

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Glasgow R4057

VA

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The State of Ohio }  
Adams County } On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1834 personally came in open court before the

Court of Common pleas of said county Robert Glasgow, a resident in said county aged 85 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup> This applicant states that he was born in Derry County Ireland AD 1749 & came to Nottingham County Virginia in the year 1769.

2<sup>d</sup> That he has no record of his age

3<sup>d</sup> That he lived when called into service in Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia. After the war he move to Adams County where he now lives.

4<sup>th</sup> That he was always drafted.

5<sup>th</sup> That he knew Generals Muhlenburg Wayne Gates Greene [sic: Peter Muhlenberg, Anthony Wayne, and Nathanael Greene] & other officers whom she does not now recollect.

That in September AD 1780 he was drafted at said County of Rockbridge Va for the militia of Virginia & entered the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Wallace which was in the regiment commanded by Colonel [Samuel] McDowell. Soon after he was drafted marched to Fredericksburg Va & there to the vicinity of a British fort at Edmonds hill on Elizabeth river [at Great Bridge] at & near which fort he served out his tour protecting the inhabitants in the neighborhood from the ravages of the British garrison. That he was drafted for three months but served five months & ten days before he was discharged by his said Captain. after receiving a written discharge he returned home.

In January 1781 he was again Drafted at Rockbridge County to serve against the British under Captain Wallace & Colonel McDowell – that they marched soon afterwards toward Richmond but upon hearing that the British [under Gen. Benedict Arnold] who had been approaching Richmond had altered the direction of their march & that their services would not be required they were again marched back to Rockbridge County & discharged after serving not less than three weeks.

That in March AD 1781 he was again Drafted at Rockbridge County for three months under Captain Patton [probably Paxton] & Colonel McDowell. That soon afterward they marched under said officers to the vicinity of Fairfield Virginia where they encamped for a few days & while there he hired a substitute to serve out the remainder of his tour. That before he hired his substitute he served not less than three weeks when the said substitute took his place & he returned home.

That he received a written discharge after the first tour of his said service but was verbally discharged after his two last mentioned tours.

7 That there is no clergyman in his neighborhood but that William McCormick Asa Williamson Joseph Starn & others his neighbors will testify as to his character for veracity & as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witnesses by whom he could prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state Robert hisRmark Glasgow

[Character and reputation as a soldier certified by James McNeil and Enoch McCormick. Because militia tours in Virginia were generally for three months, the Pension Office required the following explanation for the first tour.]

The State of Ohio Highland County ss [5 Nov 1834]

Personally came before me a justice of the peace of said county Robert Glasgow who being duly sworn deposes & says that in his first tour of service as named within he was station with the other troops under Colonel McDowell at & near the fort at Edmonds hill occupied by the British that the officers prevailed upon him after his term of three months was out – together with many others who were drafted & volunteered for the same time to remain from day to day & from week to week until he served out two months & ten days more than the term for which he was drafted. The British fort aforesaid was garrison by tories & British & they were expected every day to capitulate but held out longer than they had expected. If all those militiamen in the American party who had volunteer or were drafted for a short period had left the American force would not have been strong enough to resist the British. Another inducement for them to remain held out by the officers was that the tories & British infested the road & country intervening the place where they were stations & their home so that it would have been dangerous to attempt going home. Thus in his first tour this applicant was in service as he has stated five months & ten days which is two months & ten days longer than he was drafted for. It is more convenient to make this amendment in Highland County than in Adams where I reside I live near the boundary line of Highland County

Robert hisDmark Glasgow

NOTE: In the file is the following typewritten note probably copied from an original from the Pension Commissioner. It probably arose from the fact that the British did not occupy the vicinity of Edmonds Hill until early in 1781, when Glasgow said he was on a different tour.

January 17, 1835.

Sir [William Scott, Esq., Hillsboro OH]: The declaration of Robert Glasgow has been examined. His statement of his service in Virginia is not consistent with the facts as it regards the course of service in that State during the Revolutionary war, nor could he have been in service for so long a term as six months under such circumstances as to bring his case within the provisions of the Act of June 7, 1832. The claim has therefore been rejected and the papers filed in this Office.”