

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Zachariah Robertson (Robinson) S35632 MD
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State of Kentucky } Sct.

Be it remembered that at the present term of the Pendleton Circuit Court i.e. on this 20th day of July A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open court (said court being a court of record, by an act of the Gen'l. assembly of the state aforesaid) Zachariah Robertson (who is now on the pension roll agreeably to the provisions of an act of congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war; passed on the 18th day of March (1818) aged fifty seven years resident in Pendleton County in the state and circuit aforesaid, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit; In the month of August in the year 1781 he enlisted under Capt. James Winchester [pension application W23] of the 1st Regiment in the Maryland line under the continental establishment commanded by Colo. [John] Stewart, for during the war and accordingly served as a soldier untill the termination of the war when he was discharged at Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] in the State of Maryland; and that he was in the battles & siege of york Va. in the year 1781 [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. And he further states that his original Declaration [not found] was made some time in the year 1818 (he thinks in the month of April of that year) and that the number of his pension certificate in (as he supposes from the endorsement thereon) 10,920. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 he further states, on oath, And he does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, which schedule is in the words and figures following, towit:

A life estate in 200 acres of indifferent 3rd rate land 35 acres of which is improved; 2 mares, one 6 and the other 11 years old; 1 colt 3 months old; 5 head of horned cattle; 7 head of sheep; 27 head of hogs; 1 cupboard & some table furniture; 5 chairs; one oven and 1 pot & 2 kettles. Said Robinson further declared on oath, as aforesaid, that he is by occupation and profession a farmer, but in consequence of his being afflicted with rheumatic pains he is very frequently unable to labour, and that he can derive little or no aid from his family, which consists of his wife Elizabeth aged about 29 years and five female children & one son i.e. Rachel, of the age of 17 years; Margaret aged 13 years, Matilda 11, James 8 Delilah 5 and Pruda 1½ years of age. Zachariah Robertson

The court is of opinion that the property contained in the above schedule is of the value of Three hundred and Eighty four Dollars & twenty five cents.

State of Kentucky } Sct
County of Scott } [16 Aug 1822]

I, Zachariah Robinson age sixty one years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one I enlisted in the army of the Revolution, against the common enemy of my country, for the term of "during the war," and served in the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Price [BLWt341-300] and in the regiment No. 1 under command of Colonel John Stewart of the Maryland line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty-three, when I was regularly discharged for the aforesaid regiment, commanded by Colonel John Stewart aforesaid.

My discharge is now lost or mislaid, so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above

statement. I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever; therefore [power of attorney follows]

e special purposes above expressed.
Zachariah Robertson

DECLARATION,

In order to be restored to the Pension List, under the Act of the 1st March, 1823.
State of Kentucky County of Pendleton ss.

On this fifteenth day of March 1824, personally appeared in open court, [being a court of record for the county of Pendleton – Zachariah Robinson resident in said county, aged sixty three years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st May, 1820, that he, the said Zachariah Robinson enlisted for the term of Three years on the 17th day of August in the year 1781 in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by captain Benjⁿ. Price in the regiment commanded by colonel Stewart in the line of the state of Maryland on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps in which he afterwards enlisted during the war until [blank] when he was discharged from the said service, in 1782 in the state of Maryland at Anapolis that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropt therefrom on account of his property.

[Oath similar to the above follows.]

That since the exhibition of my first schedule, the following changes have been made in my property. I have no land, the land formerly given in by me belonged to the children of a former wife, and still belongs to them; it was entered by mistake and misapprehension. I have now one Bay Mare worth \$40 – one d[itt]o worth \$25 – two Cows & a Calf worth \$17 & two Sows & seven shoats worth \$6.50 Cts; and no more; as far as this differs from my former Shedule is the [several undeciphered words]

State of Kentucky } ss
County of Harrison }

On this 14th day of Oct 1833 personally Appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Harrison County State of Kentucky Zachariah Robertson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 73 years on the 6th day of last may and who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That on the 17th of August in the year 1781, I enlisted in the regular service of the United States for the term of three years. That I enlisted in the Company of Capt Benjamin Price of the First Maryland Regiment Commanded by Col Jack Stewart, and I enlisted at Anapolis in the State of Maryland. From Anapolis we marched to York Town in the State of Virginia and continued there during the seige. After the surrender of Cornwallis we marched to the high Hills of Santee in South Carolina and joined General Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army. We then marched to Ashley Hills in South Carolina and from there to Bacon's Bridge and from there to James's Island Opposite to Charles Town in s'd. State. At that place we took shipping for Anapolis in Maryland and there we were discharged by a furlough in August 1783. While I was in South Carolina I took the place of a man who had enlisted during the war in consequence of which I got a furlough before the three years were out. I cannot recollect exactly what day of August I was discharged but I am positive that I served at least Two years. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Zachariah Robertson

NOTES:

Robertson's pension was restored on 6 Jan 1825. Elsewhere in the file the name of his first wife is given as Mary Robertson. The file includes a copy of the deed dated 27 Aug 1800 from Ingles to "Mary Robertson & her heirs lawfully begotten of her body" to land in Pendleton and Harrison counties on Crooked Creek a branch of the South Fork of Licking River.

On 22 Oct 1835 Zachariah Robertson applied to have his pension transferred from Kentucky to Illinois, having moved to Vermillion County for the following reason: "That he is the head of a large family and that by removing to Illinois he will be, he hopes, able to provide them land and homes, which he could not do in Kentucky to the same advantage that he can in Illinois."