

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Robinson R8916

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State of Virginia County of Fayette: SS

On this [illegibly faint] day of December 1848, personally appeared [before] me [illegibly faint name], a justice of the peace in & for the County of Fayette, Thomas Robinson, a resident of the Great Flat top Mountain in the County of Fayette & State of Virginia, aged 89 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 the 7th of June 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: to wit: Immediately after the sacking of Richmond in Virginia by General Arnold [Benedict Arnold], in the burning the Magazine & foundry near it, he was drafted for a tour of four months, and marched under Captain Baxter [George Baxter] – was stationed mostly below Richmond served only three months, and was then verbally discharged, and returned home to Rockingham County where he then resided, & from whence he had been drafted – was in no battle, during this Campaign & does not recollect the names of the general officers under whom he served. After remaining at home a very short time, he was again drafted and under Captain Rice [perhaps John Rice], was marched to near the head of Elizabeth River – and was there stationed under Colonel Noll [William Nolle or Nail] & Major Hamilton [Gawen Hamilton]. The British Camp was not far distant, at that time – he was not engaged in any battle while in the service. He served a tour of four months, this trip, and was then discharged as before – He did not receive on either occasion a discharge in writing. The services thus performed, was as well as he can now recollect was in the year of, or previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He further states, that he knows of no person now living, who was in the service with him, by whom he can prove his service positively. He has procured the Testimony of John Robinson of Monroe County (a Younger brother) who knows of his serving 2 tours – but cannot speak positively of the time (see the accompanying affidavit).

He further states that he was born in Sussex County in the State of Delaware. That he has no record of his age, but from information derived from his parents, and his best recollection, he believes himself now 89 years of age, or upwards – That he lived in Rockingham County Virginia when called into service; that soon after the war, he removed to Jackson's River in Bath County where he lived many years – he then removed to Monroe County & resided there till 1835 or 1836, he then removed to Logan where he resided till 1841 or 1842 – he then removed to Mercer County, remained there till in 1843 and removed to Fayette County where he now lives, poor and dependent on the bounty of his friends.

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[The signatures are illegibly faint and cannot be discerned]

[There appears to be a standard supporting affidavit but the names of the witnesses and their signatures, if any, are illegibly faint and cannot be discerned from the digital images posted on Fold3.com.]

[James Calloway, 61, a resident of Mercer County Virginia, gave testimony that his mother told him that she knew of the services of Thomas Robinson of Fayette County during the Revolution. Callaway also testified as to the general reputation of Robinson as a revolutionary war veteran. His affidavit is dated October 18, 1849.]

State of Virginia Monroe County

This day John Robinson of the County of Monroe & State aforesaid (aged eighty-two) personally appeared before me James M Byrnside a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that his brother Thomas Robinson a Claimant for a pension from the Government of the United States did serve two tours of (he thinks) ~~six~~—three months each in the War of the revolution.

Given under my hand at Monroe County this 8th day of March 1848

S/ J. M. Byrnside, JP