

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robins S4150

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State of Tennessee Henderson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

This 14th day of August in the year while Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court it being a court of Record before John Harris, John Adams and Felix McHenry Justices of said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting John Robins, a resident of the said County of Henderson in the State of Tennessee aged about seventy-six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private under the following named Officers in the Company of North Carolina Militia Calvary [sic, cavalry] commanded by Captain John Knight in the North Carolina militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Collier.

This Deponent as well as he now recollects states that the year in which he entered the service was the year 1780 shortly after Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] and that he remained in the Service until peace was concluded between this Country and Great Britain.

This declarant states that the Regiment to which he belonged was from the County of Randolph in the State of North Carolina and in which County he was a Citizen and Resident. This Declarant states that whilst in the Service of the United States he marched through the Counties of Montgomery, Chatham and Guilford in the State aforesaid. This Declarant states that he entered the service aforesaid as a volunteer in the Company and Regiment aforesaid.

That he never was in any regular engagement but was in frequent skirmishes with the Tories. That his Regiment and Company never served with the Regular Army being always engaged in predatory excursions with the enemy consequently he knows no regular Officer to whom he could refer.

This Declarant further states that the company to which he belonged was frequently detailed off to act under different Officers as the exigency of the Service required among whom were Colonel Isaac who commanded a Regiment of North Carolina Militia from Burke County -- as also Colonel Frances Locke who commanded a Regiment from the County of Rowan in the same State.

This Declarant states that he possesses no documentary Evidence whereby he can establish the facts herein by him declared that he will be able to establish the same by Captain Solomon Bennett who served with this declarant during the aforesaid period. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Robins, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Questions by the Court

Where and in what year were you born

Answer -- Randolph County North Carolina in the year 1756 --

2nd Where were you living when called into service

Answer Randolph County North Carolina

3rd Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer a greater part of the time in Randolph County and sense that in Burke County in said State for about 4 years -- 2 years in the State of Illinois since that period in the State of Tennessee Henderson County

4th How were you called into service -- were you Drafted Did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer a volunteer --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served -- such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service --

Answer He knows of no Regular Officer having never served with the regular Army -- his Officers under whom he served were militia they were first Captain John Knight Colonel Collin, Colonel __ Isaac and Colonel Locke

S/ John Robins, X his mark

[William H. Burton, chairman of the court of Pleas, and Joseph T. M. Duke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

John Robinson applicant for a pension under the law of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 makes the following amendatory responses to such questions are not satisfactorily answered in his former declaration according to the brief furnished by the war Department which he prays to be taken as part of his Declaration.

Answer to 1st objection --

I served 2 years and 6 months as a volunteer Horseman attached to the North Carolina line during all which time I resided in Randolph County where I was born my first Campaign about one year under the command of Captain John Knight. My 2nd campaign or term of service was also under said Captain John Knight which lasted about 6 months. My 3rd term of service was under Major Thomas Dugan which lasted 3 months -- My 4th Term of service was discharged under the aforesaid Captain John Knight which lasted about 9 months all of which several tours of service amounted to about 2 years & 6 months, during which time I served as a private volunteer --

Answer to 2nd objection --

The reason why the applicant has not obtained the certificate of a clergyman is that there are none residing within his reach with whom he is acquainted -- persons of that character being rare in this newly settled Country. He has therefore rely upon the certificate of 2 respectable Citizens as per my former declaration.

As to the 3rd objection the following Certificate is standard

I William Burton Chairman of the County Court of Henderson County Hereby certify that Solomon Bennet who has proven the Revolutionary Services of John Robbins, the aforesaid applicant for a pension &c is a respectable citizen and that full faith and credit should be given to his statements.

S/ W. H. Burton, Chairman

As to the 4th objection the following certificate is submitted

I John A. Wilson clerk of the County Court of Henderson County hereby certify that William H. Bruton is chairman & presiding Justice of said court and that his acts as such are entitled to full faith & credit --

The 5th objection is complied with

Answer to 6th interrogatory prescribed by the war department --

I received my discharge from the service but the house in which I resided was burnt down and all my papers consumed in my discharges along with the rest.

Answer to the 7th Interrogatory

I am acquainted with a number of persons in my neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Revolutionary Soldier but refer particularly to Stephen Snell & James Baker whose certificate I hereunto subjoin [Stephen Snell, Sheriff of Henderson County and James Baker gave another standard supporting affidavit.]

John Robbins the aforesaid applicant makes oath that the foregoing Statements made by him and his answers to such interrogatories as have been put to him in this Amended declaration are true to the best of his knowledge & believe.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 16th May 1833

S/ John Robbins, X his mark

State of Tennessee Henderson County

Under and by virtue of and quarter of the worshipful the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions for the County and State aforesaid made at the August term of the year 1832 and to me William H. Burton as chairman of the court aforesaid directed to take the Deposition of Captain Solomon Bennet¹ in order to support the Declaration of John Robins made on the 14th day of August 1832 before the Court aforesaid. In pursuance thereof personally appeared before me the said William H. Burton Chairman of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions as aforesaid the said Solomon Bennet on this 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 -- who being duly sworn by me according to law Depos and saith that he was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary war of the North Carolina Continental line of the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle that whilst in the service of the United States shortly after Gates Defeat he became acquainted

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That the Declaration of the said John Robins have been by him Reid and that all the facts as therein stated by him the said John Robins he knows and believes to be authentically true and that he well remembers that that the said John Robins did serve until peace was concluded between the United States and Great Britain.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me the day month and year aforesaid

S/ WH Burton, Chairman

S/ Solomon Bennett

¹ Probably, [Solomon Bennett R771](#)