

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Robinson S16517

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State of Kentucky Harrison County: Sct.

On this 10th day of December 1832 before us Thomas B Woodyard, Stephen B Curran & Lewis Dry constituting the County Court of Harrison County – which is a court of record now sitting, appeared Francis Robinson a resident of Harrison County & State of Kentucky aged upwards of sixty-seven years, having been born in Spotsylvania County Virginia on the 2nd day of March 1765 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the law 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. That he served four tours of two months each viz. the first tour, he substituted for William Tate about the last of March 1781 under Captain Watson [perhaps James Watson], Lieutenant Meekey [perhaps either George, James or Robert Michie] & Ensign Anderson [perhaps Turner Anderson], commanded by Major Garritt Minor [Garrett Minor] (who served part of the time & returned home & Major Armistead took his place) in Colonel Richardson's Regiment & in General Nelson's Brigade. That he marched from Louisa Courthouse to Richmond where he joined the main Army on Shocks hill in Richmond under General Lafayette thence to Williamsburg, thence to the deep Spring line between Williamsburg & little York; thence near to Little York, thence through the Country back & forth to Hanover County Virginia at Simms Mills where he was discharged his tour having expired. The second tour he went from Spotsylvania County Virginia being drafted in June 1781 & served under Captain John Chew, Joseph Brock [the younger] Lieutenant, and Ensign __Ellis [Hezekiah Ellis], Major Hardeman [Thomas Hardeman], __ Smith adjutant, Colonel Nicholas Merryweather [Nicholas Meriwether, sic, Thomas Meriwether], Peter Stubblefield was brigade major & Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] was General that this tour he marched out of Spotsylvania to the new barracks near Williamsburg & after remaining there a while thence to Ruffin's ferry on the Pamunkey River, thence to the deep Spring, thence on a scouting party in the neighborhood between the said Spring and Little York, in a detachment under Major Isby, thence back to said Spring, here General Washington had taken the command of the troops and this declarant's tour had expired & he was dismissed and went home in August 1781 as well as he recollects. The third tour he was drafted and started from Fredericksburg about the latter end of October 1781 under Captain __ Crutcher [Thomas Crutcher] & Colonel Nicholas Meriwether [again, sic, Thomas Meriwether] (many other officers not recollected) to guard the British prisoners to Noland ferry on the line

¹ Thanks to John Bunnell for his help in identifying times, places and officers mentioned in the pension application.

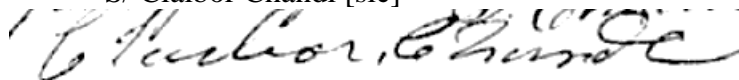
between Virginia and Maryland, at which place he was detained some considerable time before he was relieved by the arrival of other troops here he was discharged & then he returned home by Fredericksburg his tour being ended. The fourth tour he went as a substitute for James Nelson under (as he thinks) Captain ___ Paine [probably Nicholas Payne] and in Colonel Mathews' Regiment, that he marched from home to Fredericksburg & remained there some time guarding the sick & other invalid prisoners of the British both at this place and the allum Spring near there to, thence to Winchester with said prisoners thence he returned and was discharged his said tour having expired. This declarant states that he verily believes he served for eight months in the armies of the United States in the latter end of the revolutionary war – that he never received a written discharge; that he well recollects Captain Miller of the artillery & General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] together with the foregoing named officers, That he was living in Spotsylvania Virginia every time he went out, but the first tour, he substituted for William Tate of Louisa County Virginia and lived in Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties generally until the fall of 1788 thence he went to Orange County Virginia where he resided until 1817 when he moved to Boone County Kentucky, whence he moved to Harrison County Kentucky in November 1818 where he has resided ever since & now resides there. That he has a record of his age extracted from his father's family Bible, on his own family Bible that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said services except John Jenkins² and Claiborne Chandler³ who lived in the same section & Counties of Virginia who are now in open Court testifying the same the said Jenkins having served one tour with this declarant & the said Chandler having known of said services being rendered. 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 the agency of any State or Territory whatever

S/ Francis Robinson, X his mark

We John Jenkins & Claiborne Chandler residing in Harrison County Kentucky do hereby us testify that we are well acquainted with Frances Robinson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, That we believe him to be about 67 years of age; that he has been, & still is reputed to be a man of veracity and we concur in the opinion that the said Frances Robinson has been a soldier of the revolution.

S/ John Jenkins, X his mark

S/ Claibor Chandl [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Claiborne Chandler". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'C'.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]

² [John Jenkins S16425](#)

³ [Claiborn Chandler S16341](#)