

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Robertson S4157

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State of Tennessee Monroe County Sct

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Monroe County State aforesaid now sitting Thomas Robertson, aged seventy years as he believes, a resident Citizen of the County and State aforesaid, 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, 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – to wit – he was drafted in Amherst County Virginia where he then lived for six months in the latter part of the year 1780 and was mustered into service in the Company commanded by Captain Richard Ballenger, Thomas Jones 1st Lieutenant, Absalom Pollard 2nd Lieutenant, and John Mathews Ensign, Marched from Amherst County on the 1st day of January 1781 towards Richmond, which they reached a few days after it was burnt by Arnold [Benedict Arnold], remained there a short time and Captain Bollinger's Company was detached to Hoods Fort on James River to guard it, there we remained until our term of service expired when declarant was honorably discharged by Captain Ballenger – Soon after the declarant reached time Colonel Rose called for some volunteers for twenty days, declarant turned out in Captain Woodruff's Company and marched to Shirley's Old fields, where they were received into Service and reported by Colonel Pope or Colonel Cable for three months Service, were then marched to Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] near James River and there remained until three months had expired when declarant was again honorably discharged – declarant has lost all his discharges and has no documentary or other evidence of his Services now in his power that he knows of except Certificates hereto annexed. He removed from Amherst County Virginia upwards of thirty years ago to Cocke County Tennessee where he lived about six years then removed to Roane County Tennessee, where he lived about fourteen years then removed into Monroe County Tennessee where he now lives –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first aforesaid –

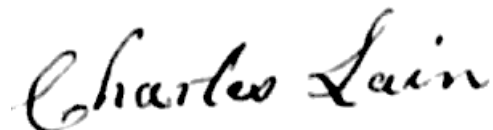
S/ Thomas Robertson, X his mark

On this 17th day of September 1832, personally appeared Charles Lane¹ aged seventy-three years a Respectable and Credible person, in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions of Monroe County now sitting and being first duly sworn saith that he was a citizen of Amherst County Virginia in the neighborhood of Thomas Robertson the above declarant that

¹ Sic, Charles Lain FPA W26193

affiant does know that the said Thomas Robertson did truly and faithfully discharge the duties of a Soldier and perform the tours of service stated by him in the above & foregoing declaration, that this affiant was a messmate in both tours of duty in the same Company and under the same officers and does well know that the services were done as stated.

S/ Charles Lain



On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared Joseph Lane² a respectable person & Credible Witness aged 76 years, in Open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions of Monroe County Tennessee now sitting, and being first duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with the above applicant for a pension, Thomas Robertson, in Amherst County Virginia & since, that they were near neighbors in said County, that this affiant always understood and does verily believe that said Thomas Robertson did honorably & faithfully performed the 1st tour of duty for six months as mentioned in his declaration that affiant always heard & understood so, and never heard it in any manner contradicted. Affiant states that he was in the same Company of Captain Woodruff, though not a messmate, with said Thomas Robertson during the three months tour of service last stated by him in his above declaration, and does know that he honorably and faithfully performed that Service.

Sworn to in open Court & subscribed the date above written.

S/ Joseph Lain, X his mark

State of Tennessee Sct.

On this 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared the above applicant Thomas Robertson, a resident of Monroe County Tennessee in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions of Monroe County being a court of record now sitting, & being duly sworn, saith, that there is no resident clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood, but that he is known to the Reverend James Witten and also to Samuel Jamison Esquire and John Murray – and others in the neighborhood where he now lives who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Thomas Robertson, X his mark

[James Witten, a clergyman, Samuel Jamison and John Murray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]

² Sic, Joseph Lain FPA W1783