

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robbins R8855

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State of Arkansas County of Johnson

On this day the 17th of July A. C. 1844 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probates now sitting His Honor John B. Brown presiding John Robbins Senior a resident of the County of Johnson and State of Arkansas aged 78 years who is personally known to the court here 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.

That he was drafted for 3 months service in the North Carolina Militia. That he entered the service of the United States (as well as he recollects) some time in the first part of the year 1781 Major James Crump was my commanding officer under whom I served.

I resided in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina when I was drafted and entered the Service. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

I now 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 any State or any agency whatever (see questions & answers)

Questions propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Anson County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1766 as well as my memory now serves me.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: No I never had = None was kept

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina when I was drafted into service since that time I have lived in the Sequatchey Valey [sic, Sequatchie Valley] in the State of Tennessee and in the State of Indiana and now live in the State of Arkansas in the County of Johnson and Township of Spadras [?]

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: By an order for a draft of Militia for 3 months and I was drafted for the said tour of 3 months

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not recollect the name of any of the regular officers all that I know about the matter is that I was drafted and served under Major James Crump we left Montgomery County North Carolina and marched through the Counties of Randolph & Chatham scouring the Country of the Tories and after having served 2 weeks my Father hired a substitute for me by the name of William Bankston who took my place and served for 2 weeks war when the troop were disbanded = the only troops that I was in company with while out was the Hillsboro company. I was in no engagement.

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

Ans: No I never received one as William Bankston took my place

7<sup>th</sup> 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am known to Colonel Joab Jerome Anthony Smith and Jacob Ham  
I applied in the State of Tennessee before 1832 to a law year to prepare my pension papers & was informed that 3 months men did not received a pension and that is the reason that I have waited until this late day to make my application for a pension as I did not know until a day or so passed that I could get a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open court this 17th day of July A.D. 1844

S/ B. Brown, Judge

S/ John Robbins, Sr., X his mark

[Joab Durham, Anthony Smith and Jacob Ham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]