of a father and husband but have never receved aney compensation for his servises (except two years provitions and a pair of cotton cards given by the country to wiiddows and orpiins) and have with one exception felt the penching hand of poverty through life but according to custom the have married [part missing at bottom of page] have had maney children [part missing at bottom of page] part of that soil my father died in the defence of – but I will not complain if we have poverty thank god we have liberty to compensatae us for all the privations we have had – but if aney thing can be had it will be very exceptable – as to the question for what term did he inlist – I all ways understood that he inlisted for three years and then dureing the war and have understood that he was intitled to 400 acres of land on green river as a bounty besides his regular pay and to an addishoanal bounty and pay as orderly Sergeant – and now sir I have [illegible] to you my story in a bungling way and desire to know what you think of it and if aney thing can be had in what way it may be attained – and for aney servis you may render me in this bussiness (besides the gratefull remembrance which I shall ever retain of your goodness) you will find in those plesures which a benevolent mind feels in haveing done good to the neady I am sir/ with great/ Respect/ yours &c
Wm. O. Robbins

Washington[?] March 3rd 1824

[Several illegible words]

Being uninformed as to whom the enclosed properly belongs I have ventured to confide it to your attention. The letter & certificate will disclose the particulars, which when examined & decided on I hope to hear from you. with high resp't/ y'r hb'l ser't/ [illegible] Johnson

1824 July 22 Rejected, it not app[earin]g for what time Robins enlisted