

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Robertson (Robinson) W4324 Elizabeth Robertson VA
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Virginia

Botetourt County Virg

On this 9th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for said County John Robinson aged 71 years on the 12 instant, who being first duly sworn according to Law – doth on his Oath make the following Declaration, (in Order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820) That he enlisted for the term of five years – in the year 1781 – under Captain Kirkpatrick [see endnote] of the 4th Virginia Regt. on Continental establishment Commanded by Col. Barbour – That he continued to serve in sd Corps untill November 1782 when he was discharged – That he was present at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – and that he has no other evidence of his said service now in his power –

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1820 [sic] and that have not since that time by sale, gift, or otherwise, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent to diminish it & thereby bring myself within the provision of the act of Congress for the relief of the soldiers of the revolutionary war, passed on the 18th march 1818 And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, securities, contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than is contained in the Schedule by me subscribed & hereto annexed – Schedule

One mare, one cow, one heiffer, one set old plough train, one axe & mattock, one wedge, & draw knife, one sythe & old hoe – one fire shovel & thongs – two ovens, one pot, one skillet, one frying pan, pot rack, smoothing iron pewter dish & basin, 6 knives & four forks 6 cups & saucers, 8 plates 3 old milk crocks – That he is a labourer but has to depend upon the charity of his relations for support – That he has no family living with him except a wife 60 years old – and his daughter aged 16 years.

John hisXmark Robertson

State of Virginia, Montgomery County Ss

On this 3rd day of February 1840 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Montgomery County, being a court of record, Elizabeth Robinson, a resident of said county and state, aged about 81 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of John Robinson deceased, who was a soldier in the war of the revolution, and whose services, and the names of his officers, and all the particulars connected with his services are set forth in a declaration made by the said John Robinson before the county court of Botetourt some years ago, and to which she begs that reference may be made. She has often heard her husband relate the particulars of his service but from old age on the part of your applicant, & consequent loss of memory, she is unable at present to state them. She however remembers that his Captains name was Killpatrick and his General, was Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850], it was in the county of Frederick in this state, that he enlisted. She has been informed by a late communication, received from the War department that the said John Robinson entered the service in 1781 and was discharged November 1782, but she is strongly inclined to the opinion that he had been in the service before that period, for she was married to him in the year 1775 or 1776 and she feels well convinced that he left her some short time after their marriage, and went into service. She is also inclined to the opinion that he served several tours, but it is impossible for her now at this late period to be particular or certain on that subject. She further declares that she was married to the said John Robinson on the ____ day of ____ in the year 1775 or 1776, the precise date she cannot now remember, that her husband & herself both being unlearned they kept no family register. she was married to the said John Robinson in the county of Frederick, by a minister of the Gospel, who published the Banns of matrimony, that no marriage license was obtained, and consequently

she is unable to procure any documentary evidence, as will appear by the certificate of the clerk of Frederick County and that she does not know of any person now living by whom she can prove her marriage. That her husband the aforesaid John Robinson died in the county of Botetourt on the [blank] day of [blank] 18[last two digits blank] – some 16 or 17 years ago, perhaps longer, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before the County Court of Montgomery, now in session.

Elizabeth herXmark Robinson

[The applicant later stated that her name should have been spelled Elizabeth Robertson.]

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Robinson, John.]

Virginia, Montgomery County Sgt.

This day Elizabeth Robertson of said county personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace, and after being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath state that, soon after her marriage with John Robinson, who is now dead, he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Kilpatrick, or Kirkpatrick, in the regiment commanded by Colo. McGuire [unknown], (as she now believes) that she understood that he had enlisted to serve for and during the war, that he left her and went into the service, where he continued until after the close of the war, that he did not return to her until sometime after Cornwallis was taken, except on one occasion, when he came to see her on furlow, and staid but a short time, and went again into the service.

Elizabeth herXmark Robinson

Sworn to and subscribed by the above named Elizabeth Robinson who is a person entitled to credit, this 8th day of April 1834

J. Wade

NOTES:

By an arrangement made on 10 Feb 1781 at Chesterfield Courthouse VA (<http://revwarapps.org/b160.pdf>), Capt. Abraham Kirkpatrick (BLWt1210-300) was attached to the 4th Virginia Continental Regiment commanded by Col. John Nevill (BLWt1595-500) and Lt. Col. Richard Campbell (BLWt347-450). I could not identify a Col. Barbour.

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists John Robertson/ age 30/ height 5' 8"/ brown hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ shoemaker/ born in England/ residing in Frederick County where he enlisted in March 1782 for three years. Robertson may have served previous to this enlistment.

On 7 Mar 1840 Nicholas Kern of Frederick County stated that his aunt, Elizabeth Kern, married John Robertson in the Lutheran Church. On 11 Feb 1840 John Navill stated that he had lived with John and Elizabeth Robertson "as much at their house, as at my mothers" and moved with them from Frederick to Botetourt County in 1784 or 1785, when he was 11 or 12 years old, and that he continued to live with them and their large family of children three or four years.