

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archelaus (Archilaus) Rosson S1586

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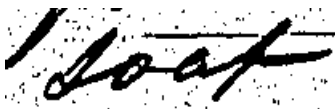
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State of Tennessee Robertson County: On this 15th day of November 1832 – personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County of Robertson at the Court house in the Town of Springfield Archelaus Rosson aged eighty-three 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I entered into the service of the United States in the year 1776 during the Revolutionary war as a minute man. I enlisted in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia for two years under Captain John Lee. We held ourselves ready for service & was equipped with a rifle and the other requisite accoutrements. I was called into actual service in the month of June 1776 – we marched from Culpeper County Virginia to Alexandria on the South side of the Potomac [River]. We there joined the Army but cannot recollect who commanded, I staid there under the command of Captain Lee some time but how long I do not remember, – I was at Alexandria, detached to go on a sloop of war called the *Liberty* commanded by Captain Waller Brook [Walter Brooke]¹, this was in the year 1776, we continued to cruise on the River and the Chesapeake Bay but had no engagement with the enemy although we were several times in sight of them. In this service about 6 months I think something more, when I was taken sick with a rising on my legs, and after a consultation between Doctor Soat [?]² & Captain Brook, they thought I could not recover unless I left the water and I received from Captain Brook a furlough to go home until my legs got well. I went back to Culpeper County & remained there about two months before I was able to walk so as to do service I then started to go back to Alexandria to join the vessel but on my way I learned that the vessel had sailed & I returned home to Culpeper County. I never went into the service any more but being called on. The furlough I received from Captain Brook I have lost, and never received a discharge in writing from any of my officers. I have no written

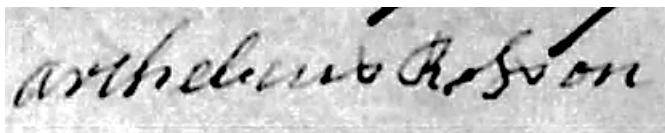
¹ BROOKE, WALTER VA Commodore, Virginia Navy: Walter Brooke was the son of Major Walter Brooke of Charles County, Maryland. He was commissioned in 1776 as a Captain in the Virginia Navy and assigned to the Virginia Navy Sloop *Liberty*. He was aboard the *Liberty* in August 1776. [Stewart, 156] On 29 March 1777 he was promoted to Commodore of the Virginia Navy. [NOAR, 34] He died in 1798. [Stewart, 156]
<http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20B.html>

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[Loaf, Loat, Loot, Loof?]

evidence to prove my service, and I know of no person living who can prove it. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Archelaus Rosson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Archelaus Rosson", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court & the applicant's responses thereto

1. Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in 1759 in Culpeper County State of Virginia

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Ans. I have no record of my age, I had one taken from my father's bible but it was burnt when my house was consumed by fire while I lived [in] Orange County Virginia.

3. Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live

Ans. When he entered into the service I lived in the County of On range, though I enlisted in Culpeper County I lived in Orange County until 1804 I then moved to Scott County Kentucky where I have lived about one year, from Scott County Kentucky I moved to the County of Robertson State of Tennessee where I have lived ever since except about 2 years that I lived in Kentucky Allen County on Big Baron River, I again returned to Robertson County Tennessee where I now live.

4. How were you called into service, did you volunteer, were you drafted or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom

Ans. I enlisted for 2 years.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served in such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances [of] your services

Ans. Having been sent on the sloop *Liberty* I had little opportunity of knowing any of the regular officers or militia Regiments; the names of Captain Lee & Ensign Roger Triplet & John Triplet of the company which I enlisted all I can name, except Captain Brook of the sloop. As to the general circumstances of my service I refer to the body of my declaration

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

Ans. I never received any discharge from the service.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior & your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. Colonel Benjamin Elliott, Jea [?] Robertson, & James Darden can testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior in but that he knows nothing of my services as a soldier of the revolution, except as they may believe from what they have heard.

[William Carter, a clergyman, and William S. Perry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County: Personally appeared before me John Hutchison a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid are Archelaus Rosson (being the applicant named in the original declaration to which this is appended as amendatory) who being first sworn depose

and say that he cannot in consequence of old age and loss of memory swear positively as to the precise length of his service but from the best of his information he served in the latter part of 1775 as a minute man four months under Captain John Green in 1776 he enlisted as stated in his original for two years under Captain Lee that he was not on land time sufficient to know the names of any of the Regular or Militia officers with the Corps to which he belonged as he was before stated, that as he stated in his original he was furloughed and sent home from inability and from the best of his recollection he was in actual service after his enlistment two months and as he will has before stated after he became able to discharge the duty he again endeavored to joined the Corps but the vessel had sailed and left him and thereby his time expired with that again being in actual service unless he would be considered in the service during his inability which deprived him of any civil pursuit to enable him to make his living.

August 21st, 1833

S/ Archelaus Rosson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]