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Pension Application of James Robertson S38332

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On the day of the date hereof James Robertson of the County of Tazewell, in the State of Virginia, presented himself in the Superior Court of law sitting for the said County, and declared, upon oath, that he enlisted in the service of the United States about the middle of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, in a company commanded by Captain David Greer, forming a part of the sixth Pennsylvania regiment on continental establishment that William Irvine was Colonel of the said regiment, and Thomas Hartley was the Lieutenant Colonel, and that he served one year in that regiment; that upon the expiration of the term of this his first enlistment, he again entered the military service of the United States, and belonged to a company commanded by Captain Andrew Walker of a regiment raised, and commanded by, Colonel Thomas Hartly [sic: Thomas Hartley]; that he served in that regiment about four years, as well as he now recollects, & after the completion of that period he entered with the before named Captain Andrew Walker into the eleventh regiment of the Pennsylvania line, commanded by Colonel Adam Hubler [sic: Adam Hubley]; that upon the derangement of the Pennsylvania line which ensued from it's revolt [mutiny because soldiers not discharged when terms expired, 1 – 8 Jan 1781], he was transferred to the third regiment, commanded by Colonel Harmer [sic: Josiah Harmar], and marched into the State of South Carolina, from the siege of York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781], with a detachment commanded by Major James Moore; In this regiment he belonged to company of which John Doyle was Captain, and remained in it untill the close of the revolutionary war, when he received a discharge, signed by the above named Major James Moore; but it was soon after he left the service, destroyed by accident.

In addition to the above declaration, made on the oath of the above named James Robertson, who states that it is his intention to apply to the General Government for a pension, under the act passed by Congress at their last session, the Court doth certify, that upon examination of the said Robertson with respect to the position of the Southern army, at different periods, commencing with October in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, & ending with the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two; and with respect to remarkable incidents, in and about the incampments of the said army, the Judge of this Court, who was then in the regular service, & belonged to the Legionary corps commanded by Lt. Colonel Henry Lee, is completely satisfied, that the said Robertson was in the military service of the United States during the war of the revolution, for a longer time than twelve months, and that he belonged to the Pennsylvania line for many years; since he knows the names and ranks of many officers belonging to that line who were in service at different periods.

The Court farther certifies, that it was proven by three highly respectable witnesses, that the said James Robertson is in extreme indigence that he is so debilitated as to be unable to walk, except upon crutches: that he has been in this condition for nine years: that he is now unable to labor, and is supported altogether by his wife and finally, that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he stands in need of assistance from his country for support.

The said James Robertson also declares, on oath, that he was a Sergeant in the Pennsylvania line during the whole time of his service.

Witness my hand as Judge of the Superior Court of law for the aforesaid County of Tazewell in the State of Virginia, no seal having been provided for said Court, this twentieth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred & eighteen.

[signed] Peter Johnston

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia } SS.  
Tazewell County }

On this twenty fourth day of January 1821, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, established as such by the Laws of Virginia which proceeds according to the course of common law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment: James Robertson aged 78 years, resident in the County of Tazewell in the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in the said state who, being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; that he enlisted in the army of the revolution on continental establishment at Little York in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Capt David Greer in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Ervin of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Regiment of the Pennsylvania line for the term of one year unless sooner discharged and that he served the whole year out; that after the expiration of his first enlistment he re-enlisted in the Company commanded by Capt Robert Hopes at Little York aforesaid in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Thomas Hartly in the Pennsylvania line for and during the war and was discharged at the City of Philadelphia after returning from South Carolina some time after peace had been proclaimed and that he made his original declaration on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 that he has been inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Virginia Agency No. 6261: And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not, since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or Debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed; as follows to wit:

One Mare \$30 one cow \$10 2 sows 8 pigs and 1 [illegible word] \$8. . . . . \$48

He also declares that he has no trade that his family consists of himself and his wife only, that his wife is upwards of 60 years of age and as to himself he has been unable to walk for upwards of ten years without his crutches that he is unable to ride on horseback or go to any place unless hoisted and entirely unable to do any kind of Labor.

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