

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Macksimilion (Maximillian, Mack) Robison (Robeson, Robinson)  
S40353 f36VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

The State of Ohio Sct.

On this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord 1818. Before me the subscriber President of the courts of common Pleas of the fourth circuit of said State of Ohio Personally appeared Maximillian Robeson [sic] aged Sixty Six years, a resident of the United States, at present a resident and citizen of the County of Licking and State of Ohio Aforesaid, who being by me first duly cautioned and Sworn, doth upon his Oath Make and Subscribe the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provision of the late 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" That he enlisted on the Seventh of September in the year of our Lord 1776 in the County of Fauquier in State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain William Blackwell of the Eleventh regt. [regiment] of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan], for a Term of three years, that shortly after his enlistment as aforesaid On the Organization of Colonel Morgan's rifle regiment, he was selected by that officer to serve in the said rifle regiment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the Month of December 1779 at which time he was honorably discharged from the service at Wyoming in the State of Pennsylvania that his discharge was signed by Colonel Butler [William Butler] at that time commanding the said rifle Regiment but which discharge has been lost or destroyed – Deponent states that he was at the Battle near Schuyler's Barracks on Still Water above Albany at the battles of the taking of Burgoyne [The Battle of Saratoga (Second)/ Bemis Height's, October 17, 1777]<sup>1</sup> – at the Battle of the Ockwage Town [Onaquaga Town]<sup>2</sup> against the combined forces of the British and Indians – Deponent states that he is now in reduced circumstances in life and needs the assistance of his country for support and that he hath no other evidence now in his power of his said services. And further he saith not.

Signed Macksimilian Robison



The State of Ohio Licking County SS

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/771007-saratoga/>

<sup>2</sup> An Iroquois village destroyed along with nearby Unadilla in October 1778 by US forces in retaliation for British and Iroquois raids on frontier settlements. <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1778-skirmish/#781006b>

On the 24th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas holden in New Ark for the County of Licking being a court of Record & proceeding according to the course of common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, Maximilian Robeson aged Seventy years, resident in Licking County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820. That he served in the revolutionary war in the company commanded by Captain Gabriel Long in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan (rifle Regiment) in the line of the State of Virginia, and has obtained a pension under the Act of the 18th of March 1818 his Certificate being numbered 13263. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 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

S/ Maximilian Robeson, X his mark

Schedule

I have besides necessary clothing & bedding

1 Lot Hogs	24	
2 Horse Creatures	70	
1 Little wheel	2	
1 Lot pot mettal	5	
1 Lot Dresser ware	4.50	
1 Chill	.50	
1 axe, 2 shovel moles 1 cleves & 1 hoe	4	
1 Lot of Gears	2	
1 Lot wooden ware	4	
1 Table	1.50	
2 Cows & Calves	<u>30.00</u>	
		\$147.50

I have no Debts due and owing to me

And am indebted in the following sums viz.

1 Debt of \$60 – 1 Ditto of \$18, one of \$9

1 Debt of \$46.43, one of \$1.00

Amount \$134.43

I am by occupation a Farmer, by reason of age and infirmity, particularly and infirmity in my right thigh I am unable to pursue it. I have no family residing with me except my wife Lucinda aged Sixty seven years infirm like myself and unable to contribute to our support.

S/ Maximilian Roberson [sic], X his mark

[Note: William Bonifield and John Ships, 69, both gave testimony that they knew Robison when he lived in Virginia; that they each became acquainted with him at the time he was reputed to be in the service and at the time he was discharged; that he was reputed in the neighborhood to have served 3 years in the war; Bonifield says he thinks he saw Robison in his regimental uniform at

the time he returned from service; Ships stated he saw Robeson wearing his regimental uniform at various times after the war; neither man claimed to have served with Robeson. Bonifield signed his affidavit with his signature while Ships signed with his mark. Both men gave their testimony in Licking County, Ohio on June 11, 1819.]

*William Bonifield*

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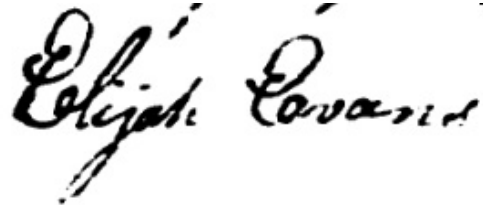
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 5, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Macksimilion (Maximillian) Robison (Robeson) S40353  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 7 March 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Robinson, Michl.]

I Do Certify that Mich'l Robison [see first endnote] Soldier In Cap'tn Longs 5 Did enlist in Capt Blackwells Company of Coll Rawlings Reg't between the fifteenth and twinteth of august 1776 and that his time is Now Expired  
Elijah Evans Lieu



[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Robinson, Mack.]

[undeciphered] that [illegible] Mack Robinson a soldier belonging to Cap Gabriel Longs [illegible] the State Establishment, did produce a certificate signed by Elijah Evans Lieut of the said Company, wherein it appears that the said Mack Robinson's time of service did expire the 20<sup>th</sup>[?] day of this Instant (and he being desirous of returning to Virginia, he is therefore hereby Discharg'd from the Service Given under my Hand at Fort Sullivan [see endnote]  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1779.

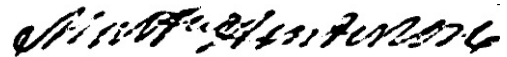
The Commissarys are desired [several illegible words] the Bearer with provisions [illegible] till he returns Home in Virgi'a 4<sup>th</sup> Penn'a Reg't Rifle Corps

The above soldier is hereby Discharged  
Dan'l Morgan G. G. [Daniel Morgan]



[other side]

Shippensburg [PA] Oct'r 7<sup>th</sup> 79 three Days Rations to the within soldier  
Matt'w Henderson [Matthew Henderson] A.C.I. [?]



I Mcsermation Roberson [see endnote] of Fauq'r [Fauquier] County do hereby assign & make over unto Laban Skipp of the s'd county all & singular of my Right Title Interest claim [illegible] to all monies lands & Cloathing which are now due or may hereafter become due to me for three years service in the Continental army as a [illegible] that no other [undeciphered] Mack hisXmark Robinson

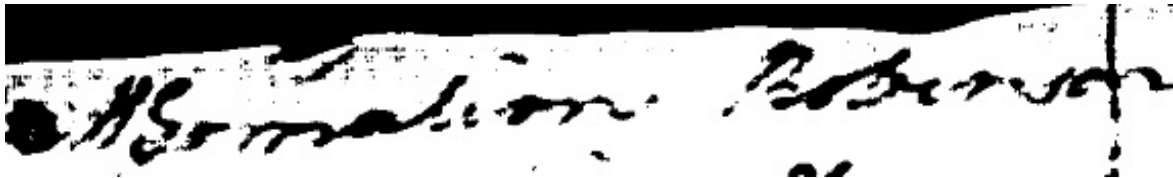
NOTES:

“Mich'l Robison” is believed to be Macksimilion (Maximillian) Robison (Robeson or Robinson) for the following reasons. According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*, most of the rifle regiment of Col. Moses Rawlings (VAS683) was transferred to the 11th Virginia Continental Regiment. A May 1777 muster roll of the company of Capt. William Blackwell (BLWt1861-300) in the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan lists “Mack Robinson,” but no Michael Robinson under any conceivable spelling. Blackwell's company was recruited in Fauquier County. According to Sanchez-Saavedra, “In 1777 Colonel Daniel Morgan, 11th Virginia Continental Regiment, was chosen by Washington to raise a picked corps of sharpshooters as flankers to the main army.” A muster roll of Blackwell's company for the period of May

1 to July 1 lists Mack Robinson with the notation "In Rifle Reg't." Subsequent rolls for that company have notations such as "In Colo. M. R. B.," meaning Morgan's Rifle Battalion. There is no other Robinson or similar name on those rolls. Although Robinson remained on Blackwell's rolls, he had apparently been transferred into the company of Gabriel Long (VAS970) in Morgan's Rifle Battalion.

Robinson was discharged three days before the Battle of Newtown near Elmira NY (27 Aug 1779). <https://historicalechoes.weebly.com/the-revolutionary-war-american-war-of-independence.html>

"Mack" appears to have been short for a longer given name that appears on the assignment to Laban Skipp as shown below. This was evidently an attempt to write Maximillion Robinson or Robison or Robeson.

A high-contrast, black and white image of a handwritten signature. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Maximillion Robinson". The ink is dark against a light background, and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and difficult to decipher in some places.

Further evidence that the assignment to Laban Skipp was by Maximillion Robinson (spelled variously) of Fauquier County is in *Catalogue of Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors of the Commonwealth of Virginia to Whom Land Bounty Warrants Were Granted by Virginia for Military Services in the War for Independence* compiled by Samuel M. Wilson (1913; 1993 reprint by Clearfield Company, Baltimore. p 64), according to which on 17 April 1784, warrant 2954 for 100 acres was issued in the name of "Maximillion Robinson" for three years service in the Virginia Continental Line and assigned to Laban Skip.

This Maximillion Robinson (spelled variously) has elsewhere been confused with a McKinney Robinson, who was born in and died in Harrison County (West) Virginia. I found no evidence for service by McKinney Robinson in the Revolutionary War, although it is likely he was in the militia. A Sergeant Makenny Robison is listed on pay rolls at Romney and Winchester in Capt. John Harniss's (or Harness's) company of Rangers at the time of Dunmore's War in 1774.