

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robertson¹ R8883

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State of Virginia County of Buckingham: SS

On this __ day of March A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me John C Turner a justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid Francis N Robertson aged __ years a resident of the County of Buckingham and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of John Robertson deceased who was a Sergeant, as she believes, in the Revolutionary War and served during the whole of it but the Company and Regiment to which he belonged to she is unable to say but believes he belonged to the Continental line of the Army. She knows he must have been an officer from the fact that for a number of years previous to his death he had a sword which he wore – that [indecipherable word] upon which was inscribed Victory or death, he also had a pair of very old epaulets – These mementos of his service have long since been passed away or she could present them to the Office. She also declares that in [indecipherable word] of these services she is now an applicant for a life pension. She further states that she was married to the said John Robertson on the __ day of __ A. D. __ and that he died as well as he now recollects about the 16th day of October A.D. 1833 and that her name previous to marriage with said Robertson was Francis N Banton [?] and that she still remains his widow never intermarried with anyone since his death. She further states that she is unable to procure record evidence of her marriage and the death of said John Robertson having no family record of these events but believe the statements as aforesaid is as near correct has memory will serve.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he made be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1853.

S/ Francis N Robertson, X her mark

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State of Virginia County of Buckingham: SS

On this ninth day of December A.D. 1858 personally appeared before me John C Turner a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Francis N Robertson [sic] aged 71 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares and doth make oath to the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the third day of February 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War; that she is the widow of John

¹ BL Reg. 247399-1855

² Fold3.com had included this file in the same file with John Robertson Cft30471

Robertson who was a private & noncommissioned officer in the Revolutionary war, that she believes he served from what she frequently heard him say in his lifetime, during the whole of the war, that for a number of years with him, he had a sword which he said he used in said war upon which was inscribed "Victory or death", that since his death his children many years ago parted with this sword to one William Chambers who emigrated to Tennessee or she would exhibited to the Department as testimony of what she here declares, that before his death he had a number of papers relating to his service, in said war which his children destroyed not knowing the value of them, that she believes he belonged to the Virginia Continental line of the Army and served as before stated during the length of the war at different times from what she has repeatedly heard him say but in what Company or Regiment she has long since forgotten but as evidence of his service she here unto attached exhibits settlements made with the state of Virginia showing that he did serve during the war. She further declares that she was married to the said John Robertson on the 23rd day of November 1817 in that her said husband died on the 29th day of September 1834 as she verily believes, there being no record kept of his death, that she was not married to him prior to the 2nd day of January 1800 but at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a widow.

S/ Francis N. Robertson, X her mark

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 30th day of June 1783 in the name of John Robertson as Sergt. Inf. and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £80.14.3, delivered to Mr. Enatt but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 6th day of November, 1854.

S/ G. W. Chilton
Aud. P. Accts.

[No Seal of Office]

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 11th day of June 1783 in the name of John Robertson as Sol. Inf. and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £19.17.4, delivered to William Cunningham but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 6th day of November, 1854.

S/ G. W. Chilton

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Aud. P. Accts.

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 13th day of January 1783 in the name of John Robertson as Sol. Inf. and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £31.7.9, delivered to William Porter but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
6th day of November, 1854.

S/ G. W. Chilton

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 9th day of November 1784 in the name of John Robertson as Sol. Inf. and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £27.15.0, delivered to Mr. Bibb but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
6th day of November, 1854.

S/ G. W. Chilton

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