

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robeson (Robinson) S32488

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State of Illinois

Madison County} SS

On this fourth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before their Honors the Judges of the County Commissioners Court for Madison County, now sitting, John Robinson [sic] a resident of Madison County and State of Illinois, aged 69 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 7, 1832.

That he the said John Robinson entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in the town of Hillsborough in the County of Orange, and State of North Carolina in the month of March 1780, and belonged to the company commanded by Captain Rose [Howell Rose] (the other company officers not recollected) and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hugh Tonnell [Hugh Tinnen], Major Hopkins and marched from Hillsborough for Charleston and arrived at Lumpine's Point [Lampriere's Point] and remained there a few days under the command of Colonel Molmerday [Marquis Francis de Malmedy] and then crossed over to Charleston, and was there under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] till the town surrendered to the British [May 12, 1780]¹ and was among the prisoners, and when they were paroled he returned to Hillsborough, here he again volunteered at or about the time of the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781],² and belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Redguins [?], Colonel William O'Neale's [William O'Neal's] Regiment and was sometimes in the companies commanded by Captains Nathaniel Christmas and William Duglass [William Douglas] of the same Regiment.

He also declares that he was under the command of Colonel Thompson³ when Hillsborough was taken [September 12, 1781]⁴ and in the battle. That he was in the Army at the time of the battle of Lindley's Mills [September 13, 1781]⁵ but he was not in the engagement being detached to take care of the prisoners at the time. Colonel Robert Mabin [sic, Robert Mebane] commanded in the engagement but the chief command was in General Butler [John

¹ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

³ No such officer is known to have been in that action. It is possible the veteran was attempting to identify Lt. Col. Abisha Thomas of the Orange County Regiment

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

Butler]. He was under Colonel O'Neale at the time Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] a Tory was attacked and defeated at Solomon Cox's with the loss of 2 or 300 of his Tories. He declares that they ranged through Orange, Guilford and Wake Counties in pursuit of the Tories and had frequent engagements with them till they were all dispersed and the war closed in North & South Carolina, and as neigh as he can recollect till October 1782, when he was discharged by Colonel O'Neale, making more than 2 years in the actual service of the United States during the war of the Revolution, that is to say from March 1780 to October 1782. He further declares that he was in the Indian service during the Campaigns of Generals Clark and Scott in 1786, and 1792.

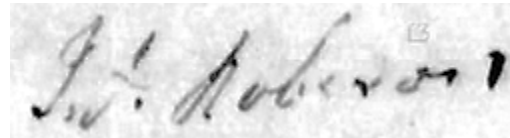
He further declares that he was born on the 19th day of January 1763, in the State of Maryland, but his parents moved to Orange County when he was but a child and lived there till the year 1783 when he left Hillsborough went to the State of Kentucky where he lived till 1810 when he came to Madison County Illinois where he has resided most of the time since. There are no records of his birth that he knows of. He has no documents by which to prove his services, as he never received but one discharge and was lost long since.

And he knows of but two persons by whom he can prove his services, one of those William McAdams lives in Madison County and served with him most of the time during his service and the other Joseph McAdams who lives in Bond County in this State who knew him and was occasionally with him in the service.

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.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno Robeson



William McAdams⁶ a resident of Madison County and State of Illinois, hereby certifies that [he] knows John Robinson, who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration, and is well acquainted with him, that he knows that he performed most of the services as therein stated as he was with him most of the time except at Charleston and believes that he served as therein stated, and also believes that he served more than two years during the war of the Revolution and that the said Robinson is a man of Truth and veracity.

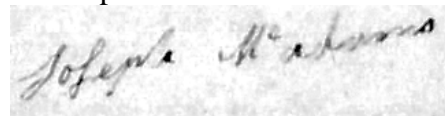
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William McAdams, X his mark

Joseph McAdams⁷ a resident of the County of Bond and State of Illinois, hereby certifies that he knows John Robinson, who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration, and knows that he performed a part of the service as therein stated and believes that he performed the hold of them as stated in his declaration. And also that the said Robinson is a man of truth and veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph McAdams



⁶ [William McAdams S33083](#)

⁷ [Joseph McAdams S33081](#)

State of Illinois Madison County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Madison and State of Illinois John Robinson, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade. For two years and five months I served as a private, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 27th day of May A.D. 1833
S/ Samuel Seybold, JP

S/ John Robeson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Robeson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John Robeson".

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]