

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Robertson S31338

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State of Kentucky, Russell County & Circuit

On this 29 day of April 1833 appeared in open court before the Honl. John L. Brady [?] Circuit Judge, Mathew Robertson aged Seventy two, who is a resident of Russell County, State of Kentucky, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the Revolution under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That in the year 1779 this affiant came from East Tennessee to the now State of Kentucky, & landed on Paint Lick Creek, now Madison County.

That in the Spring 1780 this affiant volunteered as a private soldier & served in Captain Kennedy's Company & in Col. Benj. Logan's [Benjamin Logan's] Regiment, that he was ordered by Captain Kennedy to assist in rearing & building Kennedy's fort, that he did assist in building said fort, & when the same was completed this affiant remained in said fort as a private in said Company for three whole years, continually under arms & in service, that during the aforesaid time this affiant was in the summer season ordered by Captain Kennedy to act as a spy to watch the movements of the Indians, & whenever the Indians would come into the country & take prisoners or steal property this affiant was ordered to follow the Indians & retake the prisoners & property, that except when this affiant was out spying as aforesaid or going in pursuit, he was at all times in Kennedy's fort guarding & defending the same, that his Capt. Kennedy was killed some time before Clarke's expedition against the Miami Indians, & Captain John Martin was chosen the Captain the successor of said Kennedy – that whilst under Captain Martin the Blue Lick defeat took place in August 1782 [August 19, 1782], this affiant was not in said defeat but was marching under the command of sd. Martin & Col. Logan to assist & relieve Cols. Trigg [Stephen Trigg] & Todd [John Todd] the Commanders of the unfortunate party, but did not get there time enough, but met the defeated party on the retreat to Bryant's Station, those that remained of the party, that in the fall after said defeat, this affiant marched under the command of Captain Martin & in Benj. Logan's Regiment, a tour under Genl. G. R. Clarke [George Rogers Clark] against the Ohio or Miami Indians, that on said expedition this affiant recollects that many prisoners were taken & much corn burned & the Indians totally defeated, that this affiant returned home under the command of said Martin, & again took his post in said fort of Kennedy's & there continued until after 1783 when Peace was concluded between the British Indians & the United States, this affiant remained in the service in said fort until 1784 when for the first time he with his father left the station & went to farming & clearing land - this affiant got no discharges for all the service he per formed, therefore had no documentary evidence, that he knows of no witness by whom he can prove his service except Alexander Reed & Will Miller who live at a great distance whose testimony he cannot conveniently get because of old age.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present & declares

that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Mathew Robertson, X his mark

Questions put to the applicant by the Court -

Q. Where & when were you born?

A. I was born in Amherst County, State of Virginia, in 1762.

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

A. I have which shews I was born on the 12th of January 1762.

Q. How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

A. I was a volunteer for all the duty I performed.

Q. Where did you live when called into the Service, where have lived since the revolution, & where you now live?

A. I lived at Kennedy's Station when I was called into the service, I have lived since that time in Madison County, & I now live in Russell County, Kentucky.

Q. Did you receive a discharge from the Service, if so by whom given?

A. I received no discharge from the Service.

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers & Regiments that were with the troops where you were, & the general circumstances of your service.

A. I recollect no regulars that were with the troops where I was except General Clarke, when on the Miami expedition, Col. Logan was the Comd<sup>r</sup> of the Regiment to which I belonged but was a Militia Col., all the service that I performed was as a militia man in the fort of Kennedy, & as an Indian spy in & during the summer seasons, no earthly service that man ever performed was done with more privations & hardships than the three years services aforesaid - frequently without bread or meat or any earthly comfort, not even a covering for the night or a shield for winter.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, who can speak of your character for veracity, & the reputation of your services.

A. I state as persons to whom I am known in my neighborhood John Land & Reuben Dunbar

[John Lane, a clergyman, & Reuben Dunbar gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Fact in file: there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina and Virginia service.]