

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Robison R[NC15]

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State of Tennessee Hardin County: On this 12th day of May 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court now sitting Thomas Robison A.D. resident of Hardin County in this State of Tennessee aged about 72 or 3 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 was born in Martin County State of North Carolina sometime in the year 1761 as he believes, though he does not certainly know when he was born having no record of his age. He entered the service of the United States in Wayne County North Carolina (having removed from Martin County to Wayne County then called Dobbs County when quite young) sometime in the year 1777 though at what time of said year he does not recollect & as a volunteer soldier under Captain John Sheppard Major Thomas Williams and Colonel James Glasgow we marched directly to Tarborough North Carolina where we remained some time from that place we crossed the Roanoke River and through Virginia, & about this time we joined General Hogan's [sic, General James Hogun's] Army we marched then directly into the State of Maryland on our way it thither we crossed the Potomac River and in short distance from the Potomac we joined General Washington's Army & marched under the command of Washington to Fort Montgomery & took possession thereof & after remained at that place a short time the British made an attack on the Fort & we were compelled to surrender, and the next day after our surrender of the Fort our Army made an attempt to retake it, but were unsuccessful, in the hour of can't to retake the Fort. General Montgomery was killed, this declarant was in all the engagements at Fort Montgomery. From Fort Montgomery we marched directly to Brandywine in the State of Pennsylvania where we encamped, and a short time after our encampment we were attacked by the British when a battle ensued between our Army & the British. This declarant states that from infirmity & old age he cannot recollect the time certainly within the last battle was fought but thinks sometime in 1777. There were a great many killed on both sides in the battle at Brandywine. Shortly after the battle an express came from General Marion for assistance & General Hogun with a considerable number of soldiers under his command were detached for that service amongst whom was this declarant & marched from Brandywine to Wayne County North Carolina, when my term of 9 months for which I volunteered expired when & where I left the service but did not get any written discharge and cannot say why he did not. This declarant again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Noah Elvinton for the term of 3 months under Captain Willoughby Williams & Colonel Burwell Moren but cannot tell at what time but it was not long before the fall of Charleston. As soon as the Regiment was organized we marched to a place called colds Bridge on Drowning Creek which is near the line between North & South Carolina where we had an engagement with the British & Tories who

were commanded by a Colonel Barfield, and that battle we were victorious. Shortly after the battle at Coles bridge Colonel Moren & Captain Williams both left the service & about the same time the term of 3 months expired for which he was engaged, which expired at the time his commanding officers Williams & Moren left the service & returned home. He states that he served the full 3 months. This declarant then volunteered for 3 months before his return home under the command of Captain Connell & Colonel Baxter, but this declarant believes his term of 3 months commenced at Big Pedee River in South Carolina and marched to little Pedee River under the command of General Ellison having joined him previous thereto, where we had a skirmish with the British & Tories our Regiment joined the General Marion at Diffrey's [?] Creek Darlington County South Carolina before the battle at Pedee. From little Pedee we were marched back to big Pedee & from thence to Waccamaw where had another engagement with the British & Tories where we took several prisoners & he thinks sent them to Georgetown to exchange. From Waccamaw we marched in several directions through adjacent Country & then marched to Georgetown District where I left the service my time being been expired for neither of the last terms of 3 months duty received any written discharge & cannot tell any reason why he did not, & does not recollect that any of the company did. He states he served out his whole term. He was frequently in little skirmishes & excursions with Marion until about the end of the war, but was not bound to service for any other tours than those above specified.

As soon as the revolution was over this declarant moved to Darlington County South Carolina where he resided three years & then removed back to Wayne County North Carolina & lived there several years, then he removed to Mecklenburg County where he lived about five years from there he removed to Maury County Tennessee & resided there five or six years then to Caldwell County Kentucky and lived there about seven years & from thence to Hardin County Tennessee where he now resides & has resided for fifteen years. He is acquainted with Thomas Winchester, William Wells and Charles T. Polk, Thomas Blakely of my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services & that of the neighborhood. He has no documentary evidence by which his services can be proved nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State. There is no clergyman residing in the declarant's neighborhood.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/Orville Harrison, Clerk

S/ Thomas Robison, X his mark

[Charles Steve Polk & Thomas Blakely gave the standard supporting affidavit.]