

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robertson S38331

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Statement of facts relative to the consideration proper to be exhibited by John Robertson of the County of Henrico in order that he may receive the benefit of an Act of Congress passed on the 18th of March 1818 for the relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution so far as from his present unhappy condition can be recollected and explained – viz.:

The said John Robertson, now confined to his bed by a paralytic stroke with which by the [one or more indecipherable words] of God he was struck sometime in the month of February last; and which has rendered it impossible for him to have gone out to avail himself of the provisions of the Law aforesaid, since he was informed of the passage thereof, by his friend D. M. Randolph; and to which he is ready to make oath – The said Robertson enlisted as a private soldier in the year 1776 with John Pleasants his Captain belonging to the 5th Virginia Regiment then Commanded as he believes by Colonel Charles Scott (afterwards General Scott) and afterwards by Colonel Josiah Parker; that the said John Robertson was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 11, 1777] and Trenton [December 26, 1776], and at a skirmish at the White Plains: that he served two years at the least and afterwards received his regular Discharge from the hand of General Muhlenberg at the Camp of Valley Forge; which said Discharge he the said Robertson offered at the Land Office at Richmond, to know if he was entitled to any bounty lands, in which said Document, or discharge, as far as he recollects and believes was not returned to him by the Clerks in the said office one of whom however delivered him a written memorandum on the [indecipherable word] of his inquiry at the same time, which is the only paper he has or recollects ever to have received (& which is hereto delivered) besides the discharge aforesaid; in confirmation of all the premises, as far as my memory ever served by the advice of my friend D. M. R. I do hereby affixed my name this 20th day of May 1818

Test:

S/ D. M. Randolph

S/ John Robertson, X his mark

State of Virginia

In Henrico County Court March 6th 1821 on motion it is proven to the Satisfaction of this Court that John Robertson a Revolutionary Pensioner who is described in the following Schedule and now a resident of the County aforesaid is helpless and infirm that he cannot appear in person before this Court – Ordered the following Schedule an affidavit be received and a copy certified by the Clerk of Court agreeable to an act of Congress of 1st May 1820 –

Schedule

District of Virginia SS Henrico County to wit

On this 15 day of February 1821 before us the Magistrates of the County aforesaid John

