Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Robison (Robinson) W18821 Sarah Robison NC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 7 June 2015.

State of No Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Session

Buncombe County \ October Term 1832

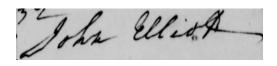
On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina, now sitting, William Robinson a resident of said County and states his age 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in Order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

To Wit that he was born on the 25th day of January 1760 in the State of Pennsylvania York County that he has no record of his age only from what his parents told him. His parents removed from that State to Macklenburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County in the State of NoCarolina when he was 4 years old. He Volunteered when 17 years old in this County Macklenburg (not being on the muster list) under Capt John McNitt Alexander [sic: see endnote]. He thinks Adam Alexander was his Col'n. Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford was the commanding Gen'l. He volunteered for 3 months and marched to the Indian Nation. He served his three months and got his discharge which he has lost. He went another 3 month Tower as a substitute for his older brother's place Alexander he was drafted by Capt [Samuel] Givens. He cant recollect the Col Gen'l Rutherford was the commanding Gen'l. He marched to Cheraw [South Carolina] and there met with Gen'l. Gate's [Horatio Gates's] army. Gen'l Gates march'd to Rudisells mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] twelve miles from [north of] Camden at which place He remained some days Gen'l Gates moved his army in the night and when proceeded about 4 miles met the British and the soldiers lay on their arms all night. in the morning the Battle commenced [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. Gates got defeated. He returned home next day and in a few days was called back to McCoppins Creek and there stationed Col. [William Lee] Davidson taking the command at McCoppins Creek. He remained untill his term expired and received a discharge from Capt Givens which he has also lost. He enlisted under Capt. William Hutchinson [pension application W10133] for 10 months and march'd under Col. [William] Polk to Browns old field near Columbia So. Car. He joined here Gen'l. Sumpters army [sic: Thomas Sumter's partisan corps]. He was under Sumpter at Orangeburg Battle [possibly skirmish at Orangeburg SC, 10 - 11 May 1781], Munks Corner battle [possibly skirmish at Biggin Church near Moncks Corner, 16 Jul 1781] and this side of Charleston had another battle [possibly Battle of Quinby Bridge and Shubrick's Plantation, 17 Jul 1781]. He then returned to Brown's Old field head quarters. Gen'l. Sumpter then went to the Eutaw Springs. He went to the 4 hole bridge and then to McCods ferry on Congaree River [sic: McCord's Ferry near Ft. Motte SC] and here He received his discharge after serving the 10 months from Capt. Martin. He lived sometime in Macklenburg County and removed to Buncombe County and has lived here 28 years in this County and now resides here. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

State of No Carolina } personally came before me Isaac Fraser one of the Subscribing Justices Mecklenburg County } for s'd. County John Elliott [sic: John Elliot S8411] and made oath in due form of Law and sayeth that he new William Robison & he served with s'd. Robison in the South Carolina State troops and was with him s'd. Robison at the battles of the Storming of the White Church at Monks Corner and on the suckseeding day at the Strawberry plains and have reason to believe s'd. Robison was at the battle of Utaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781] Sworn to and subscribed

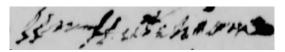
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State of North Carolina } Mecklenburg County }

I William Hutchinson of the County [& state] aforesaid, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Robison, now of the county of Buncombe & state afores'd, but formerly of the County of Mecklenburg & State fores'd That he served under me as a private soldier during the Revolutionary War. That he was enlisted. That he entered the service in the month of March A.D. 1781, and left the same the first of February A.D. 1782. Sumpter was General, William Polk was Colonel, & I was his Captain. Marched from the County of Mecklenburg N.C'a. into South Carolina. Engaged in the Battle of Strawberry Plains. That he served Ten months. And I do further certif, that he was a true Whig during the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to & subscribed, this the 2nd day of September A.D. 1833.



I John Elliott of the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Robison of the County of Buncombe & State aforesaid. That the narration of circumstances incident to his services as set forth in the preceding certificate are correct. I do further certify that he was engaged in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs That he served Ten months, for I was with him during the service.

Sworn to & subscribed this the 2nd day of September A.D. 1833.

NOTES:

John McKnitt Alexander was Secretary of the convention that drafted the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of 20 May 1775. Adam Alexander was a signer.

On 10 Oct 1845 George Robison applied for a pension on behalf of the children of William and Sarah Robison, stating that his parents married in Mecklenburg County "some short time after the close of the war of the Revolution," that William Robison died 30 June 1837, and that Sarah Robison died 7 Feb 1843. The six other children who continued to survive are named as follows: Mary Foster, wife of Thomas Foster; Alexander Robinson; Elizabeth Duckett, wife of David Duckett; Isabelen Peoples; Vilate Jones; and Rebecca Mullins.

Addendum to William Robison (Robinson) W18821

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Robison pp38 Audited Account No. 6531

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I do hereby Certify that William Robinson [sic] a Private Soldier in the Third Regiment Lt. Dragoons in the service of the State of South Carolina has Compleated the full time of his inlistment, and is intitled to a Negroe balance of Clothing &c from the said State

Given under my hand this 20th Day of February 1785

S/ Sam. Martin Capt. [Samuel Martin]



S/Wm Polk, Colo. [William Polk]

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I do Esign over my Right of the Within Account to Thomas Woods this 31st day of January 1784

S/Wm Robison

I do hereby Esign over the within account to Mr. John Steen this 9th day of February 1784 S/ Thos. Woods

The Woods

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Know all men by these presents that I have William Robinson [sic] of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina Due by these presents Constitute and appoint William Robinson Senior my Lawfull attorney in my absence to Receive & recover all such some and sums of Money Negroes Indents or other property as shall or may be Due to me for my Service in the state troops of South Carolina Commanded by Brigadier General Sumter and to give over

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such Receipts Discharges and acquittances for the same as I might or Could Do were I personally present hereby Ratifying and Confirming all my said Attorney shall Do in and about the premises. Given under my hand and seal this 16th Day of May 1784. In the 9th year of American Independency

S/ William Robison {Seal}

William

Test

Alex^{dr} Robison

The above Instrument was proven by the oath of Alexander Robison the

Subscriber witness this 8th Day of December 1785 before

S/ James Meek, JP

for North Carolina Mecklenburg County