

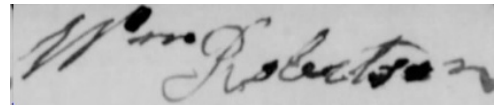
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Robertson W2668      Nancy Robertson      VA  
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State of Tennessee }  
Sevier County      }      County Court September Session 1832

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, being a court of record, now sitting, William Robertson resident of said County and State aged about seventy four 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 provisions made by an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he was born in the city of London, England, as well as he recollects sometime in the year 1758. That he came to America in the year 1773 being about 15 years old. that he landed not far from Richmond Va. that he settled in Greenbriar County Va [sic: Greenbrier County now in West Virginia]. and continued to live there until sometime in June 1780 when he enlisted in the continental army of the United States in the Virginia line, for a term of eighteen months. that he enlisted in Greenbriar County in the state of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Wallace who was commanded by Major Ridly [sic: Thomas Ridley] and the Regiment to which this company was attached was commanded by Colonel – Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford]. applicant states that he marched with his company under the said Captain Wallis to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] N.C. where he joined the main army, or his Regiment at least, under the said Col. Bluford. from Hillsboro the army marched after detaining there a short time, to Charlotte N.C. where Gen'l. Green took the command of the American army. [sic: Nathanael Green, 3 Dec 1780] From Charlotte N.C. the army marched to the Cheraw hills [in South Carolina], where applicant recollects a certain James Chapman was shot for desertion. Adjutant Russel read his sentence. After remaining at the Cheraw hills sometime applicant states that he was transferred to a company commanded by Captain Andy [sic: George Handy], Lieutenant Guthrie [possibly George Guthrey], which company was attached to Col. Henry Lee's Regiment of light infantry. in said Regiment under the command of the said Col. Lee applicant marched down to the Hickory grove on the great Pee dee river, where the said Regiment embarked in boats and went down to Georgetown, where they arrived after laying bye the last day in a cane-break. at cockcrow in the morning [of 24 Jan 1781] when the British centinals were crying "all's well" our Regiment were divided into several parties and a certain point of attack assigned to each party. the party to which applicant belonged was conducted by a Mr. Bryer a citizen of Georgetown against the quarters of Col. [George] Campbell who commanded the British forces in Georgetown Applicants party succeeded in capturing Col. Campbell at the point of the bayonette. he was paroled on the ground. after Col. Campbell had been surrounded, he appeared unwilling to surrender, when Captain Michael Rudolph stepped up and enquired are you not going to surrender? at the same time declaring that he commanded five hundred of the best men that America afforded. after which Campbell surrendered. very shortly after Campbell and Major Cruikshanks had surrendered and were paroled our Regiment retreated rapidly and the enemy gave us a parting salutation with grape shot. Capt. Andy and Captain [Patrick] Carnes having become seperated from the Regiment at Georgetown, applicant fell under the command of Captain Rudolph at the rate of fifty miles a day until they arrived to Bells mill, which applicant believes was on Haw river [probably the Bell's Mill on a branch of Deep River in Randolph County NC]. Our men marched a few miles from the mill and encamped in a barn. here in the night an express arrived informing us that the British were at the mill a few miles in our rear, upon which we marched forthwith about twenty miles passing through the American militia and took post in the rear of the Continentals. this was when the American army lay encamped near Guilford in the spring of 1781. Just before the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] Col. Lee took applicant from the ranks and ordered him to remain as a guard of some diseased horses, which guard was first under the command of Captain Johnston, and afterwards under the command of Quartermaster Carrington. This guard applicant states was but a short

distance from the battle ground, and was kept up for several weeks after the battle. invalids and the wounded were also placed under this guard. Before the main army marched to the south applicant had leave on account of sickness to remain on Smiths river [Smith River in Henry County], Virginia, with a pass from Quartermaster Carrington to follow on as soon as he recovered. applicant states that he was for some time sick and unable to march after the main army, and was detained for several months attending to others, and he marched towards the main army so soon as he was able in company with Jacob Minor & Samuel Meredith [pension application W9565], and that sometime in September as he now believes he met with his Regiment at the high hills of Santee [in Sumter County SC]. applicant states that from this time Lee's light infantry of which he was one was used and detained as the life guard of Gen'l. Greene. he states that from this time to the time of the expiration of his term of service in Decem. 1781 he believes he acted as the life guard of Gen'l. Greene. At the time of the expiration of his term of service applicant states that the Virginia line to which he belonged, was marched up under Major Sneed [sic: Smith Sneed] and Edmonds [Cap. Thomas Edmonds] to Charlotte, where applicant got a discharge signed by these two men, and returned home to Lancaster District S.C. applicant states that he lived in Greenbriar until he entered the army and at the end of his service he settled in Lancaster District S.C. where he continued to live until 1829 when he moved to Sevier County Tennessee where he has lived ever since. applicant states that he has lost his discharge. he has no record of his age but believes he is seventy four years old from the belief that he was 15 years old when he came to the United States, which he knows was in the year 1773. Applicant states that he served eighteen months as a private in the continental army of the untied states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his service. he further states that he does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state



#### NOTES:

On 16 March 1853 Nancy Robertson, aged 48, applied for a pension stating that she married William Robertson on 11 Dec 1838, and he died on 15 Jan 1847. The file contains a copy of the license for the marriage of William Robeson and Nancy Shepard dated 1 Dec 1837 in Sevier County with a statement by Jesse Davis, J.P., that the marriage occurred on 10 Dec 1837. On 27 April 1855 Nancy Robertson, "over fifty," of Sevier County, applied for bounty land.

On 13 Sep 1865 Nancy Robertson, 63, applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which period she had subsisted "by toils and labors of her own hands and partially by the assistance of her daughters and friends." On 2 July 1866 she again applied, giving her age as 62, and stating that during the Civil War she "lived upon the charity of her children, she being unable to gain a livelyhood by manual labor." On 6 Nov 1871 she applied for an increase in pension, with her age given as 74 and mailing address as Henrys Crossroads in Sevier County.

The file also contains the following application for bounty land

#### CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR BOUNTY LAND

State of Tennessee, County of Jefferson, SS:

On this 18 day of January A.D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety personally appeared before me a J.P. of the County of Jefferson a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Nancy Robertson, aged 104 years, a resident of Shady Grove in the County of Jefferson, in the State of Tennessee who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William Robertson, deceased, who was the identical William Robertson who served under the name of William Robertson as a [blank] in the Company commanded by Captain [blank], in the [blank] Regiment of [blank], commanded by [blank] in the war of the Revolution that her said husband Enlisted at Charleston SC on or about the she can't remember the time A. D. for the term of [blank] and continued in actual

service in said war for the term of [blank], and whose service terminated by reason of he served 18 months at [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank] A. D. She further states that the following is a full description of said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: Age near 80 years [sic] a Saddler Born in Scotland 5 ft high blue eyes Black hair She further states that she was married to the said William Robertson in the city (or town) of [blank] in the County of Sevier and in the State of Tennessee on the [blank] day of [blank] A. D. 1833 by one Jesse Davis who was a Justice of the Peace and that her name before her said marriage was Breden and she further states that [blank] and that her said husband William Robertson died at Sevierville in the State of Tennessee on the [blank] day of [blank] A. D. 1840 and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her husband since the date of his discharge from the army, viz: and lived in Sevier County until 1885 then moved to Shady Grove Tenn