

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Robin Loyd (Indian Robin) R6501

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Indiana } On this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord 1834
Jennings County } personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Alanson
Andrus sole Judge of the Jennings County Probate Court in and for the County afsd now in
session Indian Robin (alias Robin Loyd) a resident of the said County of Jennings aged seventy
four 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the following
named officers and served as herein stated

In the month of June 1778 he volunteered in the service of the United States and served
for one year under General Spencer and also under Genl Ramsey, Col. [John] Bannister, his Col
Gee Majr Hunt (who was badly wounded at Petersburg by the explosion of a keg of Powder)
Agetant [sic: Adjutant] Binge (or Benge) Capt. John Jones also Capt Ned Powell. Lieut James Gee
(son of Col Gee) Ensign Goodin Hunt (brother of Majr Hunt) 1st Sergeant Thomas Hill and the
Corporal Edward Walker. He left the service in the month of June or July (he cannot say which)
1779 after serving faithfully the one year when he was duly discharged by his officers. He then
again in the month of January as near as he can remember volunteered a 2^d time and served
under General [Daniel] Morgan Col. Robert Walker Majr Clabon Cauder[?]. Agetent Green Hill
Capt Powell Lieut Thomas Giliam, the rest of the officers not recollected. He left the service this
2^d time in the month of January 1781 after serving faithfully the one year more which added to
his former tour makes two years. He then again entered the service a third time as a Volunteer
in the month of February 1781 and served for Ten months under Genl Green [sic: Nathanael
Greene] Col [Alexander] Dick and Majr Cauder & Capt Richard Jones the rest of his officers he
has forgotten. He left this service in the beginning[?] of November 1781 after serving faithfully
for Ten months which added to his former tours makes Two years and Ten months for which he
claims a pension.

At the time he entered the service and during the service he resided in Dunwiddie [sic:
Dinwiddie] County Va. He served as a Volunteer. He was in the Battles of the Cowpens [17 Jan
1781] - Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] and at the siege of York Town when Lord
Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781]. During his first tour he marched from Petersburg to to
Newton[?] where he remained for two months from thence he marched to Cabin point [on James
River in Surry County VA] from to Portsmouth, from thence thence to Richmond where he went
into Winter Quarters - from thence to Brunswick [County VA] from thence to Port Tobacco [MD]
from thence to Ramseys Mill [on Deep River in NC] from thence to Charleston South Carolina
from thence to Cross Creek [now Fayetteville NC] from thence to Cape Fear from thence to Haw
River [NC] from thence to Deep River from thence to Cape Fear from thence to Brunswick
Courthouse where he was discharged

During his 2^d term he marched from Dunwiddie Court House to Amelia Court House from
thence to Lunenburgh [sic: Lunenburg] from thence to the Swinging Bridge from thence to
Richmond from thence to Petersburg from thence to Pocahontas from thence to Lynchburgh
[sic: Lynchburg] from thence to the Oyster Shoals from thence back to the Cheraw Hills [SC]
from thence to cross creek to dan River Pedee to the Cowpens and from thence back to Virginia
to (places mentioned above) to Lynchburgh and so forth marching and countermarching along
the Coast to deep River from thence to Cape fear, from thence to Pee dee [River] from thence to
the Cheraw Hills, to Haw River, Big Alamantz [sic: Alamance Creek in NC] from thence to
Stinking Quarter creek [in present Alamance County NC] from thence to Guilford Court House
where he was engaged in the Battle - from thence he marched back to Va by the route of Hikes
ford [Hicks's Ford?] - Notaway [sic: Nottoway] River - Cheraw Hills &c &c to Dunwiddie County
where he was engaged in a severe skirmish with the Brittish and recd a wound in his Hand — he
was taken prisoner but made his escape, he immediately rejoined the Army near Dunwiddie
Court House and remained with them marching & countermarching untill the seige at Yorktown

and the surrender of Cornwallis when he was discharged and returned home in Virginia. He well remembers Genl Washington Genl Greene - Genl Ramsey - Genl Spencer - Genl Morgan Genl LaFayette - Col Dickerson and many more He well remembers a company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Washer he thinks who was with the troops at the time and also a company of Regulars commanded by Capt. Dickinson there were also many more companies but he cannot recollect them distinctly. He has no written or documentary evidence and he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Robin hisXmark Loyd

Answers to the 7 Questions prescribed by the War Department.

Answer to 1st Quest. I was born in Dunwiddie Co Va in the year 1760. Answer to 2^d Quest. I have no record of my age - I only speak from what persons have told me who were acquainted with me when I was a child. Answer to 3^d Quest I was living when called into service in Dunwiddie County Va. and resided there during the whole war - from thence I removed to North Carolina and lived there 21 years when I removed to the Territory of Indiana and continued to reside there ever since I now reside in Jennings County Ind'a - Answer to 4th Quet. I Volunteered. Answer to 5th Question - As I have stated within I knew General Washington, Genl LaFayette - Genl Greene - Genl Morgan - Genl [Charles] Lee - Genl [Horatio] Gates - Genl Spencer - Genl Ramsey Col Gee - Majr Hunt and many more. I recollect the company of Dragoons commanded by Capt Washer and a company of Regulars commanded by Capt. Wilkinson The general circumstances of my service are stated within with the exception of my swimming Notaway River at its highest stage in the spring of 1781 and fetching over the boats on the oposite side. this act at the time was considered a daring one considering the coldness of the water and elicited much praise from my officers. Answer to 6th Quest. I rec'd written discharges each time of my dismissal signed 1^{stly} by Capt Jones 2^{dly} Capt Powell and 3^{dly} by Capt Richard Jones. they were lost in Va soon after the War by a Negro girl who set the house on fire in which they were deposited. Answer to 7th Quest Enquire of Sen Peaboddy - Col John Vauter - John Walker Esqr - Judge Andrews and all who know me Robin hisXmark Loyd

State of Indiana } Sc Personally appeared in open Court before the Hon Alanson
Jennings County } Andrus sole Judge of the Jennings County Probate Court now in
session Robin Loyd an applicant for a pension under the Law of June 7th 1832 who being first
duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he
cannot state precisely or swear positively to the precise length of his service, but to the best of
his recollection he served not less than the periods [two illegible words] and in the following
grades to wit For Two years and Ten months I served as a private in the Army of the Revolution
and for such services I now claim a pension.
[10 Nov 1834] Robin hisXmark Loyd

The State of Indiana
Jennings County SS

On this 12th day of Feby in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight 1838
personally appeared in open Court, before the Probate Court now setting at the courthouse in
the Town of Vernon County & State aforesaid, Indian Robin, now called Robin Loyd (a person of
Color) a resident of the said County of Jennings & State aforesaid aged eighty years to the best
of his knowledge who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the
following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of
Congress passed June the 7th 1832. that he enlisted during the revolutionary war in the army of
the united states under the following named officers and served as follows. that he first enlisted
with Capt I. Hunt but what year he enlisted in he cannot now recollect by reason of old age and
consequent loss of memory; that he enlisted for the term of one year with said Capt Hunt at
Donwidde Courthouse in the State of Virginia and served in the fifth Regiment he thinks but is
not certain as to the No. of Reg't. in the continental line served under Gen'l. Ramsey and Col. G;
his Lieut name was James G. and his ensigns name was John Washer that he was marched to

Petersburg. that he was in the battle at the cow pens, that he served out his time of one year and was discharged that he again reenlisted with Capt. Richard Jones in Sussex County State of Virginia for the term of one year, served in the same regiment he believes and with the same Col. to the best of his recollection, his Leut. name was Goodwin Hunt and his insigns name was Claiborn Cain. that he was in the battle of Bunkers Hill [sic: 17 Jun 1775] at some period of his service, that he marched to the State of South Carolina, and the Company to which he belonged was put under the command of Col Nelson [possibly John Nelson's Regiment of Virginia State Cavalry] as well as he can recollect. After they left South Carolina he marched to deep River, and from there to Lewningburgh State of Virginia, where he was discharged having served out his term of service one year. That he again reenlisted for the term of one year at Donwidde Courthouse with Capt Charles Settelow, Col. Stokes, and Gen'l. Farrow. his Lieut's name was George Curl, and his ensigns name was Thomas Gilum, that during this time of service he marched to little york. that he was in the engagement at the taking of Lord Corn Wallace that he served out his time of enlistment and returned home. that he served the whole term as a Private that he resided in Donwidde County many years after the war and when he left that place he went to North Carolina and remained there for a number of years. from there he came to Indiana more than twenty years where he has been ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state
Indian hisXmark Robin

State of Indiana }
 Jennings County }

Before me the undersigned Clerk of the Jennings Court, Circuit Court personally appeared Bertholemew Turner who is personally known to me as a man worthy of credence who being by me first duly sworn upon his oath saith that he is now and has been for the last four years been a resident of this county and he is as he believes in his seventy first year of his age and was a revolutionary Soldier, and further says that he knew a negro man named Indian Robin who was in the service of the united states as a soldier in the revolutionary war that I saw him twice or three times on horse back armed for battle and my understanding was that he was a soldier of the United States army but to what company he was attached I do not certainly know but I believe the Negro man now present and who goes by the name of Indian Robin Loyd & sometimes Robin Loyd is the same person and is the same person who has, as I am informed & believe, applied to the United States for a pension and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of Sept 1838
[signed] bartholamew turner

State of Indiana SS }
 Ripley County }

before me the undersigned M. Hyatt A Justice of the peace within and for the State and County aforesaid this Day personally appeared John Grimes of said County a man of Lawful age and sound mind and being by me first Duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he is the Son of James Grimes [pension application S17455] Deceased that his father the said James Grimes was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution and Drew A pention for his services for many years before his Death that he has frequently heard his father talk of A negro man by the name Indian Robin and that said Robin was A Soldier in the war of the Revolution that part of the time that he knew said Robin the said Robin served as a footman and part of the time in the troop of light horse servis that the said Robin was at the taking of Cornwallis at york town that said Robin was at my fathers house a few Days before my fathers Death I was not present at the time when said Robin was at my fathers but I have since seen A man by the name of Indian Robin who is A negrow and who Resides as iam informed in Jinnings County in the State of Indiana and from the Description Given me of said Robin by my father I have no Doubt but the said Indian Robin of the said County of Jennings is the same Identical man of whom I have frequently heard my said father James Grimes speak as Above
[signed 26 Sep 1838] John Grimes