

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Timothy Hatcher R4739

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County: SS

On this the 19 day of September 1833 before me Charles Henry an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Timothy Hatcher a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina, aged ninety-three years the 10th of September 1833 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st In a company of Bladen militia in August 1780 and served two months under Colonel Thomas Brown, Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, Major Anders, Captain Council, his other officers he forgets in an expedition against the Tories, that when he entered this service he resided in Bladen County North Carolina; that he was drafted; that he was in no battle but in their marches on one occasion, the cavalry being in advance fired upon a body of Tories and killed one; that he was frequently detached against the Tories and in his excursions took many of them prisoners; that his marches were to Little Pedee [River] up and down on both sides and on towards Big Pedee [River] near a place called Beauty Spot, thence up the Big Pedee on the East side, then to Drowning Creek to Lumberton thence to Elizabeth Town and discharged, that the regular officers he knew were Robert Raiford, and a Captain who came to our company whose name this applicant cannot recollect; that he served with no Continental regiments or companies, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

2ndly. In November 1780 he was called out by Colonel Brown to go on an expedition against the enemy both British and Tories as it had become dangerous times and served thirty-one days being under the command of Colonel Brown and sent frequently in detachments of four or five men to make prisoners of the Tories and on one occasion captured six of them – that he was a volunteer; that his marches were nearly the same as in his first tour; that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

3rdly. In a company of Duplin militia under Captain William Vann sometimes under Colonel James Kenan & Colonel Thomas Bludworth in the fall of 1781 and served two months as a private his other officers he forgets, that he resided in Duplin now Sampson County when he entered this service, that he was a volunteer and in the cavalry, that he was in a skirmish with the Tories on South River at Bennett Smith's where one David Tucker was wounded in the thigh; that he marched over into Bladen County and South River & crossed over into Duplin thence up the Coharas [Coharie River] thence on towards the North East [River] and of cross it at Limestone bridge and understanding the Tories were dispersed that had collected on Muddy Creek he marched back to the Cross Roads in Duplin and discharged, and has no documentary evidence but thinks he can prove this service by William Robinson of Sampson County.

4thly. In a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain William Vann his other officers he forgets but occasionally fell in with Colonel Kenan in December 1781 and served one month as a private, that he was a volunteer, that he marched up South River to one Captain Scarborough's the commander of a band of Tories, thence down into New Hanover County, thence back into Duplin and discharged, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service except that William Robinson of Sampson can prove that he was in this service.

Answers of Timothy Hatcher aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him as prescribed by the War Department.

1. I was born in Duplin County North Carolina September 15 1740.
2. I have no record of my age.
3. When first called into service I was living in Bladen County North Carolina. During the war I removed from Bladen into Duplin now Sampson. Since the Revolutionary War I've lived in Duplin (now Sampson) and New Hanover Counties and I now live in New Hanover County North Carolina.
4. First drafted, afterwards volunteered.
5. The only regular officers who were with the troops where I served were Captain Robert Raiford and a Captain whose name I cannot recollect, I recollect no Continental regiments; the militia Regiments I remember were Colonel Brown's and Colonel Kenan's the general circumstances of my service are related above.
6. I don't recollect to have received but one written discharge that was given me by Colonel Brown at the termination of my 31 days service which I kept a considerable length of time but can't find it now among my papers.
7. John Henry, Angus Sellars, John Corbett, Thomas Corbett, Charles Henry & others I could name also Duncan Robinson.

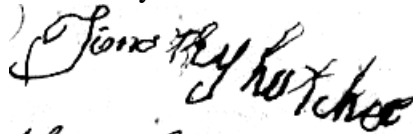
That he performed occasional short tours of duty besides those above set forth but were only for a few days at a time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Charles Henry, JP

S/ Timothy Hatcher



[Angus Sellars and Thomas Corbett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

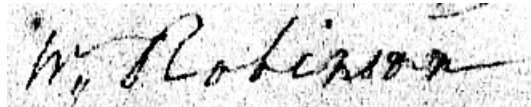
State of North Carolina Sampson County: SS

On this the 29th day of November 1833, before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County personally appeared William Robinson¹ a resident of said County of Sampson aged sixty-eight years last December who being first duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say that he is acquainted with Timothy Hatcher the aforesaid applicant a resident of New Hanover County North Carolina – who is very aged, how old this deponent does not know, but old enough to have been in military service even before the Revolutionary War, that this deponent saw said applicant in service in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain William Vann in the fall of 1781 – that this deponent was also in service at that time though not in the same company; but recollects that Captain Vann with his company was at a skirmish with the Tories at Bennett Smith's on South River where one David Tucker was wounded in the thigh, this deponent being there at the time, and Colonel Bludworth was the Chief Commander; that while the enemy had possession of Wilmington, the Tories were more troublesome and it was the custom of the Country for all who were enrolled in the militia, to turn out or be forced out into service in the Infantry were required to serve tours of three months; and the cavalry tours of two months, which was considered equal to three months service in the Infantry; that he cannot recollect particularly to have seen said applicant whenever he saw Captain Vann's Company but presumes he served the two months as he has stated in his declaration, and it is this deponent's belief that militia companies were then usually ordered out by the Acting Colonel of the County.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ G. W. Robinson, JP

S/ Wm Robinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Robinson". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface, possibly a document or parchment.

[Note: no reason for the rejection of this claim is set forth in the file.]

¹ I did not find in the federal pension records a person by this name who appeared to be a likely candidate to be this deponent. This may be the only evidence of this veteran's service in the revolution.