

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Robertson S7406

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia In the County of Charlotte. On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Charlotte now sitting John Robertson of [blank] in the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia aged 74 years 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 agreeable to the register of his age & birth place, he was Born on the 20th day of August 1758, In the County of Chesterfield State of Virginia, there lived untill he was about years of age. Then he was drafted into the Militia under the command of Capt. Hoskins [probably Creed Haskins]. we met at Chesterfield Court House (the day of the month not Recollected) and marched from there to Williamsburg thence to Springfield & there relieved. the Tower was six Weeks only. I do not recollect any further particulars, of officers &c &c, Then returning to the County of Chesterfield & there lived untill I was drafted again, (how long for I do not recollect) under the command of Capt Burnet Markum [possibly Bernard Markham] Met at the Ct House & marched to Petersburg Va. thence to Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] & there relieved (this tower for six weeks). No further particular recollected officers &c. Then Returned to Chesterfield County continued there some time (not recollected how long) Then removed to the county of Pringedward [sic: Prince Edward] Va. there worked at the wheel wrights Business untill the Early part of March 1778. Then came on a draft to relieve the two year men at the North. I then substituted my self in place of one Walker who was drafted for Twelve Months to go to the North. We met at Cumberland old court house under the Command of Lieutenant Cobb. Marched from there to Fredericksburg Va. Thence to Winchester, thence to Colchester, thence to Valley Forge, there joined the Army in the Evening. Commanded by Generals Mulingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] & [John] Green. The next morning after we arrived there was Innoculated with the Small Pox by Doct'r. Powell. after geting well I do not Recollect the number of the Brigade nor Redgement we ware attached to but we ware under the command of Colo. Thebecker [sic: Christian Febiger], & Lieutenant Cobb acted as Capt. of our Company. At this time the Brittish army was in Philladelphia [sic: Philadelphia] as I understood, In the Early part of May they left Philladelphia & we marched from Valley Forge To the white plains & there lay some time, I do not recollect how long, Then we was marched to Monmouth, where we came up with the Brittish on the 28th day June 1778, and had a battle with them. we was then marcht from there to Newarck, or Newwork [sic: Newark NJ], Thence towards East River, thence to Stony point, thence To Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook NJ] & Middle Brook [sic: Middlebrook NJ] and there took winter quarters, at that time the Brittish army lay at New york, There we continued winter quarters untill the month of March 1779. Then and there I Received my discharge for a Twelve months Tower of duty, but by whom that discharge was assigned I do not Recollect, which discharge is now mislaid or lost. I then returned to the county of Chesterfield Va and lived there untill a draft came on about the last of May or first of June I think 1780. I was then drafted to go to South Carolina, we met at Chesterfield Ct. House under the command of Capt. Walthal [Archibald Walthal]. marched from there to Hillsborough N. Carolina thence to South Carolina & joined General [Horatio] Gates's Army - we was under Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] In the Evening. The next morning the battle came on Gates's defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. We then retreated to Hillsborough. I then being one of the first on the roll, for duty. I was taken out to guard some prisoners, & placed under the command of Lieutenant Shelton, & Vaughn. Thence we guarded said prisoners to petersburg Va thence to Richmond Town. Thence to Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] thence to Winchester There we left said prisoners & returned to Richmond Town at which place I Received my discharge, which discharge I have now - and Reads as follows

John Robertson, a Soldier belonging to General Stevens's Brigade of Malitia is hereby discharged from his tour of duty, agreeable To his Excellency Thomas Jefferson Order.

Richmond Town
October 2nd 1780

Rawl. Downman
Lt. Colo. 4th R. V. M.

The last mentioned Tour to the best of my Recollection was for Five months tho I am not certain. Now being discharged at Richmond Town I Returned to the County of Chesterfield and lived there untill about the first of May 1781, at which time I was drafted, on another tour of Six weeks & placed under the command of Capt. Haskins. We met at Chesterfield Ct. House and marched from there to petersburg Va thence to Cabbin point then after a few days we was marched back to petersburg and there met L[or]d Cornwallis's army and had a small battle with them. Then we marched to Chesterfield Ct House thence to Thomas Randolphs ferry & crosed James River into goochland thence to Scuffle Town two miles above Richmond and lay there some short time & then discharged. The three tours of six weeks Each as above stated I did not Receive any writen discharge. Now being discharged at Scuffletown, I returned to the County of Chesterfield & lived there the ballance of that year & about two years after then removed into the County of Hanover Va. - lived there 5 years as overseer. Then Removed into Louisa Cty & lived there 4 years as overseer then Removed into Goochland Cty & lived there 1 year then Removed into Louisa County & lived there 6 years then Removed into Goochland Cty & lived there 1 year, then Removed Into Charlotte County Va on the waters of Great bare Creek (In the year 1800 - 17th December) on which place I now Reside near the Red House

John Robertson

Charlotte county State of Virginia September the 18th 1832

I, Isaac Robertson Seniou after being duly sworn make the following statement that at the time John Robertson Seniou entered the army of the american Revolution I was on my return from the service of the united states and was informed by the friends and connexions of said J. Robertson that he had substituted in prince Edward county state of Va for one year. After the expiration of his service I saw him in Chesterfield county Va and do believe he has rendered the Revolutionary service stated in his declaration I also believe from the record of his age the said J. Robertson was born August the 20th 1758

Given under my hand the date above written

[signed] Isaac Robertson

State of Virginia } SS.

Charlotte County }

On this 5th day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid John Robinson a resident of the aforesaid State and county - aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following amended declaration, agreeable to the reference pointed out by the Department by the letter (?) and the clause contained within the brackets, in order to obtain the benifit of the provision made by the act of congress, passed June 7th 1832

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for Charlotte county in the State of Virginia, John Robinson, who, being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he can not swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the tour of 1780, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less that the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

Tour he believes in 1777 under Capt. Haskins, he served in the grade of a private for not less than one month and twelve days: Tour the same year he believes, under Capt. Barnet Markum, in the grade of a private, for not less than one month and twelve days - The tour of 1778, under Lt. Cobbs he served in the grade of a private for not less than one year. For the tour of 1780 he served in the grade of a private for not less than four months. For the tour of 1781 he served in the grade of a private for a time not less than one month and twelve days, and for the above respective tours of service he claims a pension that he was in all his tours of duty in the War of the Revolution called into the service by the competent authorities of the Land and in no instances was he engaged in any civil pursuits while on his tours of duty

[signed] John Robertson

NOTE: I transcribe the discharge above as follows:

John Roberson a Soldier belonging to General Stevens's Brigade of Melitia is herby Discharged from his tour of Duty, agreeable to his Excellency Thomas Jeffersons Order

Richmond Town }
October 2nd 1780 }

Rawl. Downman [Rawleigh Downman]
Lt. Colo 4th R.V.M.

Also in the file is the following receipt:

Rec'd. this 2nd of Oct'r 1780 of John Robertson Soldier belonging to General Stevens Brigade of
Militia one Gun & Cartouch Box Rich'd Allen Serg't