

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Job Hobbs ¹S32328

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State of Arkansas County of Madison: SS

Now on this 5th day of August A.D. 1856 personally appeared before me Samuel Vaughan Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Madison in the state of Arkansas, and now with the Clerk Sitting for the purpose of examining Job Hobbs, applicant for pension, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged ninety-seven 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 7th June 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers – and served as herein stated – viz. – William Campbell, Colonel – Arthur Campbell, Major; and James Fulkerson was his Captain.

He entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 – Then resided in Botetourt County Virginia. He, deponent, states that he first entered the service by enlistment for three months – Served his time and was discharged on North Fork of Holstin [Holston River], but does not recollect whether he received a written discharge or not. Entered again, by draft under same officers for two months, served time and was discharged, but does not recollect whether he received written discharge or not – thinks he did not – Entered service again, all as he believes in immediate succession by draft for one month – served time and was discharged as he believes by Colonel Cox – at Powell's Valley – In his second service above stated, Deponent states that he was discharged at Bushes Stationed Virginia.

Deponent states that he was engaged in no regular Battle, was marched directly out of Botetourt County to the wilderness in pursuit of Indians.

He knows of no regiments who were at the time engaged near him. Does not think the forces were at the time regularly divided into regiments.

Deponent states that he received from Colonel Cox as above mentioned a discharge and handed it to his friend John Benham, who was a Lieutenant, but knows nothing of it now.

He further states that he has no documents, and that he knows of no person, now living, by whom he can prove any of the facts above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present; and Claire name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Job Hobbs, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

S/ James R Berry, Clerk

[Jonathan Gage, a clergyman, and Benjamin Titsworth gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories by the Judge or Court –

1. Where and in what year were you born?

¹ BLWt91042-160-55

Answer – in Frederick County Virginia about 21st June 1760.

Qu. 2. Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

A. I have none at all.

Qu. 3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolution and where do you now live?

A. I lived in Botetourt County Virginia. Since the Revolution, & lived in Madison County Kentucky – then in Knox County Tennessee; Then in Montgomery County, Tennessee; then in Spencer County Indiana; Then in Marion County Illinois – Then in Washington County Arkansas; then in Madison County Arkansas, where I now reside.

4. How were you called into service.

A. I was first enlisted – then drafted.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served –

A. William Campbell, my Colonel, Major Campbell – Captain James Fulkerson.

Qu. Did you ever receive a discharge, and if so what has become of it?

A. I received a discharge and handed it to my friend Lieutenant Benham; What has become of it I know not.

6. Did you ever receive a commission?

A. I never did.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your veracity generally; and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

A. I could state many – Robert Buchanan, and Robert McAmy formerly members of our legislature in Washington County; John Tittsworth, and Benjamin Tittsworth – George Sanders – and many others, have known me for twenty years.

S/ Job Hobbs, X his mark

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The State of Arkansas, County of Madison

On this 28th day of February in the year 1859 personally appeared before me, George W. Seamann, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace, in and for the said county, Job Hobbs, a resident of said county, aged 100 years - 21 June next - who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War at the time and place and served under the following officers as herein after stated – (viz)

I entered the service aforesaid in Washington County, Virginia (or what is now called so) - My Captain's name was James Fulkerson - my Colonel's name was William Campbell - and that his first Lieutenant was John Bowman [? written over]². For details of service refer to answers and questions following (viz)

Questions for Mr. Hobbs

Q - In what year and month or at what time of year was it when you entered the service?


A - I first entered the service in March Seventeen hundred and seventy seven, served three months. I do no now recollect the time I entered the service the 2nd time but think it was in the fall season.

Q - Were you drafted or did you volunteer or go as a substitute - and if as a substitute, for whom?

A - I enlisted the first time for three months. I was afterwards drafted for the remainder of the time.

Q - How long did you serve and when and where were you discharged?

A - I served six months. I was first discharged at Bennum's Fort in Washington County, Virginia. in

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June 1777 second time at Cristman's fort in Powel valley [Powell's Valley] in Virginia last time at Brushy Fort on Clinch River.

Q - Were you in any battle during your service - and if so give particulars - and if so state the places to which you marched and where stationed, etc. etc.

A - I was in one scrimmage with the Indians on the head of Powels River in which there was two Indians killed and in which we rescued seven persons. We march from Bennum's fort to the _____ Rocky Station in Powels Vally [Powell's Valley]. ___ But station a part of the time. Bushey Fort on Clinch River in Virginia.

Q - Do you remember the names of any officers of the Line that were stationed at same places where your Company was - and if so give their names, and what State they belonged to?

A - I do not recollect whether there were any officers of the Line at the above named Stations at the times said out there save one, William Campbell, who was Colonel at the time but was afterwards promoted to a General and Arthur Campbell was promoted to a Col of the Militia. William Campbell resides in Virginia.

Q - Please give names of as many of your fellow soldiers as you can now remember, and in each case state where he was when you heard from him last?

A - Col. Wm. Campbell who was promoted to a General and was killed as I understood towards the close of the Rev War. Capt. Fulkerson who was afterwards promoted to Major and died at his home in Washington County sometime after the war. Peter Fulkerson, Timothy Lax, John Eilison, James Frazier, William Williams, John Larman [Lamar?], fellow soldiers. All died in Virginia except Williams. I do not know where he died.

Q - Perhaps you can tell of some brother or sister - or some old neighbor who was alive when last heard from that may probably remember something of your services?

A - I have know [no] brothers or sisters living at this time nor I do not know of any old neighbors now living that knows anything of my services.

Q - Did you ever serve more than one term in Revolutionary War? And if so make condensed statement thereof - substantially as in foregoing.

A - I served 3 terms in Revolutionary War. About three months first term two months at the second term and one month in last term, in all 6 months. I do not now remember the time or month precisely that I was drafted the 2nd or third terms but think it in the fall season.

Q - Have you never applied for a pension?

A - I applied once through the Agency of Mr. F. Black some two years since the reasons that I did not apply before was that I did not know that I could make proof sufficient. It has been so long a go and that it has been some - and I did not know how I could make the proof - sixty or seventy years since I left Virginia. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any other annuity or pension and my name is not on the pension agency of any state of the United States.

My certificate of discharge I gave to our Lieutenant Bennum named above and have never seen since. - This was in Washington County in the State of Virginia about eighty years ago.

Questions Reviewed

Q - When and where was Captain Fulkerson when you last hears from him?

A - He died in Washington County, State of Virginia

Q - When and where did Colonel Campbell die? or where was he when you last heard of him?

A - He was promoted to a General of the line as I understood and was killed toward the close of the war. (he was the Col. Campbell that was at the Battle of King's mountain)[October 7, 1780].

Q - Same in regard to Lieutenant Bennum?

A - Lieut. Bennum died at his residence in Virginia.

Q - When and where were you born?

A - I was born in Fedrik [Frederick] Co, Vir

Q - Have you any record of your age? and if so please produce it.

Note - If record of his age is produced the officer will please have correct copy of it inserted herein with certifying hereby that he believes said records to be accurate, original and genuine

A - I do not know of any record of my age. I have none but from the last information if have been able to get I will be one hundred years old the 21st of June 1859.

Q - State all of the names of Militia officers and such officers of the Line in you can now remember, who were in the service when you were?

A - Col. Campbell, Col. Russell, Col. Shelby, C. Blecher, Col. Anderson, Capt Fulkerson, who was promoted to Major, Maj Arthur Campbell; Capt. Barnett, Capt. Bletcher, all of the Militia, as I understood, at the time I was in the service. I do not know of any officers of the Line at either of the before mentioned stations.

Q - Please state your residences since Revolutionary War and years in each?

A - I moved from Washington Co, Virginia to Powells Valey, Vir and remained there 10 years. I then moved to Madison County, Kentucky. I remained there 4 years. I then moved to Knox County, Tenn, remained there 3 years, then moved to Montgomery County, Tenn, rem there 4 years, then moved to Davis County, Kentucky from there to Spencer County, Indiana, remained 14 years from there I moved to Illinois, Clay County remained there 4 years thence to Marion County 4 years and from there to Washington Co Arks. I do not recollect the time I remained in Washington County. I now reside in Madison County, Arkansas and have about 12 or 15 year.

Q - State names of some persons in neighborhood of your present residence who are well acquainted with you. - State also name of some clergyman with whom you are now acquainted and give his residence?

A - D. L. Sanders, Benjamin Vaughn, B. K. Henderson, Benjamin Pigman. The following named ministers or clergymen are well acquainted with me Calvin Gage, Elder Robert Lee, D. L. Sanders.

I do not know of any person now alive who is at all convenient to me by whom as a fellow soldier I can prove these statements. The evidence referred to above is the best that I can produce. A few years since, viz, about the middle of time of year 1856, I applied for a pension through Agency of Mr. F. Black of Madison County, Arks and to my statements made in said application I now refer. If not full in this statement it is because the questions were not so fully asked - refer also to the result of said application.

Witness my name and seal on the 29th day of February 1859

I hereby constitute and appoint C. H. Barkley of Louisville, Kentucky my true and lawful attorney for me and use my name to prosecute this claim.

Job Hobbs, X his mark

[p 25-26: Charles M McElhaney & John Frisby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Arkansas, County of Madison

I, Job Hobbs, of said county, aged one hundred years do make this following statement viz

I was in the military service of the United States in Revolutionary War. I served six months therein. I entered said service in Washington County, Virginia Militia troops. My Captain was James Fulkerson; my Lieutenant was John Bennum my Colonel was William Campbell. I was honorably discharged at a place called Bennum's Fort having served three months there last previous. I again entered the service and served two months and was discharged at Cristman's Fort in Powels Valley, Virginia. I again entered said service and served one month and was honorably discharged at Bushy Fort, Clinch River, Vir. I have never made an application for Bounty Land under any Act of Congress previous to this.

I refer to my statement therein of every date herewith. I make an application for benefit of act

June 7th 1832 through agency of C. H. Barkley of Louisville, Kentucky and refer to my statements therein. I make this declaration for the purpose of applying for benefit of Bounty Land act of March 30th 1855 and I hereby appoint C. H. Barkley above named as my attorney to prosecute this claim.

I have never hereto fore received the benefit of this or any other bounty land act of Congress and never made any application except as above stated This 28th day of February 1859.

S/ Job Hobbs, X his mark

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Extract from –Report on Pension Case of Job Hobbs

It is important that the claimant file an additional statement upon oath in relation to the following interrogations etc.

Questions for Mr. Hobbs

Q - Where were you born?

A – Fredrick County [Frederick County] Virginia

Q - What were the names of your father and mother and mother's maiden name?

A - My father's name was Vinson. My mother's name was Ruth and her maiden name was Thomas.

Q - Give names of all your brothers and sisters?

A - My oldest brother was James; Merry; Hannah; Vinson; Joel; Ezekeal [Ezekiel]; Ruth; Racheal; William; Absolem; Abner and myself, Job.

Q - In what town did you live when you entered service?

A - In Washington County, Virginia.

Q - Did you have a brother or relative in the service, and if so, which tour?

A - I had a Brother in the service but not at the same time with me.

Q - Had you a brother or relative by name of Ezekiel Hobbs?

A - I have a Brother of that name and he is the one referred to above.

Q - Can you state what year it was in that you left Botetourt or Washington County, Virginia and if so please do so.

A - As near as I can recollect it was in 1780 that I left Washington County Virginia.

Q - What county did you first move to and when did you finally leave Virginia?

A - I moved to Powels Valley [Powell's Valley], Vir and my family left Washington County, Vir when I did.

Q - When and where did your father die?

A - He died in Washington County, Vir, I do not recollect when he did die.

Q - When and where did your mother die?

A - She died in the same county my father died, some time after my father's death, as I have learned.

Q - In the case of each brother and each sister, state when and where he or she died, and when and where you last saw him or her? and if you can remember when you had a letter from him or her?

A - My oldest brother died somewhere in Ky. My sister died in Washington County, Vir. My next oldest sister, I do not know where she died. My next oldest brother died on Hickory Creek Tenn. My next oldest brother died on a creek called Big Piney not far from Duck River, Ten. I have one Brother killed by the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee or Kentucky and I do not no [know] which. I have not seen any of my Brothers or Sisters for 40 years. The last time I saw any of my Brothers the [they] lived in Virginia. Brother Ezekeal Hobbs lived in Washington County, Vir and Brother Absolem Hobbs lived in Lee County Vir. I had a letter from Brother Absolem Hobbs about twenty five years ago and he still lived in Vir the last account.

Q - Did you know Ezekiel Hobbs? or did you ever hear of him when you lived in Virginia?

A - Ezekiel Hobbs is my Brother and we was both raised children together in Washington County, Vir

Q - When and where did you last see Ezekiel Hobbs?

A - He came to see me when I lived in Knox County, Tennessee about forty years ago.

Q - Where was he when you last heard from him? and where were you living? and how many years ago has it been?

A - When my brother Absolem rote [wrote] to me he rote that Ezekiel was engaged in trading and did not state where he was at that time. I lived at that time in the State of Illinois. It has bin [been] some twenty five or six years ago.

Q - Why did you leave Virginia?

A - Because I wanted to emigrate to a new country.

Q - In your application you named these following named persons as having been in service with you viz. Peter Fulkerson; Timothy Lax; John Eilinson; James Frazier; Wm Williams; John Larman (Lamar?) - Please name others, and if you can, state which tour each one was in with you - calling your tours as heretofore given by you, your 1st tour, 2nd tour, 3rd tour

A - in the 3rd tour - Henry Mahon Paye Porter, Alexander Crockett; Jacob Goodman.

Q - Report from the Pension office admits that your statements of service seems to be both historically and geographically correct and that some persons have been pensioned for service under same officers for same period, and who were at same places named by you - Persons residing in Washington County, Virginia - and in one case to a man by the name of Ezekiel Hobbs, who they suppose very reasonably must have been your brother or near relative, or at least that you probably knew him, and as I have heretofore informed you that the rolls of evidence of the class of service were destroyed. You will therefore see the propriety of these questions, in order to see if you can name some who have been allowed pensions - Please answer fully as you can and state whether you ever heard of any of these fellow soldiers getting their pensions, which one and where he lived at time?

A - I never knew of any of my fellow soldiers applying for a pension and therefore I do not know of any of them getting a pension for I left that country a long time ago and moved to the Western countrys and I could no know every thing what they done back in that country. Claiming due allowance for loss of memory on account of my old age and the long lapse of time since I was among my old friends and among the scenes of my youth and vigorous man hood. I Job Hobbs, of the County of Madison State of Arkansas the applicant above named to state that the foregoing answers are true to the best of my knowledge, belief and memory.

This 8th day of July 1859

S/ Job Hobbs, X his mark

[p 42-3: Mathew S. Bell, a minister of the gospel, gave a supporting affidavit as to the character and reputation of the applicant.]

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