

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Robins S7403

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As a Court held for Accomack County on the 28th day of August 1832. –

Thomas Robins of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared in Court and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 viz.. "State of Virginia, Accomack County, to wit, on this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting Thomas Robbins [sic] a resident of the said County & Parish of St. George aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he served in the Militia of Virginia from about the age of sixteen until he was released from service therein by reason of age, That, during the war of the Revolution the Militia of the County of North Hampton in Virginia where this deponent then resided, were frequently called into Service, and were in actual Service a considerable part of the whole war: That he mustered in a Company commanded by Captain Shadrach Ames – This deponent was engaged principally in that time in guarding the coast on the Chesapeake Bay between Occohannock [perhaps Occohannock Creek in present day Accomack County, VA] & Naswadix [Nassawadox] in Northampton County, but rendered service at other places of education needed – He was engaged for the most part in preventing the enemy from landing to obtain supplies &c. – This deponent is positively certain that during the said war he was in actual efficient & constant Service as a Soldier of the Virginia Militia at least three years & rendered service that length of time – That he was born in North Hampton County Virginia – That he was born July 7, 1759, he has a record of his age in his family Bible, entered by his Father; he lived in North Hampton County when he entered the service – That he has resided in this County for the last 47 years & removed here from North Hampton. He never acted as a substitute for anyone – Thomas Parker, Nathaniel Darby, Levin Joynes & John Cropper were in the regular Army of the US in North Hampton at the time this deponent rendered service as a member of Captain Ames' Company of Militia, on one occasion this deponent was under the command of the said Thomas Parker who was then in the regular Army for the purpose of retaking some American property that had been taken by the enemy & after the object was achieved he was again under the command of Captain Ames. That he never received a regular discharge from Service – That William Henderson, Thomas Scarborough, George Smith R amongst his neighbors who will testify to his character for veracity, and as to their belief of his services in the war of the Revolution – That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid."

S/ Thomas Robins¹

[Matthew Floyd, a clergyman, and Benjamin Colomna gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

At a Court held for Accomack County on the 28th day of April 1851. –

It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that Thomas Robins lived in the County of Accomack and died in the same on or about the 15th of October 1836, and that he left no widow, but the following children viz.: Isaac Robins, Arthur Robins, John Robins, Nancy Lewis, Betsy Elliott, Melinda Downes, George Robins & Juliet Darby – and they were his only living children at the time of his death. –

At a Court held for Accomack County on the 28th day of April 1851 –

On the motion of Peter F Browne, taking oath, and giving Bond according to Law, in the penalty of \$10,000 with James W Custis and William H. B. Custis securities there to – Letters of Administration all granted him on the estate of Thomas Robins deceased.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, and ending October 15, 1836 when he died. He served 2 years as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ I do not believe that the veteran actually signed this document since the signature appears to be in the handwriting of the court to that of the scribe for the balance of the document.