

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Robertson S14320

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State of Kentucky Anderson County: SS: On this 12 day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Anderson circuit court now sitting James Robertson a resident Citizen of said County and State aged 78 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 late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

I James Robertson now in the 78th year of my age and a resident Citizen of Anderson County do hereby declare that I was born in Rockbridge County and State of Virginia where I resided when I was called into the service of my country as follows, viz.: In the month of September 1777 I was drafted in said County in Captain John Paxton's Company of Colonel Dickenson's [?]¹ Regiment Colonel Arbuckle [?]² was the Regular officer of the garrison served for three months and we marched to Point Pleasant at the mouth of the great Kenawa [Kanawha River?] where I was stationed until my time expired during which time we were stationed at the Fort at that place and made several scouts against the Indians, and I was honorably discharged, and again in the month of September 1778 I volunteered in Captain James Hall's Company on another tour of three months and with two other companies Captain David Grey's [David Gray's] and Captain Campbell's [Charles Campbell's] we marched to Portsmouth Virginia and were stationed there as a guard under Major Hull a regular officer, General Steuben was as I understood our general officer at that time, at the expiration of my time we were marched to Petersburg (Virginia) where we were discharged a few days before Christmas. Again in the month of February 1781 in the same County I was drafted as a soldier in the Virginia militia in Captain Cloyd [David Cloyd's] Company under Colonel Samuel McDowell and we marched to the State of North Carolina and I was engaged in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], where we had a hard fight but got whipt and had to retreat, we were at that time under General Stephens [Edward Stevens] and at the expiration of my time I was honorably discharged at the Iron works and in the fall of that year I moved to Kentucky and lived eight years at Lincoln County – and then removed to where I now live in Anderson County – I do not know of any person now alive by whom I can prove my service in 1777 in only one man Mr. James Paxton by whom I can prove part of my services – I have no documentary evidence and having long since lost my other discharges. I hereby relinquish all claim to any pension or annuity except the present and I am not now a pensioner of the United States or any State.

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Col Dickenson

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Col Arbuckle

Witness my hand this 12th day of September 1832.

S/ James Robertson, X his mark

[William W Penney, a clergyman, Reuben Boston Senior & Ephraim Lillard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Additional declaration

State of Kentucky Anderson County: Viz.: On this 14th day of March 1833 personally appeared James Robertson aged 78 years before me a Justice of the peace in Judge of the Anderson County court he being very infirm so as made it inconvenient to attend court and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to Explain his former declaration and obtain the full Benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 viz.

I James Robertson do hereby solemnly declare that in stating his services in Captain Cloyd's company in Colonel Samuel McDowell's Regiment during which time he was in the Battle of Guilford he was drafted in the militia service as he has stated for three months and faithfully served out his time and was honorably discharged as in his former declaration stated that the time he served was accidentally omitted in his former declaration, he further states that he is well acquainted with Reuben Boston Senior and Ephraim Lillard who are his neighboring acquaintances and have already certified as to his character he further states that he now lives in Anderson County and has lived in said County since its formation in 1826 and previous to which time he lived in the County of Mercer for thirty years. I also relinquish all claim to any other pension except the present. Witness my hand this 14th day of March 1833

S/ Reuben Boston, JP

S/ James Robinson, X his mark [sic]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]