

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Roberson (Robinson) S14333

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State of Kentucky, Barren County & Circuit Sct.

On this 18th day of Sept. 1832, personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County and Circuit of Barren in the state aforesaid James Robinson, resident of the said county of Barren in the state aforesaid, aged seventy-one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832: That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the 1777, to the best of his recollection, to serve five years, with Capt. Charles Campbell, and served in the Virginia State Line or Continental Line, he does not know which, under the following named officers, the numbers of his regiment being likewise forgotten. He saith that when he enlisted he was a resident of Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia, that he together with his company commanded as aforesaid, by Capt. Charles Campbell rendezvoused with two or three other companies near to Lexington in Virginia, from whence they were marched under the command of Col. Dickerson to Point Pleasant at the mouth of Kenhawa [sin Kanawha River] on the Ohio [River], that they there crossed the Ohio [River] and after proceeding about two days march on the other side, an express arrived with the news of Burgoyne's surrender [Saratoga, October 7, 1777] and order for the troops to return; that they were then marched back to Rockbridge County, Virginia where Capt. Campbell was taken sick, and Capt. Wallace (the said Robinson thinks his Christian name was Adam) took the command of the company and the said Robinson then marched in the company of said Capt. Wallace under the command of Major McIlheny to Head quarters at the Valley Forge; at the Valley Forge the said Robinson and his company was attached to the Regiment of Col. Butler in the Brigade commanded by General Anthony Wayne, and served as one of the assistant commissaries under the issuing commissary of the Regiment; that from the Valley Forge he was marched to Jersey, where the troops were stationed in different places and remained until orders arrived for their return to Virginia, on account as he understood, of the invasion of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis], that he marched with the troops back to Virginia in the Spring of the year 1781, and was engaged, under the command of General Wayne, in a skirmish with the army at Jamestown¹ in said State; and previously to this, he was engaged under the command of Col. John Willis, in another skirmish with the enemy at the place in Virginia called Hot Water, where he was severely wounded by being trampled under foot by the British Cavalry, these were the only battles or

¹ <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810706-green-spring/>

skirmishes in which he was ever engaged. That after the engagement at Jamestown, it was said that the British Col. Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] was advancing into Bedford County, Virginia, for the purpose of taking the Public stores there; he was marched under the command of the said General Wayne towards the said County of Bedford for the purpose of repelling the attack of the said Col. Tarleton but when they arrived at the Bridge across the Appomattox River in the County of Amelia news was received that Tarleton had retreated; and they remained there several days until the baggage came up and then marched down to Petersburg, where they crossed the river & marched up to Manchester & crossed James River to Richmond -- from there they marched to a place which was called to the best of said Robinson's recollection, Black Marsh, where he was taken sick and had leave to return home in Rockbridge County and received from Col. Butler a furlough for that purpose--this was in August or September 1781. That he returned home by the assistance of the Militia of Rockbridge County who were discharged, the said Robinson being furnished with a horse to accompany them, that after he returned home he remained a long time sick, and did not recover until next spring, having in the meantime got his furlough renewed or prolonged. That the term of said Robinson's enlistment expired in the month of August of that year (1782)--he was able to join the army a short time before the expiration of his said term, but did not do so, not knowing where to report himself; but about that time, a little before or after he saw Capt. Steward, who informed him he had just seen Col. Butler who informed him we were all discharged, or had obtained discharges for us all, or words to that effect-- But the said Robinson never afterwards saw Col. Butler, nor has ever had any written discharge in his possession.

The said James Robinson hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Robinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Robinson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[attested by Richard Garnett, Clerk of Circuit Court]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line and as commissary.]

[Fact in file: veteran died January 29, 1836; place not stated; the file contains no family data other than the fact that he was survived by one child, name not given.]