

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Robertson R8890

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[This file contains no copy of the application. There is a letter (the text of which appears below) that indicates that the file at one time did contain an application. Perhaps it has been misfiled and will show up later.]

[Letter dated November 23, 1933 from the Assistant to the Administrator of the Pension Office answering an inquiry regarding this veteran]

"Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Thomas Robertson.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, R.8890, based upon the military service of Thomas Robertson, the only soldier by that name who served with the North Carolina troops under Capt. Dixon [Tilghman Dixon] as shown by the Revolutionary War records of this office.

While living in Stewart County, Tennessee, he applied for pension September 25, 1832. He then stated that he was born July 11, 1769, in Caswell County, North Carolina, and was living there when he enlisted at the age of 14 and served first under Capt. Archibald Lytle and then under Capt. William Lytle and Col. Henry Dickson's [Henry "Hal" Dixon's] North Carolina Regiment and in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Guilford [March 15, 1781] and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. He also stated at that time that after the war he moved to Orange County, North Carolina, lived there two years when he moved to Sevier County, Tennessee, three years later moved to Montgomery County, Tennessee, and three years later he moved to Stewart County, Tennessee. In 1833 he was living in Stewart County, Tennessee, and stated that he was aged about seventy years, that he was born in Caswell County, Tennessee [sic, North Carolina], July 11, that he did not know the year but suppose it to be 1761 or 1762: he also stated that he enlisted in Caswell County, North Carolina, for three years, first in Capt. Archibald Lytle's company in Col. Armstrong's [James Armstrong's] North Carolina Regiment and later served in Capt. Tilghman Dixon's company and Col. Henry Dixon's North Carolina Regiment, was in the battle of Guilford, also in the battle of Eutaw Springs where he was wounded several times by a bayonet and was discharged after having performed the service he engaged to do. He stated that he was then returned to Caswell County where he lived until he moved to the Western country and settled on the Ohio River on the Illinois side where his family was taken sick and all died except a son (name not given) who has since died, that he then moved to the waters of the Cumberland where he has ever since resided in Montgomery and Stewart Counties, Tennessee.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof, in accordance with the requirements of the pension law, of the alleged service and of his age at enlistment...."