

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Robertson W18836 Susan or Susanna  
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### Virginia

At a Superior court of Law continued and held for Buckingham County on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820.

On this nineteenth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court Being a Superior court of and for the county of Buckingham being one of the counties comprising the seventh Judicial Circuit in the State of Virginia, Hugh Robertson aged Sixty nine years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his own make the following declaration in order to oblige The provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Hugh Robertson enlisted for the term of one year 1775 or '76 as a soldier of the revolutionary war in Capt. Joseph Carrington's company of infantry in the State service for one year. After that time expired he enlisted with Capt. Charles Harrison of the artillery, at the end of that enlistment he immediately re-enlisted at Camp's landing near Norfolk in Virginia in Capt. Pearce's company of artillery for three years which was attached to Col Charles Harrison's regiment of artillery in the line of the State of Virginia on continental soldiers enlistment. That he continued to serve in that corps for three years when he was discharged from the said service at Morristown in the State of Pennsylvania. He was in the Battle at the Long bridge<sup>1</sup> where Capt. Fordyce [Charles Fordyce] was killed. He was aforesaid with Col Harrison at Gwin's Island [sic, Gwynn Island]. He was with the army at Valley Forge. He was in the Battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. He was marched from Monmouth to the White Plains, and was there detached from Harrison's and put under the command of Col Crane at Providence, was then marched to Newport and was there at the Siege of Prescots [Richard Prescott] army [perhaps a reference to the Battle of Rhode Island or the Siege of Newport, August 29, 1778], from whence he was marched to Morristown into winter quarters and closed his continental service. He was with the Virginia militia at the close of the war at Yorktown in Virginia. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 made in open court the following oath. I do solemnly swear that I was a valid citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any measure disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and vital Service of the United States in the revolutionary war " passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor any persons in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. To wit: one mare 7 head of cattle 7 head of small hogs. -- He is a tailor by trade and is not able to follow his trade for the want of eye sight, -- has five in family besides himself, to wit: his

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1 Sic, Battle of Great Bridge was fought December 9, 1775, in the area of Great Bridge, Virginia, during the American Revolutionary War. The victory by the Continental Army was responsible for removing Lord Dunmore and any other vestige of English Government for the Colony of Virginia during the early days of the Revolution. Shortly thereafter, Norfolk, (at the time a Tory center) was captured and destroyed, cementing Continental hold on Virginia.

wife, aged 52 years, very infirm and not able to support herself, 4 children to wit: Nancy aged 24 years, Thomas aged 16 years, Hugh aged 14 years, and Susanna aged 12 years dependents and not more than able to support themselves.

S/ 'Hugh Robertson'

Sworn to and declared this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820.

I Rolfe Eldridge Jr. clerk of the Superior court of Buckingham county in the Commonwealth of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto assessed, are truly copied from the records of the said court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court, that the total amounts in value of the property scheduled in the aforesaid schedule is Eighty [Dollars?] [Patch on the original obscures the last word].

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said court on this twentieth day of October 1820.

S/ Rolfe Eldridge Jr. Clerk of the  
Superior court of Law of Buckingham

[f p. 10: On February 11, 1839 in Buckingham County Virginia, Susan Robertson, 69, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Hugh Robertson, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she was married to him a great many years ago but being illiterate she does not remember the day and year but knows it was in the month of January; that she was married by Parson Sanders in Powhatan County Virginia; that her husband died nearly 6 years ago. John Ligon, 62, appeared as a witness giving affidavit in support of the claim filed by his sister Susan Robertson; that he remembers his father going with Hugh Robertson to the clerk's office of Cumberland County to obtain a license to marry his sister; that he recalls Robertson going to Parson Sanders' of Powhatan County to be married and that after their return they lived together as man and wife. It was also proof offered that the veteran died May 3rd, 1833.]

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Cole Robertson Of Hugh Robertson and Jemima His Wife Was Born the 29th December 1780

Elizabeth C Robinson Was Born 16 January 1783

Camel Robertson was born the 25th May 1784

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I was married the first time this 17th of August 1777

William Albert Robertson son of William Robertson and Polly his wife was born the 28 of November 1818

Ede Robertson daughter of Hugh Robertson and Susanna his wife was born the 8th day 1787

William Robertson was born the 18th of March 1789

Anna Robertson was born the 5th January 1791

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We was married the 4th of January 1787

Atwood Robertson was born the 21st July 1793

Richard Robertson was born 4th October 1795

Sally Robertson was born 24th of September 1797

Hugh Roberson [sic] was born the 9th of October 175? [last digit written over and unclean] r

John Robertson was born the 8th of March 1800

Thomas Robertson was born the 13 November 1802

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Hugh Robertson Son of Hugh Robertson and Susanna his wife was born the 16th of June 1806

Susanna Robertson was born the 24th June 1809

Mary Susanna was born the 26th of February 1820

Richard Ligon son of William Ligon was born the 10th of September 1772

Thomas Robertson Son of Coal Robertson & Kusiah [Keziah?] his wife was born 10th day of January in the year of our Lord 1809

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William Woody son of William Woody and Edy Woody his wife was born the 6th of October in the year while Lord 1813

Richard R Woody was born 13th of December 1815

Nancy R Woody was born [illegible] of February in the year of our Lord 1818

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I certify that Hugh Robertson served as a corporal in the 1st Regiment of Continental artillery from 20th of December 1776 till 21st of July 1778, and from that time as a Sergeant till he was discharged at Morris town December 20th 1779.

Given under my hand this 5th day of August 1783

S/ Samuel Coleman

Ct. 1<sup>st</sup> regt. cont'l arty

[certified as a true copy by Wm H. Richardson Commissioner of the Executive Department August 1840. A very compromised original of this certificate is contained in the online collection posted by the [Library of Virginia](#) under its bounty land filings.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 19th, 1820, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836. Her pension was subsequently increased to \$116.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]