

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Cave S12678

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State of Kentucky, and County of Montgomery

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Silas W. Robbins, judge of the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, William Cave, a resident of Montgomery County and the State of Kentucky, aged about Eighty-three years, who being first dully sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: to wit. That, in the latter part of the summer, in the second year after the War of the Revolution was declared, this applicant entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for a tour of six months, under Captain John Leek under the command of General \_\_\_ Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], in the county of Guilford, State of North Carolina, and was marched from thence to the lower part of that State, into Mechlinburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County where our first skirmish was with some Tories - from thence we were marched up the county into Rowan County. - from thence, across into the upper part of South Carolina where the Cherokee Indians were committing depredations on the American citizens: - there we had frequent skirmishes with the Indians; and where we remained - sometimes in North and sometimes in South Carolina as necessity required until about the expiration of our term for which we had entered the service; and after destroying the cover of the Indians and laying waste their towns, we were marched to Salisbury N.C. where at the close of our six month service we were regularly discharged; This applicant states that he served said six months in the service of the U.S. as above set forth and received, at Salisbury a discharge, signed, he thinks, by General Rutherford: But that he has lost his discharge. This applicant states that he cannot recollect distinctly the precise dates at which he entered or left the service of the United States: and therefore, prefers, to state such circumstances as he does recollect, from which the different periods may be readily ascertained.

This applicant further states that, in January previous to the battle of Guilford, he volunteered for a second tour for three months, in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina, and entered the service of the United States, under said engagement, in the said month of January, under Capt. John May - under the command of General Martin - he thinks Alexander Martin - And was marched down the country, in a director towards Camden, with a view to regulate some Tories; and with an expectation of meeting the British forces under the command of Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis], who had penetrated the interior of that section of county and was making his way towards Guilford, where I arrived with our company, on a forced march, immediately after the battle. This applicant states that having discharged the service of this three months tour, he was regularly discharged at Guilford, and received a written discharge, signed, he believes, by Gen. Martin. And that he knows of no living

witness by whom he can establish this service. - He states that he is about Eighty Three years of age - was born in Culpepper [sic, Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia - and that there is, or was, a record of his age in the possession of his uncle Jonas Jenkins of said Culpeper County and State of Virginia and though his applicant cannot read, he had every reason to believe that he was born in the year 1749.

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 any state whatever.

S/ William Cave, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, in open court.

S/ James Howard, CMCC

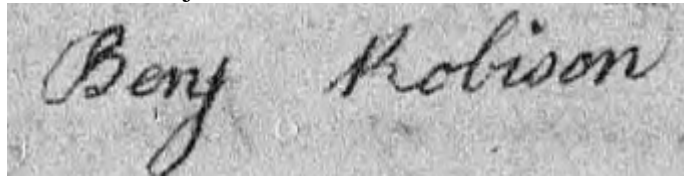
We, Buckner H. Payne, a teacher of the Christian Religion of the Baptist denomination, residing in the County of Montgomery and State of Kentucky, and Benjamin Robison Sr. residing in the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Cave, who has subscribed and sworn in the above declaration; that we believe him to be above Eighty three years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ B. H. Payne

S/ Benj. Robison

The applicant then introduced Benjamin Robison Sr.<sup>1</sup> of Montgomery County Ky who being first duly sworn, in open Court, according to law, made and subscribed the following statement, to wit: That he served in the same campaign, in the War of the Revolution, against the Tories and Indians, in North and South Carolina - represented by the said William Cave, in the first part of his declaration, as his six months tour; and although he was not, then, personally acquainted with said Will. Cave - from an intimate acquaintance, and frequent conversations, during the past fifteen or twenty years, with said William Cave in relation to the particular incidents and occurrences of that service, he had no hesitation in saying that he believes said Cave discharged the duties of said service, and that his declaration is true.

S/ Benj. Robison

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benj Robison". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

The Court thus proceeded to prepared to this said applicant Will. Cave, the interrogations required by the War Department; to which the said applicant answers as follows, to wit:

First - That he was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia, and believes that he was born in the year 1749.

Second - That there is a record of his age and the last he knew of it, was in possession of his uncle, Jonas Jenkins of Culpeper County, Virginia.

Third - That when called into service he was living in Guilford County State of North Carolina - subsequent to the revolutionary was he moved to South Carolina, and from there to the State of

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1 [Benjamin Robison \(Robertson\) S14361](#)

Kentucky where he lives at present, in Montgomery County thereof.

Fourth - That he volunteered as stated in his declaration.

Fifth - That he knew Gen. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and refers to his declaration for the particular circumstances of his service.

Sixth - That he received a discharge for each term of service, the first given, he thinks, by Gen. Rutherford; the second by Gen. Martin, but that both are now lost.

Seventh - That he is known in his present neighborhood to John Coons, Capt. John Anderson, Samuel E. Everett, Col. John Berry and the Hon. Henry Daniel, to whom he refers.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]