

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robertson W5742

Mary

f31VA

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State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

On this 26 day of September 1838 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid Mary Robertson aged about 77 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 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to Certain widows –"

That she is the widow of John Robertson late of Lunenburg County, who was a soldier of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment, and in the militia service of Virginia, in the war of the Revolution – That she does not pretend to know anything respecting the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary War: that she has always understood and believes the statements to be correct, that he served in the Virginia Continental line and militia for a considerable length of time: for evidence of service, length of service, rank in the line, the Regiments, Officers, battles &c she refers to the Army Records of the period and accompanying certificates of old and [word written over and illegible] soldiers who served with him in the Army of the revolution: all of which, she prays may be taken in considered as part of this her Declaration –

She further declares that she was married to the said John Robertson on the 28th day of July 1781; that her husband, the aforesaid John Robertson died on the 21st day of January 1831; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794; to which, at the time above stated –

S/ Mary Robertson, X her mark

[f p. 6: copy of a marriage bond issued to John Robertson & Benjamin Weatherford in the County of Lunenburg on July 27, 1781 condition of the marriage of John Robertson to Molly Weatherford.]

[f p. 17: On April 22, 1843 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, the widow renewed her application for a pension. In this document she says that her age is 80 and that she is now a resident of Mecklenburg County Virginia.]

[f p. 27]

Virginia Lunenburg County to wit:

I Benjamin Evans do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with John Robertson late of Lunenburg, and his wife Mary, in the Revolutionary War, and know the facts that said Robertson and wife were married in Lunenburg County just before the close of the

Revolutionary war, but after the last period of his service, and before the year 1794 – I further certify that he enlisted in the Regular Service in Cumberland County, under Captain John Morton, for the term of three years and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, and served said term faithfully – He then removed to the County of Lunenburg was engaged to Mary Witherford, his present widow, was drafted in the Militia, and the marriage postponed until his return from the Army and was then married to said Mary Witherford – I further certify, that said Mary, the widow of said John Robertson, is still a widow, and has remained so ever since the death of said John Robertson – He died in January 1831

S/ Benjamin Evans

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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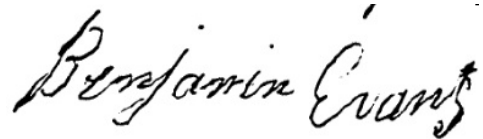
Addendum to John Robertson W5742

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit: [26 Sep 1838]

I Benjamin Evans do hereby certify, that John Robertson, late of Lunenburg County, in the year 1776, enlisted under Capt John Morton in Cumberland County, for the term of three years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution. He marched to the north, and joined the Grand Army under Washington, and served the said term faithfully.



To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs, and legal representatives of John Robertson, deceased, late of Lunenburg County, who was a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment, in the War of the Revolution: Respectfully Shewith:

That the said John Robertson, in the Spring of 1776, in the County of Cumberland, enlisted as a soldier under Capt John Morton, for the term of three years and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Lawson, and General Stevens. He served the said term faithfully, and was regularly discharged from service. All of which will more readily appear, by reference to the Army Register of the Continental line, and the accompanying certificates of old soldiers who served with him.

Your Memorialist further state that the said John Robertson in his life time never applied for, or drew the Land Bounty promised by the State of Virginia to her soldiers of the Continental line: nor have the heirs of said John Robertson, since his death, drawn the same.

Your Memorialist therefore, humbly pray that, your Excellency will grant them the usual gratuity of land allowed a soldier of the continental line for the service of three years pursuant to the laws of Virginia, And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Virginia: Lunenburg Count to wit:

This day Jonas Robertson a son, and one of the heirs of John Robertson, deceased came before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid and made oath that the facts set forth in the foregoing Memorial, he believed to be true. Given under my hand this 27th day of September 1838.

George L Bayse JP