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Pension application of Samuel Robinson S4155

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State of Tennessee, Hardin County

On this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record possessing the power of Fine & imprisonment now sitting Samuel Robinson a resident of and in said County of Hardin and State of Tennessee aged Seventy three years in September 1833 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1833.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for five months tour some time he thinks in the fall of the year 1778 (of which he is not certain) under the command of Captain Bennet Ausburn Lieutenant Col. Hugh Pavard [sic, Hugh Brevard?] & Col. Caleb Fifer [sic, Caleb Phifer] in Burke County in the State of North Carolina & marched to Purysburgh [sic, Purrysburg] South Carolina where we joined the army under the command of Genl. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & Major Sharp and then went to the Savannah river to a place called the Two Sisters [Ferry]. We also marched to Matthews bluff on said river where the army under Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was to cross, whilst at Matthews bluff this declarant was dispatched with intelligence to Genl. Ashe [John Ashe], who was on the other opposite side of the river from our encampment, on Breer Creek [sic, Brier Creek], but before I had got far I was recalled by Genl. Rutherford, he hearing the firing of the guns & the commencement of the battle at Brier Creek between the Americans under the command of Genl. Ashe & the British, before I got back to our encampment across the river, Genl. Ashe came running up, having lost his wig, & requested me to carry him across the river in the canoe in which I had went across when Genl. Ashe got across to our encampment Genl. Rutherford in an imperious tone demanded to know where his men were, when this declarant thinks that Genl. Ashe replied that they were gone to hell for aught he knew & this declarant thinks that Rutherford took Genl. Ashe's sword from him. From Matthew's bluff we marched back to the Two Sisters where we remained until my term of service of 5 months expired where I received my discharge and went home.

About 12 or 18 months after his discharge as aforesaid he was drafted for the Term of three months & entered the service under Captain Smith & Lieutenant Isaac Shockley & marched and Joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene] Army who was encamped this declarant thinks about 12 miles from a place called Rugeley's Mills & remained there five or six weeks & whilst there this declarant with 20 or 25 others were

sent to the Catawba Fields to watch the British, from the encampment aforesaid we marched to the Cheraw Hills South Carolina. Before General Greene's Army had quitted his encampment near Rugeley's Mills General Marion's horseman having reported that there were two or 300 British Tories fortified in Rugeley's barn, General Greene detached 300 or 400 and this declarant being one of that number, to attack them & having come across a cart we secured two old black logs of wood in two put them on the carriage wheels intending them to represent cannon & marched up & demanded a surrender, which they did to the number of between three & 400 who were sent to Salisbury North Carolina. Shortly after that Captain Smith's company this declarant being one were sent to Salisbury to build a stockade for the prisoners, where I remained until I got my discharge, my term of three months having expired.

Some short time after this declarant was drafted for two months & ordered to the head of the Catawba [River] under Captain James Davidson to guard the frontiers from depredations of the enemy this declarant was stationed at Colonel John Carson's during the whole term which he served but he got no discharge. This declarant has no knowledge what has [illegible word] with his discharges. This declarant states that he served in the whole ten months. He has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can certify to his service.

This declarant was born in the State of Maryland in Baltimore County on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1760. I was living in Burke County North Carolina when called into service and after the war removed to Pendleton District in South Carolina & resided there about 15 years & from thence to Limestone County Alabama & lived there 2 years & from thence to Hickman County Tennessee & lived there two years & from there to Madison County Alabama & resided there 3 years, from which place I removed to Limestone Alabama again & staid there 3 & from there I removed in February 1823 to Hardin County Tennessee where I now reside & have resided ever since. I am acquainted William Stranes, Josiah Hurley, John Richardson & there in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 18 March 1834.

S/ John Houston, Clk

S/ Samuel Robinson, X his mark

[James K. Martin, clergyman, and James Dill gave the standard supporting affidavit for "Samuel Robertson" [sic]]