

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bobby (Robert) Winston S41357

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Virginia, to Wit:

This day personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the General Court the said State, William Bobby Winston (called Robert Winston in the Army & on the rolls thereof) aged Sixty years, now a Resident of the City of Richmond, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War:" That he the said William Bobby Winston (otherwise called Robert Winston) enlisted about Christmas in the year 1776 in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, of which Regiment Colo. George Gibson and Lieut. Colo. William Blount [William Blunt] were Regimental Officers; that he continued to serve in the said Regiment, or in the Service of the United States for three whole years, when he was discharged honorably from Service, which discharge is lost; that he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Stony Point [July 16, 1779], White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777] & Paulus Hook [August 19, 1779], that he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support, and that he has now no other Evidence in his power of his said Service, except the affidavit of Captain Peter Foster (which is hereto annexed)

Sworn to and declared before me the 20th of November 1818

S/ Wm Brockenbrough

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N. B. The Affidavit of Foster being much worn is wafered on the opposite page

Virginia – Hanover County to Wit

Peter Foster,¹ of the said County, came before me, a Magistrate for the County aforesaid and made oath, that he belonged to the same Regiment in the Revolutionary War, to which William Bobby Winston belonged to wit the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colo. George Gibson. He well recollects that the said Winston was at the Battle of Monmouth as also in the one at White Marsh. He was at that time in a Grenadier Company.

He further states that the said Winston was an excellent Soldier & that he faithfully served his term of three years that being the period for which he enlisted. He said Foster further deposed and saith that he knows of his own knowledge that the said Winston is now in reduced

¹ [Peter Foster S46443](#)

circumstances and in absolute need of the aid of his Country for his support.

Given under my hand this 4th day of September

S/ Thos. Tinsley

[Note: Veteran was dropped from the pension rolls October 1819. No reason stated for this action. It is noted that he was “not returned in the Va. Continental line as being entitled to Bounty Land from the U. States,” but this would have been because only men who enlisted ‘for during the war’ were entitled to bounty land from the USA.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 20, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to William Bobby (Robert) Winston S41357

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 10 June 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The handwriting is difficult to decipher.]

City of Richmond to Wit

This day Samuel J Winston of the County of Hanover personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the said City and made Oath that he was well acquainted with Wm Bobby Winston who is mentioned in these papers and who was a relative of his: that as he has stated in his Declaration he enlisted in the year 1776 in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War; Joined the Regiment under the Command of Col George Gibson and marched to the North; as this affiant did not accompany him he saw no more of him for more than three years when he returned to the County of Hanover where the affiant resided; this affiant farther states that he has often heard the said William Bobby Winston give a history of his services while in the Army which agreed with that contained in his Declaration made before Judge Brockenbrough;

he moreover states that he well knew two men by the name of [undeciphered] who served with the said Winston in the army and has often heard them give an account of what took place while they were in Service and their statement was in perfect accordance with his – in particular remembers their enumeration of the Battles in which they took part; namely the Battles of Monmouth, Stoney point, white marsh and paulus Hook, and they spoke of his Bravery and usefulness in terms of the highest commendation.

This affiant also states that he was well acquainted with Peter Foster whose affidavit accompanied the Declaration of the said William Bobby Winston, & that any statement he might make is entitled to the utmost faith and credit:

Given under my hand this 30th day of May 1835

Edw'd Bailey JP

To The Governor and Council of the State of Virginia [3 June 1835]

The Petition of Mary Burk formerly Mary Winston Sarah R Bryan formerly Sarah Winston Wm B Winston, John P Hill and Janes his Wife formerly Jane Winston and James M Winston Heirs of William Bobby Winston decd Respectfully sheweth

That they are informed and believe that their Father now deceased William Bobby Winston entered the Service of his Country at a very early period of the american War and continued to serve therein for more than three years – they shew that the said Wm Bobby Winston joined the first Virginia Regiment upon continental Establishment of which Col George Gibson was the Commander and repaired to the then seat of War then in the North where as they believe he served with much credit to himself and usefulness to the army for more than three years when he returned to his native County and there continued for the Remainder of his Life;

Your Petitioners trust that the evidences which accompany this Petition and shall sustain the statement of your Petitioners will be deemed satisfactory and that they will be allowed such Bounty Land as the Laws of the Land have prescribed and directed.

And your Petitioners [undeciphered]

[signed] Mary Burk

Sarah R Bryan W B Winston

John P Hill

Jane Hill

James M. Winston