

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Knox S8803

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County

On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared Robert Knox before us William Little & John Turbyfill¹ two of the acting Justices of the peace in & for said County at the house of said Robert Knox, he being unable to attend the Court, a resident of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina, aged ninety 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was in the service under Captain James Johnson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Graham, and was marched to Fort McFaddin in what was then called Tryon County, now Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina, and was stationed in that Fort to protect the frontiers against the Indians, but from my old age & loss of memory am unable to say how long [I] remained in service in that tour, nor have I any recollection of the date or other circumstances which took place except one, when a party of us were driven from a field where we were reaping, by the firing of some guns, supposed to be by the Indians. I served another tour in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McLean, when James Johnson acted as Lieutenant Colonel but cannot recollect the name of the Captain, but recollect we were marched across Broad River in pursuit of Colonel John Moore who commanded a party of Tories, I cannot remember the year, or the term I was out, one circumstance I recollect, we marched to Moses Moore's father of Colonel John Moore and there the soldiers destroyed his oats by throwing them over to the horses, which the officers prevented when they came up. I was in the service in the Army then marched against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] & the Tories, to Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], under Colonel Johnson, this time I cannot recollect, but know I was not in the battle at Kings Mountain having been sent off by Colonel Johnson upon some business. I recollect joining the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], near Camden & being placed out as sentinel [?] the first night. When I was on this tour I was commanded by General Thomas Polk. While on guard I recollect to have fired at a man in the night, who refused to answer & I entered this service from the proclamation of General Polk, that any who would serve a month then, it would excuse them from a three months tour afterwards. I recollect being in General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army at the time the battle was fought at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], between the Whigs & Tories, but the Army did not reach the ground in time to engage & I was in the

1 [John Turbyfill S7770](#)

Army under Captain Lewis when the British crossed the Catawba River at Beatties Ford but how long I served in these tours I cannot recollect. These facts & circumstances I state to the best of my recollection, but cannot state the manner in which they took place which was first or last.

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

Sworn to & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Knox



S/ Wm Little, JP

S/ Jno Turbyfill, JP



1st: Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the County of Down in Ireland in the year 1742

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

I have none except a memorandum I made

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived in what was called Tryon County, now Lincoln County, when I entered the service I have lived in said County since the revolutionary war & now live there.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

When I have went against the Indians I went as a volunteer also when I was with General Rutherford & with Colonel Lewis at Beatties Ford, the other times I cannot recollect

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I have stated all the officers I can recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

I do not recollect to have received any discharge except one from General Polk, for my service in Greene's Army which I sold to Colonel [name is difficult to decipher, looks like "Burke" or "Worke"]²

² Col. Burke

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

The two Justices who are now acting & the Honorable William H. Connor [sic, Henry William Connor] member of Congress & Robert A. Benton & can state my character.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia.]