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Bounty Land Record of John Robinson BLWt1309-100

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State of New Jersey Cumberland County: SS

I Robert Levoock [sic], farmer, aged sixty-five years and upwards, being duly sworn on my solemn oath say that I was born in the County of Kent in the State of Delaware and resided there till the year 1780, in the month of April of which year I was enlisted in the Continental service by Captain Allen McLane of the said State, and was marched with others to Burlington in New Jersey and placed under the command of Captain McLane's¹ Lieutenant George Handy²: – that on my arrival at Burlington I became acquainted with John Robinson who had been before enlisted in the same company. I do not know where or by whom he was enlisted but expect and believe that he had resided in Delaware and was enlisted by Captain McLane as he was then recruiting and sent his recruits to Burlington. The said John Robinson and myself continued in the same company till discharged, at the conclusion of the revolutionary war. We were both at the battle of Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781] in the company of infantry commanded by Captain Handy, Captain McLane having resigned, and were shortly after both transferred to the company of cavalry belonging to Lee's Legion [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion]³ commanded by Captain Armstrong [James Armstrong]⁴, and were both at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], at which place or at Dorchester John Robinson received a very severe saber wound in the head. At the conclusion of the revolutionary war I was discharged with the others belonging to Lees Legion at Charleston in South Carolina. John Robinson was at Charleston at that time, in the same company with me, and I fully believe was then also honorably discharged. In the year 1790 I removed from the state of Delaware to Cumberland County where I found the same John Robinson who had served with me till the close of the war residing. He had just married a native of Cumberland County named Hannah Husted who sister I afterwards married. The said Robinson was reputed to be a single man went in the Army, and he has often told me, and I have many reasons for believing and do fully believe that he was never married to any other woman than the said Hannah Husted. Our right to bounty lands was a frequent subject of conversation between said Robinson and myself. In want of proper information I never applied for and obtained by land till after the said Robinson's death, and I have reason to believe and do fully believe said Robinson never did apply for and obtain his land. In February 1805 the said John Robinson and his wife both died were buried on the same

¹ [Allen McLane BLWt1474-300](#)

² [George Handy BLWt1061-300](#)

³ [Henry Lee BLWt1299-500](#)

⁴ [James Armstrong BLWt45-300](#)

day. Being sick at the time I was unable to attend the funeral but my wife did. The said John Robinson when he died left two and only two children both sons named William and John. In November 1808 John, one of the sons was drowned at the mouth of Cohansey Creek from on board of the Sloop *Sally* commanded by Captain John Westcott. The said son John was never reputed to be married and I fully believe never was married, and left no issue; – and that William Robinson is the only surviving child and heir of said John Robinson.

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Justice of the Peace of said County and state, April 15th, 1828

S/ James D Westcott

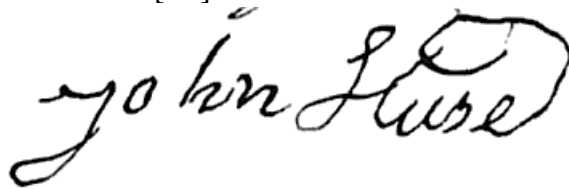
S/ Robert Levick⁵



[p 6: Asa Smith, 52, gave testimony in Cumberland County New Jersey that in the year 1808 his mother-in-law Mary Rossell residing in Delaware came to visit at the affiant's house. She traveled on the Sloop *Sally* commanded by Captain John Westcott; that his mother-in-law was much agitated and stated that John Robinson one of the hands on board of the Sloop was drowned at the mouth of Cohansey Creek; that Captain Westcott and his son put off in a boat to save him but were unable to do so; that John Robinson's body was not found until the latter part of the succeeding winter at which time the body was so disfigured that he could only be recognized by the clothing. Attested in Cumberland County New Jersey April 24, 1828]

[p 7: On April 24, 1828 in Cumberland County New Jersey, John Husted, 59, a farmer, gave testimony that John Robinson a soldier in the revolutionary war married the affiant's sister Hannah Husted in 1790; that Robinson lived in Cumberland County until his death in February 1805; that Robinson and his wife both died at nearly the same time and were buried in the same grave; they left to sons, John who drowned in November 1808 and William the veterans only surviving child and heir; the affiant also testified that Robert Levick married a sister of the affiant.

S/ John Huse [sic]



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State of New Jersey County of Cumberland: SS

I William Robinson, heir at law of John Robinson deceased do upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that John Robinson did enlist in 1780 for the term of during the war and served first in Captain Allen McLane's (of Delaware) company of infantry, and afterwards under the other company commanders and in the cavalry, under the command of Colonel Henry Lee, that he belonged to the Delaware line and that he continued in the service aforesaid until he was discharged at the close of the Revolutionary War.

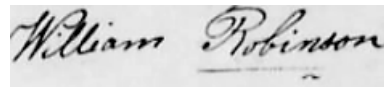
I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to

⁵ [Robert Levick W1299](#)

John Robinson on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever; therefore

Know all men by these presents that I William Robinson aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Ephraim Bateman to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed

S/ William Robinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Robinson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Attested in Cumberland County New Jersey April 25, 1828.]