

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Robinson R17466

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State of Kentucky County of Grant: Sct.

On this the 4 day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Grant Circuit Court now sitting Jesse Robinson a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 7 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit

That in the fall of the year 1776 he was drafted in the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia for a period of six months to serve in the Revolutionary War. That Mason Jones was his Captain and William Warren his Lieutenant commanded by Colonel Thomas Allin [Thomas Allen]: that he marched up to the foot of the Allegheny mountain – at which place the troops encamped for two weeks waiting for supplies to proceed on. That said supplies were not had. That the Troops were marched off in parties and returned home making an aggregate of two months service. The above was in the Indian expedition.

And the said Declarant further states that he rendered the following other service to wit That in the month of April 1781 he was drafted in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia to serve in the Revolutionary War for the Term of three months. – That he hired one Joseph Norris as a substitute who was received and perform said service. That he gave said Norris a Horse worth \$50 in cash for said service. That this Declarant received a credit for three months rendered as aforesaid. – And that Colonel Edmonds was their commander. This Declarant went to Fauquier Court House with said substitute who was received by said Colonel Edmonds. The Army went from thence, down towards Richmond in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis, he served out said Term and returned home to this declarant. And this Declarant further states, that he rendered the following services in the said Revolutionary War to wit that there was another draft for raising Troops in said County of Fauquier in State of Virginia. And this Declarant substituted for one Simon Harrell who was drafted for the term of three months. That he started from said Fauquier Court House and State of Virginia in the month of September 1781 William Bailey was his Captain – and Major Welch commanded the Battalion. The other officers are not now recollected. That the Troops marched through Fredericksburg – thence down through Williamsburg – Thence to the siege of Little York, where they remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 14, 1781]. Thence we marched one third a division of the prisoners surrendered at said Little York to Winchester Barracks in Frederick County and State of Virginia. At which place this Declarant with the troops were discharged having served three months.

This declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence; and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – 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.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the County of Fauquier – and State of Virginia (Principally raised in Shenandoah in February 1758

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. There was a record kept by my Father till I was between 30 & 40 years of age. At which time my Brother moved to Tennessee State (then Territory) at which place it was destroyed as informed by my said Brother.

3rd where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live?

Answer the first campaign I served I was living in Shenandoah County State of Virginia. The two second – I served, I lived in Fauquier County and State of Virginia – I lived in said Fauquier County and State aforesaid first, and then in Shenandoah and State aforesaid next – Moved in the County of Culpeper and State aforesaid at which latter place I lived – ten years Thence I removed to the State of Kentucky – thence to the County of Grant where I now live in the State aforesaid.

4. How & where were you called into service; were you drafted – did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was drafted twice and once I served as a substitute. I substituted for Simon Harrell which constitutes my Terms of service –

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect – and the general circumstances of your service –

Answer – General Wayne and General Lafayette were at the Siege of Little York with the Troops. Colonel Dark commanded at Little York but whether [one or more indecipherable words], the Regular troops or militia – I do not now recollect – Colonel Allen commanded at the Foot of the Allegheny mountain as stated above – the Siege commenced the first day of October and continued until the 19th of the same month – There were two redoubts taken that I recollect of one called Pigeon Hill. They were taken by General Wayne and Lafayette –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given – and what has become of it?

Answer – I did receive discharges or papers of credit – I do recollect of receiving from Captain Bailey a certificate for my wages (which I never got) But whether it was a complete discharge I do not now recollect – I cannot recollect what has become of it – or any discharge which I may have obtained –

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 good behavior – your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Thomas Clark, H. B. Smith, Abraham Nem [?], Jacob Nam [?], John James, John Ferguson and Jeremiah Morgan

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Robinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Robinson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jesse Robinson".

[William Cannon, a clergyman, and Charles Daniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Commonwealth of Kentucky Grant County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the Commonwealth in County aforesaid the above named declarant Jesse Robinson who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – For two months in the 1st campaign I served as a private. That he served three months more by hiring a substitute who served as a private – and I served three months more as a substitute and private amounting in the whole to eight months – and for such service I claim a pension.

Given under my hand as Justice of the peace aforesaid this 28th of November 1833

S/ Jesse Woodyard, JP

[In his attestation, Woodyard described the veteran as a pious man and a preacher of the gospel being a Methodist Minister who he first heard preached in 1819.]