

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Nisbett S4617

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State of Tennessee, Dickson County: Circuit Court October Term 1836

Robert Nisbett Sr. personally appeared before the Circuit Court of Dickson County the 10th day of October in the year 1836 & being duly sworn deposed & saith (for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the Act of the 7th of June 1832) as follows to wit, that he was born in Ireland in the 5th of March 1766 as he is informed & believes -- he has seen the record of his age in his father's family Bible many years ago which was then in the possession of his brother, removed some years ago to the Western district of Tennessee & died where he presumes the Bible now is -- he never had the possession of the Bible & has not seen it or 4 or 5 years -- his father came to this country when he was very young & settled in South Carolina & resided in Spartanburg district at the Commencement of the War, that he served in various campaigns & various periods from the year 1778 to 1782 but is unable to specify the length of the campaigns or the precise time that he served -- one of his old companions William Caldwell<sup>1</sup> now resides in South Carolina & upon examining the record has enclosed the statement of an account by the State, which shows services between those years amounting to 280 days as a Horseman & 82 days in the Infantry in the Companies of Captain John Berry [John Barry], Capt. Andrew Berry [Andrew Barry], Captain John Collins, Captain John Nesbitt [John Nisbett] & Captain Samuel Nisbett [Samuel Nisbett] companies in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck] -- that he is now old & his memory frail & feels confident that he served a longer time than the number days specified but cannot now remember with sufficient accuracy the different terms or the precise periods at which these services were performed -- that he recollects well to have been stationed 3 months in the frontier under Captain John Berry, on Tugaloo River -- he also recollects having served a tour of 3 months under the command of his cousin John Nisbett and also remembers Captain Andrew Berry (not Barry) written in the account a brother of Captain John Berry and also remembers a short service under his uncle Captain Samuel Nisbett -- he remembers Roebuck well I was with him when he was wounded at Little River by the Tories & died of his wounds<sup>2</sup> -- he also remembers to have served 2 months as a spy with Caldwell whose deposition accompanies this application he does not remember to have received any discharge at any time for the services performed by him -- that he has not

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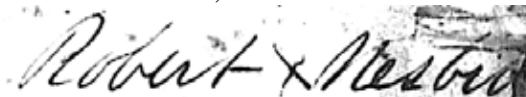
<sup>1</sup> Probably [William Caldwell W22727](#)

<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Roebuck is thought to have served until near the end of the Revolution when he died. Whether or not he died from the several wounds he suffered during the Revolution is not known except as mentioned by this veteran. See, i.e., [http://sc\\_tories.tripod.com/colonel\\_roebuck\\_and\\_the\\_battle\\_of\\_mudlick\\_creek.htm](http://sc_tories.tripod.com/colonel_roebuck_and_the_battle_of_mudlick_creek.htm)

heretofore made application because upon application to his friends, who talked with him he doubted whether his recollection was sufficiently precise to justify him in making an application, until he received from Caldwell the papers which now accompany this application -- that after the War he continued to reside in South Carolina until about the year 1798 when he removed to Tennessee & shortly after settled in the County of Dickson where he now resides -- he also annexes hereto the deposition of Captain John Nisbett his cousin with whom he served a short time -- he hereby relinquishes all claim to any annuity or pension except the one provided by the law of 1832 and he also declares that he is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 11 October 1836.

S/ John C. Collier, Clk

S/ Robert Nesbitt, X

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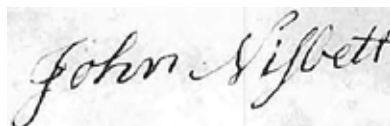
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State of Tennessee, Dickson County: Circuit Court October Term 1836

Colonel John Nisbett personally appeared in Open Court & being duly sworn deposed & saith, that he is well acquainted with Robert Nisbett the applicant for a pension that he knew him before the War, both having resided in the same neighborhood & that he has known him ever since &, having been neighbors ever since -- that he recollects well, that said Robert Nesbitt was in the company as a soldier of Captain John Berry & also in Collins company before he joined the company which I commanded, -- he was sometime in my company & I feel confident served about three months at least in my company but my memory is not sufficient to be precise -- he recollects that during the time he was in my company, we marched to a Fort occupied by the Tories called Williams Fort on the waters of the Saluda & that we retreated to the orders of Little River & were pursued by the Tories & had a skirmish with them -- that he knows of said Robert having acted occasionally as a spy but the time or the officers under whom he served he cannot specify.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ John Nisbett<sup>3</sup>

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S/ John C. Collier, Clk

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg district

Personally came before me, the Subscribing Magistrate, William Caldwell, a Revolutionary Soldier, who being sworn in due form of law, on his oath saith that he was intimately acquainted with Robert Nisbett Junior [sic] during the Revolutionary War, that he does know, that the said Nesbitt did serve in the Army of the United States, and in for some time in company with this Deponent -- but this Deponent cannot State the exact time of his Service in

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<sup>3</sup> Evidently someone named "John Nesbett" filed for the pension under the 1832 while living in Dickson County, Tenn., and was issued certificate No. 19516. His papers, however, could not be located under any spelling of his surname when the files were examined on May 9, 1940. He was pensioned for service as a private.

the Army generally, nor the time of service in his company. This Deponent further states, that the applicant for whom this evidence is furnished, is the identical person whom he knew, and with whom he served in the Army of the Revolution.

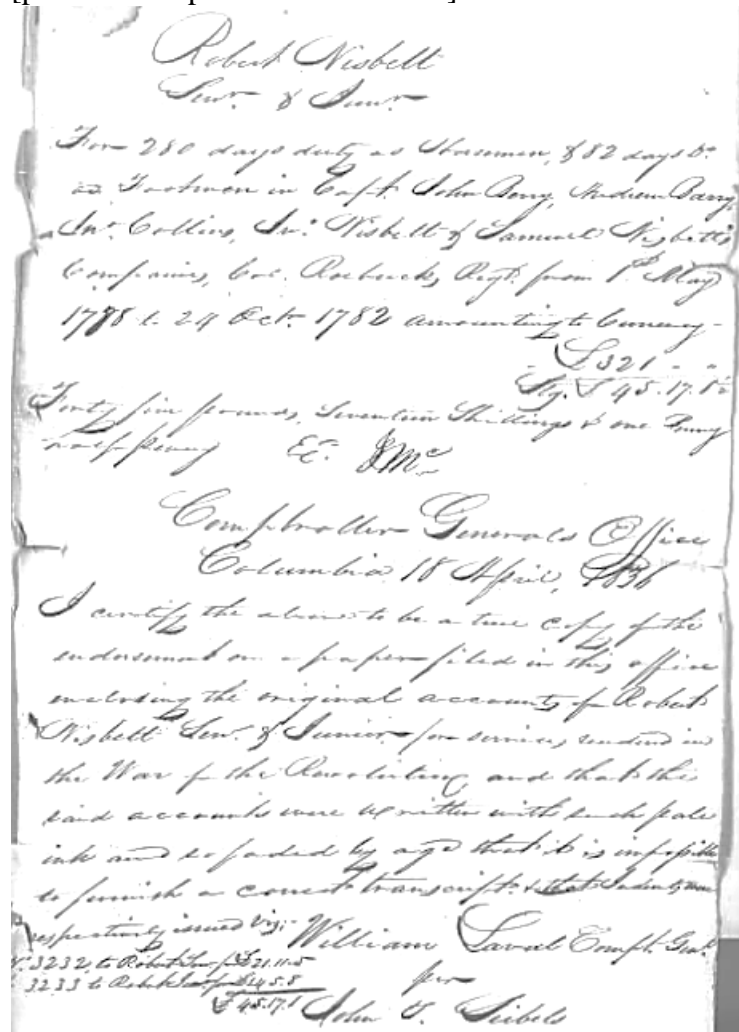
Sworn to & subscribed before me 23rd May 1836

S/ Wm Caldwell



S/ Jno Bomar,

[p 9: SC Comptroller's Certificate]



Robert Nisbell  
Snr. & Junr.

For 280 days duty as Steerman, & 82 days  
as Footman in Capt. John Army, Andrew Army  
Jnr. Collins, Sr. Nisbell of Samuel Nisbell's  
Company, Col. Roebuck, Regt. from 1. May  
1788 to 24 Oct. 1789 amounting to Compay -  
\$321 -  
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Forty five pence, Seventeen Shillings & one Penny  
for expens E. J. M.

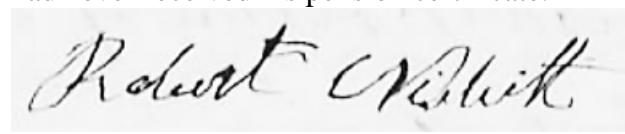
Comptroller General's Office  
Columbia 18 April 1798

I certify the above to be a true copy of the  
indentment on a paper filed in this office  
including the original accounts of Robert  
Nisbell Sr. & Junior for services rendered in  
the War of the Revolution and that the  
said accounts were written with black pale  
ink and so faded by age that it is impossible  
to furnish a correct transcript. Witness my  
hand & seal this 18th day of April 1798

Respectfully issued by: William Laval Compt. Genl.  
3232 6 Robert Nisbell \$321.10.5  
3233 6 Robert Nisbell \$45.17.5  
1798

John V. Siebel

[p 14: Of November 11, 1837 in Dickson County Tennessee, the veteran gave testimony that he had never received his pension certificate.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$47.76 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 10 days in the militia cavalry of South Carolina and for service as a private in the militia infantry for 2 months and 20 days, also in the South Carolina militia.]