

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robertson Cft30471 ~~R8883~~¹

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State of Virginia to wit

On this 20th day of August 1834 personally appeared before the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting John Robertson a Resident of said County in the State aforesaid aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, being drafted for three months and marched from the County of Campbell where he then resided in a Company of Militia under the command of Captain Thomas McReynolds & Lieutenant Alexander Steele about the 1st of December 1780 and through Prince Edward, Nottoway & Dinwiddie through the Town of Petersburg to Cabin Point on James River where we joined the Regiment under Colonel Manyweather [Thomas Meriwether?] and Major Decloman [Christian Charles de Klauman], General Muhlenberg's Brigade – from thence we marched as low down as James River as Portsmouth and moved in various directions not being stationed along at any one place until we arrived at Prince George Court House when our term of Service expired – but having no relief, we were still detained in service three weeks – when other Companies of Militia arrived and we were then discharged – my discharge was signed by Captain McReynolds which is lost & cannot be found, but the Service rendered is proved by Luke Wade who was a Soldier with me him in the same Company the whole time – I was discharged about the last of March or 1st of April 1781. The whole time of service rendered on this tour was at least four months – within a few weeks after I returned home, I believe it was on the last day of April or the 1st day of May 1781, I again entered the Service of the Revolution being drafted, and marched from the said County of Campbell in the State of Virginia in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Alexander Cummings & Lieutenant John Claytor [John Clayton?]- went through Cumberland & Powhatan Counties through the City of Richmond and joined the Army under General Lawson just below Richmond and marched with him to Mrs. Smith's on Chickahominy River where we were stationed for some time, from thence we marched in various directions until we arrived at the neighborhood of Williamsburg where we remained until my term of Service being for three months expired we were here detained two weeks longer until a relief arrived and I was discharged about the middle of August 1781. My discharge was signed by Captain Alexander Cummings which is also lost and cannot be found but my being in Service on

¹ The file number R8883 has been deleted and "Cft 30471" substituted for it. Also, the name of Frances N. as the widow of this veteran has been deleted with a note dated Nov. 1938 stating "not this soldier's widow."

this tour is proved by Colonel David G Tolbert [David G. Talbot or Talbott]² who was a soldier with me two months [words written over and illegible] the whole time of Service rendered by me as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution was at least 7 months and 15 days for which I claim a Pension –

I was born in the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia on the 17th day of September 1761 –

My Age is recorded in a Family Bible which is now in my possession –

I lived in the County of Campbell when I was called into Service. I lived in the said County of Campbell when the war ended. I have lived in the County of Charlotte in the State of North Carolina. Since the close of the war I am now a resident of the County of Pittsylvania –

I was drafted both times

The Regular Officers that I recollect to have served with was General Muhlenberg. General Robert Lawson &c the Circumstances of my service is stated in my declaration

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

S/ John Robertson

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Robertson". The signature is written on a piece of paper with some faint markings.

[Jabez Smith and James Woodall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Pittsylvania County to wit

This day came before me one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County Luke Wade and made oath That John Robertson then a resident of Campbell County Virginia as a soldier under the Command of Captain Thomas McReynolds served a Tower [tour] of three months, who was stationed a part of his time at Cabin Point but generally reconnoitering in different directions.

S/ Luke Wade

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Luke Wade". The signature is written in a fluid, somewhat stylized cursive.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st of October 1832

S/ T. C. Shelton, JP

I do hereby Certify that I served a Tower [Tour] of duty with Mister John Robertson in time of Revolutionary War under command of Captain Alexander Cummings Tower consisted of about two months to the best of my recollection – I have also good reason to believe that he was legally discharged – Given under my hand this 17th of December 1833.

S/ D. Talbot

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "D. Talbot". The signature is written in a bold, cursive style with a prominent underline.

² [David G. Talbot S7690](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]