

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Robison (Robinson) S7391

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State of Ohio Clinton County SS

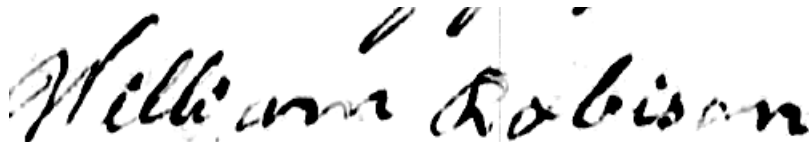
On this __ day of __ 1832 personally appeared in open Court before George G Smith Esquire President Jesse Hughes, Aaron Sewell & James Dakin, Esquires associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid now sitting, William Robinson [sic] a resident of Clark Township in the County of Clinton & State of Ohio, aged eighty-four years & upwards 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 – That early in the month of July 1776, this applicant with 75 other volunteers, marched under the command of Captain James Ratican into Belhaven or Alexandria where he was engaged in his Country service as a volunteer near 3 months, in digging Entrenchments, making Batteries & guarding the Town, thinks he was discharged in September, that he resided in Loudoun County Virginia, when he volunteered his services. The names & rank of the field & Company Officers, Colonel Levin Powell, Major Summers, Captain James Ratican, This applicant William Robinson 1st Lieutenant Thomas Cavins [Cavens?] Ensign, thinks there was no discharge is given in writing, but at the being of the Drum, a signal given, all started near five hundred in number, That in the year 1781 he removed from Loudoun to Fayette County Pennsylvania, that in the month of May 1782 he joined a volunteer Company at Beason [?] Town known by the name of Union Town of about sixty in number marched on to Brownsville, from thence to Catfish Camp, or Washington, from thence to Mingo Bottom between Pittsburgh & Wheeling, where they encamped until they made up their complement of men of one hundred eighty-nine and elected officers, to wit, Colonel Crawford [William Crawford], Colonel Williamson [David Williamson, Colonel Gaddice [Thomas Gaddis], Colonel McClennan [John B McClelland], Major James Brinton [James Brenton], Major Harrison [perhaps William Harrison], Major Rose [John Rose] & Major Lite, Captain Beason, Captain Cannon, Captain Brownfield & Captain Hogeland then proceeded and crossed [word written over and indecipherable] Muskingum, at the Middle Moravian Town, from thence to Mahicken Johns Lake, from thence to Sandusky where they arrived on the 4th day of June 1782 in the afternoon, when the Indians commenced firing upon a Company of twenty-seven of the volunteers that were sent from the body to look for the Town they were beat back & in less than one hour the whole Company were nearly surrounded by the Indians & British where a severe engagement took place [Battle of Sandusky or Battle Island, June 4, 1782] in a constant firing on both sides until dark, then encamped on the ground where we discovered sixteen wounded and one killed the next day, there was but little firing on either side, until evening, about an hour before sundown, a reinforcement of the British of about four hundred horsemen made an attack

at the distance of near four hundred yards & continued firing for about the space of an hour but no firing by the volunteers on the next night the Indians & British broke in upon them when they all separated & went in different directions to affect their escape, on the succeeding day one hundred of the volunteers had collected together the distance of twenty miles as was thought from Sandusky, where the enemy overtook them about the middle of the day near two hundred of them in number when an engagement took place for about two hours where the volunteers had five killed & __wounded at that time then fell a heavy rain which put an end to the firing, then made for home, thinking there was one hundred & twenty of the volunteers killed, [indecipherable word or words]¹, having at that time performed a two-months tour of duty as a volunteer in his Country's Service – That in the month of August 1782, This applicant raised a Company of twenty-five volunteers in Fayette County Pennsylvania called the Frontier Guards, under the direction of Colonel Morgan Colonel McCleary & Major Hanaway, John Evans, Commissary and proceeded, on to Strandlers fourt [fort] on Dunkard's Creek where two other companies of twenty-five each met them to guard two other forts called Jarrett's Fort and Logan's Fort on the said Dunkard's Creek, There continued for two months, guarding the frontiers, from the depredation of the Indians, that two of these forts were on the Virginia side & one in Pennsylvania about twenty miles from Morgantown, – That he has no Documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, but believes Isaac Grant² whose Declaration accompanies this, was in the minute Company at Alexandria at the same time from relating things that took place within this applicant's knowledge but even unknown to each other at the time –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

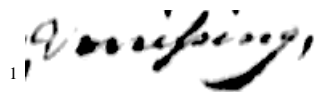
Sworn to and subscribed the __ day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 in Open Court
S/ Isaiah Morris, Clk S/ William Robison



That this applicant was born on the 2nd day of August 1748 in Bucks County Pennsylvania, that a Record of his age is made at Nashamony meeting house [Neshaminy Meeting House] in said County by Charles Beaty formerly Minister of that church from thence removed to Loudoun County Virginia from that to Fayette County Pennsylvania from thence to Mason County Kentucky from thence to the State of Ohio that he has been acquainted with Joshua Betterton & John Hambrick for many years who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his service.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court September 5, 1832
S/ J. Morris, Clk S/ Willm Robison
[Joshua Betterton and John Hambrick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Deposition of John Robison and others to be read as evidence in the application of William



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² FPA S4305

Robinson for a Pension under the Act of June 7th 1832

John Robinson of the County of Clinton & State of Ohio aged near fifty-four years being produced sworn & examined before me Joseph Vanmeter an acting Justice of the Peace of Green Township in the County & State aforesaid as a witness in the above application and being personally known to me as a man of truth and veracity doth depose & say that in the year 1812 this applicant (father to the witness) removed from the State of Kentucky to the State of Ohio at which time he left with this deponent his Commission of Lieutenancy which was signed by Patrick Henry and which Commission was pasted to a comb case and remained in this deponent's possession until 1819 when he removed to the State of Ohio at which time it was misplaced & lost that he was always reputed as Lieutenant believes 1st Lieutenant and that Thomas Marks was the 2nd Lieutenant as this deponent has been informed.

S/ John Robison

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Robison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

[Michael Fetterling, William Clevenger and Thomas A. Armstrong also testified that they had heard William Robinson speak of having a lieutenant's commission granted by Patrick Henry to William Robinson and that the commission was pasted to the back of a comb case used by the wife of William Robinson's son, John. Armstrong also testified that Colonel Gaddis is incompetent to give testimony by reason of age and infirmity and that Colonel Gaddis does not at all times no his own son or grandchildren.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia and Pennsylvania militia.]