

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Robinson S4153

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State of Ohio Highland County SS

On this 10th day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of Highland County now sitting Lewis Robinson a resident of said County aged 77 years who being first 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 under the following named officers & served as herein stated

The following interrogatories were propounded to said Lewis Robinson by said Court & the annexed answers were returned there 2.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Question. Where & when were you born? I was born in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia in the year 1756.
2. Have you any record of your age? I have not.
3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live? I lived when called into service in the upper part of Tennessee<sup>1</sup> in what was called the rich valley. I lived in different parts of Tennessee upwards of 40 years after which I moved to Adams County of Ohio -- where I lived about 2 years, I then moved to Highland County where I have ever since resided.
4. How were you called into service? In all my service, as a revolutionary soldier I was a volunteer.
5. State the names of such regular & militia regiments & officers as were with the troops where use served & the general circumstances of your service. In the fall of 1776 (October I think) I volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Craig in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell [possibly William Campbell of Virginia militia] of the militia of the territory of Tennessee -- we marched soon after I volunteered under said officers to the State of North Carolina in pursuit of some Tories. We were joined in the State of North Carolina by a company

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<sup>1</sup> At the time mentioned by this veteran, the state of Tennessee did not exist. The area in which he lived was then part of North Carolina. In the late 1780s 8 counties of Western North Carolina broke off from North Carolina and formed what they called the State of Franklin. The State of North Carolina ceded the area which would later become Tennessee to the federal government in 1790. The State of Tennessee was not formed until 1796 when it became the 16th state to join the United States.

of militia of that State with their assistance we dispersed the Tories took 8 of them prisoners & tried & executed 7 of these. We returned home soon after we dispersed said Tories -- & we were stationed in the Fort called Sprobes<sup>2</sup> Fort in the rich valley of Tennessee about 14 miles below Abington [Abingdon, Virginia]. I served nine months in this tour & made frequent excursions during that time against the Indians. In the month of October 1777, I volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Beard (John) [John Beard] (in the rich valley of Tennessee) against the Indians of the Cherokee tribe who were then hostile to the United States. We were attacked near Bletchers settlement which lies near the line between Virginia & Tennessee by a party of Cherokees larger in number than our force -- & compelled to retreat with the loss of all our horses & most of our arms. We then returned home & I still continued to serve under Captain John Beard in the Fort Sprole [?]<sup>3</sup> for six months after which I received a written discharge from said Captain John Beard --

In the month of May 1778 I again volunteered under Captain Mashel [?]<sup>4</sup> in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell of the Tennessee Militia against the Cherokee Indians -- we were sent per express from the long islands of Holston in Holston River to guard the settlements on said islands which were about to be attacked by the Cherokees -- we marched to the said islands & in the neighborhood of Holston we had a battle with several hundred of said Indians & drove them from the field -- several of the Indians were wounded in the battle but I cannot say that any of them were killed. We returned to Sprole Fort soon after we had driven off the Indians. I was out on service this tour six weeks & received a verbal discharge from Captain Mashel --

In the spring of 1779 (April or May I think) I volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Craig against the Cherokee Indians. I was out this tour two months & served as a spy on the frontiers of Kentucky & Virginia. At the end of two months I received a verbal discharge from Captain Craig --

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service --

I received in all my tours written & verbal discharges -- they are all lost. John Smith, Jacob Wordlow [Jacob Wardlow?], Henry Scarber [Henry Scarborough?] & others are ready to testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. No clergyman lives near me.

I have no documentary evidence to prove my service -- nor do I know any individual by whom I can prove the fact --

In all my tours of service I served upwards of 18 months --

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension but the present & declare that my

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*Sprobes fort*

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*fort. Sprole*

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*Mashel*

name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the first day of April 1833.

S/ Samuel Bell, Clerk

S/ Lewis Robinson, X his mark

[John Smith, George McNealy & Ashford Hough gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.56 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months and 14 days in the North Carolina militia.]