

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Stevenson R10144

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The State of Tennessee Carrol [Carroll] County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 12th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Robert Stevenson a resident of the said County and State aged seventy-nine years last May 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States from the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia his native County and State a volunteer militia Soldier and served as such for the space of three years in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Matthews in the company commanded by Captain William Anderson his Lieutenant was by the name of Joseph Patterson his Major's name is not now recollected. This Regiment was detailed off and stationed in the Western Frontier of Virginia in 1776 to guard that Frontier against the incursions of the Shawnee Indians. The troops who composed that Regiment were that day styled a minute man.

This declarant states that after his tour of service had expired his Father sold his plantation in Augusta County and removed to Greenbrier County in the same state in which County in the year 1779 he joined as a militia private volunteer the Regiment commanded by Colonel Andrew Donnelly in the company commanded by Captain John Cook his Lieutenant was by the name of John Day his Major's name not recollected. This Regiment in like manner was stationed on the same Frontier and performed the same service as the former Regiment did to which this declarant belonged –

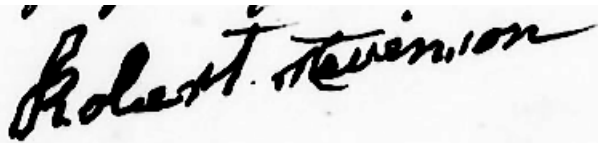
This Declarant states that he served in this Regiment until peace was concluded between the United States and Great Britain. It was during this term of service that the Indians to the number of upwards of two hundred attacked Fort Donnelly and were gallantly repulsed by about sixteen men. This Declarant was not in the Fort at the time the Indians attacked the same being then confined with the smallpox.

This Declarant having never served with the Regular Army consequently cannot name any of the Regular Field officers nor has he any Documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can establish the facts set forth in this Declaration – he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Edward Gwin, Clk

S/ Robert Stevinson



[Thomas Young, a clergyman, and Samuel Ingram gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born

I was born in the year 1753 in Augusta County Virginia

Question have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans. I have none

quest. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

answer. When I was called out on the 1st tour of service I lived in Augusta County Virginia in the 2nd term of service I lived in Greenbrier County Virginia afterwards in the State of South Carolina and at present in Carroll County in the State of Tennessee

quest. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

Answer. I volunteered

The answers to the 5th question will be found in the Body of my declaration

State of Tennessee Carroll County: Scilicet

On this 17th day of February A.D. 1834 before me Samuel Ingram an acting Justice of the Peace for the State and County aforesaid Robert Stevenson aged seventy-nine years on the 20th day of May last passed, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment to his former Declaration made before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Carroll & State aforesaid, at the September Term of said Court, A.D. 1832; in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

His Declarant in order to the furtherance of the War Department in the investigation of his Claim for a Pension would respectfully make the following additional statements in explanation to the "objections" in the "[indecipherable word]"¹ of his former "Claim" viz.: =

That in the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated in the summer of this year (month not recollected) I volunteered under Captain William Anderson in the County of Augusta State of Virginia, where I then resided being then in my 23rd year to serve a tour of six months as a militia private, on the frontiers of Virginia, against the Shawnee Indians; our Lieutenant was by the name of Joseph Patterson; and the Ensign in the company by the name of William Henderson. After the company was recruited, we were marched from the County of Augusta Virginia in the month of October 76 by Captain Anderson to Greenbrier County Virginia Through the orders of Colonel Abraham Smith; who was the Colonel at the time of our County, and was our Superior Officer



who had born a commission and Braddock's War, he never did march with us but remained behind. Having arrived on the frontiers; we were stationed at "Warrick's" Fort. During the time we lay there, our company was engaged in ranging by orders of Captain Anderson. I took my tours ranging regularly; we discovered signs of Indians when they had been engaged in drying their provisions, while they were spying the settlements in order to strike a blow: – However, none made their appearance. We heard in this time that there were about 50 Indians lying at the "fork Lick" between the waters of the Little Kenhaway [Kanawha River] & Monongahela [River] & I volunteered, if 50 of our men could be raised, and join me, to go in quest of them. But the winter coming on the project was abandoned; on account of the waters being raised to a great height; and a deep snow having fallen = We lay here until I term of service six months was expired, when I received my discharge from the hands of Captain Anderson; and I returned home to Augusta County in the latter part of December 1776. =

Again in the spring of the year 1777 the Governor of Virginia (I think Henry) issued his proclamation for the County to be laid off in military Districts, for the purpose of raising minute men, in case there should be an invasion of that part of the Country by the British for its defense: Lord Dunmore, the English Governor of Virginia having plundered the public treasury, & magazines, had gone on board an English vessel and was then lying at Little York in Virginia. At this time I volunteered as a minute man, under Colonel George Matthews, who afterwards received a Commission in the Regular Army and left our County. I was a minute man in this County during the year 1777 for the space of two years being subject to my country's call at any minute, it should be invaded that the seat of War being at that time in the South I was of course not called upon; =

Afterwards in the month of October A.D. 1779 by Father removed from the County of Augusta in Virginia to the County of Greenbrier. After our arrival here I volunteered in the same month as a private, under Captain John Cook, under Colonel Andrew Donnelly. Our Lieutenant was by the name of John Day; the object of this command was for the protection of the frontiers, from the Shawnee Indians, who, were at that time exceedingly troublesome and were killing the inhabitants, and taking prisoners; we were stationed at times in a Fort called "Day's Fort." During the years '80 & 81 our company was engaged in guarding the Frontiers from these Indians, until the close of the war in the latter year. I served as a volunteer in this County under Captain Cook against the Shawnees for the term of two years. I have now stated my different tours of service but by way of recapitulation I will state that 1st in the summer of the year 1776 I volunteered under Captain William Anderson Augusta County Virginia and served six months against the Shawnee Indians. In the year 1777=8 & 9 I volunteered as a minute man against the British for the space of two years. = In the years 1779 = 80 & 81 I was a volunteer under Captain John Cook on the frontiers of Virginia against the Shawnee Indians for the space of two years for which I claim a Pension.

S/ Robert Stevenson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Stevenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a decorative flourish at the beginning.

Questions asked. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it Western mark

Answer. I received a written discharge from Captain William Anderson, but it has since been lost.

7th 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 their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I can state the names of Edward Gwin, the Clerk of the Carroll County Court, and Moses F Roberts to whom I am known; and who can give their opinion of my character for veracity and their belief of my services in the Revolution.

[Attested by Samuel Ingram, JP]