

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Robeson (Robason) W39 Elizabeth fn43NC
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Daniel Robason senr. of the County of Martin & State of North Carolina being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith as follows.

I was born in the County of Martin and have resided in the same to the present time. I have no record of my age but from my own calculation since I was released by my father at which time I was twenty-one years old I am now about seventy-four years old. I performed service in the Revolutionary War about nine months. The circumstances attending the same are these. I volunteered under Captain Michael Little and was stationed at Wilmington in this State at the time when Independence was declared. Here I remained for three months. The other officers commanding at this place I cannot name with certainty. I was drafted for my second tour from the Regiment of this County marched to Guilford Court House & was present at the battle at that place. The company to which I was attached was commanded by Captain Benjamin Hardison, Lieutenant Robin Daniel. The Regiment was under the command of Colonel Whitmell Hill, Colonel Kenneth McKensie, Major John Everitt. The whole Army was under the command of General Greene. We had not been in the camp long before the battle. Upon the engagement our forces were dispersed & we had to retreat to the Iron Works where all the militia were ordered. Here we remained a few days & then marched in the rear of the enemy until we encamped on Haw River at Ramsey's Mills, where I remained until my term of service expired & I was discharged. In my third tour I volunteered under Captain Cone & was marched to Halifax in this State. Here sixty of us were taken out & put under the command of Colonel Coleman who marched us beyond the Cape Fear River to subdue and arrest Tories. In this service we were much exposed & succeeded in arresting many of the Tories: We were engaged in this service when peace was proclaimed, upon which we were discharged. The term of three months for which I enlisted was not quite expired when I was discharged. I received regular discharges at the termination of each tour but I have either lost or mislaid them not estimating them as of much importance after peace. I know of no person living who can prove my service at Wilmington & under Colonel Coleman: I am not now apprised of any other person who speaks with certainty of my service at Guilford except Josiah Lilley Senior whose affidavit is hereto annexed. I refer to the annexed affidavit for evidence of my character for veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me at the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for the County of Martin at the Court House in Williamson on 8th day of October 1832. Thus
S/ Larence Cherry, Chairman S/ Daniel Robason, sr, X his mark
[Joel Smithwick, Noah Riddick & Wm Daniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Martin County

Josiah Lilley Senior of the said State & County being sworn deposed & saith:
That he served 3 months during the Revolutionary War, and was at the battle of Guilford Court House. He distinctly recollects that Daniel Robason Senior was a soldier in that tour & served throughout the time for which he was drafted which was 3 months.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 23rd of September 1832

Test S/ Robert Lanier, JP

S/ Josiah Lilley, Senior X his mark

[fn p. 35]

Amended Declaration of Daniel Robason Senior in conformity with the regulations of the War Department and his explanation of the objections forted, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the Peace for the County of Martin in the State of North Carolina Daniel Robason Senior who being duly sworn Deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For 3 months -- I served as a soldier under Captain Michael Little at Wilmington. For 3 months -- I served as a soldier under Colonel Hill at the battle of Guilford etc. For 2 months I served as a soldier under Colonel Coleman and for such service I claim a pension.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State -- And I further state that at the time the declaration & certificates were made in court it was not convenient for me to procure the certificate of a clergyman, thinking the certificate of magistrates was sufficient.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th March 1833

Witness: S/ James Burroughs, JP

S/ Daniel Robason, sr, X his mark

[Joseph Biggs Senior, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p;. 9: on November 3, 1845, in Haywood County Tennessee, Elizabeth Robeson, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Daniel Robeson, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him November 24 1785 in Martin County North Carolina; that they were married by Henry Hunter, JP for said County; that her husband died in Martin County North Carolina August 9, 1835; that in 1838 she removed from Martin County North Carolina to Haywood County Tennessee which he now resides; and that she remains a widow.]

[fn p. 14: on May 17, 1845, Simon Griffin testified in Martin County that he was present at the marriage of his sister Elizabeth Griffin to Daniel Robeson; that the marriage took place some 50 or more years ago in the dwelling house of their father John Griffin when Elizabeth was 18 or 20 years of age.]

[fn p. 10: Bryant Robeson of Haywood County Tennessee gave testimony that the family Bible of Daniel Robeson has been in his possession since the death of Daniel Robeson; that the family record is in the hand writing of Luke Bennet of Martin County North Carolina who wrote the record at the special request of Daniel Robeson during his lifetime; that the original record reads as follows:

"Daniel Robason and Elizabeth his wife was Married November the 24th day of the year while Lord 1785." The relationship, if any, of Bryant Robeson to Daniel Robeson is not stated.]
[f n p. 17: family record

"Daniel Robason and Elizabeth his wife was Married November the 24th day in the year of our Lord 1785

Jasper Robason their Son was born April the 10th Anno domini 1787

Nancy Robason their Daughter was born September 7th Anno domini 1789

Charity Robason their Daughter was born August the 6th Anno domini 1791

Griffin Robason their Son was born September the 24th day 1793

Elizabeth Robason their Daughter was born November the 10th day Anno domini 1795

Armiza that [sic] Daughter was born January the 1st day Anno domini 1798

Daniel their Son Was Born February the 21st Day Anno domini 1803

Clary their Daughter was born December the 20th day Anno 1804

Bryant their Son Was Born June the 14th Day Anno 1809

Elizabeth their Daughter was born August the 16th Anno 1811

[different handwriting]

Joel Pery [sic, could be Paul Pery—Joel Perry?] & Armiza the Sun & Daughter of Joel Pery and Amriza his wife was Born September the 5th Anno 1837

Melvina Robertson the wife of Bryan Robertson was Born in the year of our Lord November the 5th Ana 1815

Bryan Robason and Melvina his wife was Married in the year of our Lord December the 26 Day 1833

Thomas H. Benton Robertson their Son Was Born in the year of our Lord May the 9th anna 1835

Marry ann Frances Daughter of Bryan Robertson and Melvina his w with himife was Born in the year of our Lord September the 29th anno 1836 and 18A him innno 1838

John Daniel thar Sun was born in the year of our Lord Aprel the

Hyman Lulley Sun of Ebenzaear Lulley and Armiza Lilley his Wife was born November the 14th Day anno 1817

Thomas T. Leilley their Sun was Born March the 21st Day anna 1821

Enoch Lilley was their Sun was born September the 13th Day anna 1822

Daniel Lilley their Sun Was born July the 9th Day anno 1826

LuenEizar fain thair Daughter was Born in the year of our Lord November the 2nd ann 1839

George Washington was their Sum was born August the 6th in the year of our Lord Anno 1841

Nancy Elizabeth Robertson the Daughter of Bryan Robertson & Melvina his wife was Born November the 30 in the year of our Lord Anno 1843

Armiza Robason Daughter of Reuben Robason and Charity his wife was born May the 27th Day 1813

Drupiney their Daughter Born february the 27th Day 1817

Jasper Robason Son of Daniel Robason Died September the 7th 1823

Nancy Robason their Daughter Died august the 6th 1795

Charisa Robason their Daughter Died November the 21st 1822

Elizabeth Robason their Daughter Died August 22 Day 1817

Daniel Robason Sr. Died August the 9th in the year of our Lord 1835]