

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Culbertson S21722

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District

On the 18th day of October personally appeared in open court before his honor Richard Gantt, one of the Judges of the County Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Robert Culbertson age 81 years, a resident of Laurens District, So. Carolina 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. Viz., That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as by him stated. That he volunteered in the year 1780 under Capt. John Graves [and] Genl John Butler in Caswell County, No. Carolina, marched to Camden, So. Carolina was there at the time of Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and returned home without any discharge and he volunteered again the same year under Capt. John McMullen, Col. Williams [James Williams of South Carolina] and marched to Cowpens, So. Carolina then joined Col. William Campbell & Col. Shelby and marched to King's Mountain & was in the engagement at that place [October 7, 1780], returned from there to Moravian Town, No. Carolina and was there discharged by Col. Benjamin Cleveland, received written discharge but has lost it since. He volunteered again in 1781 under Col. Campbell and marched through Caswell and Guilford Counties and was engaged in a skirmish at Whitesell's Mills [Weitzel's Mill, March 6, 1781] on Reedy Creek. [He] received a written discharge but has lost it since.

He volunteered again the same year under Col. Moore and General Butler and marched down near Wilmington No. Carolina and was engaged in two skirmishes and returned home again after an expiration of about two months.

I was a resident of Caswell County, No. Carolina and lived there until 1785 and then moved to Laurens District, So. Carolina where I have lived ever since. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person who can testify to my Revolutionary Service. I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year 1750. I have no records of my age. I never received a commission.

The Rev. Gabriel Phillips and Charles Allen are persons acquainted with me in my neighborhood who can testify unto my character and veracity and good behavior sworn and duly ordered the day and year aforesaid.

I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present claim, that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. I performed service about 2 years the whole.

S/ Robert Culbertson



Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clerk, Laurens District

We Gabriel Phillips and Charles Allen of Laurens Precinct So. Carolina do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Robert Culbertson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that we believe him to be the age he reports and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution. We concur in that opinion.

Sworn and duly subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clerk, L.D.

S/ Gabrl Phillips

S/ Chas Allen

The State of South Carolina, Laurens District: Amendment of Robert Culbertson's Declaration

The application states that he volunteered in the militia service in the year 1780 in Caswell County, North Carolina under Capt. John Graves and Gen. John Butler and was marched to Camden, South Carolina and was there at Gate's defeat and returned home having performed service for three months. He volunteered again in 1780, Caswell County North Carolina under Capt. John McMullen and Col. Williams and marched to Cowpens South Carolina and there joined Col. Wm. Campbell [William Campbell] and Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and marched to King's Mountain and was in the engagement or Battle of that place, marched from there to Moravian Town, North Carolina and was there discharged by Col. Benjamin Cleveland. He received a written discharged but has lost it, having performed a service of two months. He volunteered again in 1781 under Col. Campbell and Col. Moore and marched through Caswell and Guilford Counties and was engaged in a skirmish at Weitzel's Mill on Reedy Creek and then returned home having performed a service of two months. That he volunteered again in 1781 under Col. Moore and Gen. Butler and marched down near Wilmington, North Carolina and was there engaged in the skirmish with the British and returned home again, having performed service for two months.

S/ Robert Culbertson

South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared Robert Culbertson before me who was duly qualified to the within amendments to his original declaration.

Sworn before me 29th October 1833

S/ W. R. Farley, J.P.

[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.]