

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Berry W5795

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State of North Carolina County of Lincoln

On this 1st day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Superior Court of law for said County Robert Berry a resident of Lincoln County & State of North Carolina aged about 70 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he was drafted for the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. – I served under Major Harris & Captain Jacob Collins – I entered the service in the month of April in the year 1780 marched from Tryon – now Lincoln County North Carolina on to Charleston South Carolina where I was taken prisoner & remained in the custody of the British until December 1787 [sic, 1781?] when I was exchanged – I then was drafted under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & started to Wilmington NC, but when we had proceeded fifteen miles beyond Charlotte we were ordered back to Lincoln to serve under Colonel Joseph Dickson under whom I served three months & collected the Tories. I was engaged in no battles except the siege of Charleston. I recollect none of the Continental regiments. I knew General Lincoln of the regular Army, who commanded the Southern Army. I have no documentary evidence of my services. I can procure the testimony of James Robison & ~~Robert Glenn~~ who entered the service with many, continued & quit the Army with many. – I was drafted for both terms of service. – I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Berry

S/ Lawson Henderson, Clk

[Jas. Robison¹ & Saml. Glenn² gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1762

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

¹ This man signed his name "James Robertson"

² This man signed his name "Samuel Glen"

Ans. I have no record of my age

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Lincoln (then Tryon) County North Carolina where I have lived ever since

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I have answered in my declaration

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I have answered in my declaration

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a discharge

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. It being inconvenient to procure a clergyman I refer the court [to] Saml. Glen James Robeson & Major L. Henderson Clerk of the Court

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Personally appeared before made the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid Robert Berry of the said County of Lincoln who being duly sworn deposes & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot positively swear to the precise time of service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below as a private Soldier this In the year 1780 under Major Harris & Captain Jacob Collins two months & a half as before stated in my former declaration & was then taken a prisoner by the British in the City of Charleston (South Carolina) & was in a few days after paroled by them & permitted to return home, that it was not less than three months from the time he entered the service of the United States until he returned home upon said parole & was not permitted again to serve until he was exchanged for by the United States which was in about the 15th months after (as well as he now recollects – That he was drafted again after his exchange sometime in the year 1781 & served three months under Captain Loflin under the command of Colonel Joseph Dickson as before stated in his former declaration for which service he now claims a pension – he also answers upon oath the following Interrogatories this

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – I lived in Lincoln County North Carolina (then Tryon County) where I now live & lived ever since said War –

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was drafted & never served as a substitute for anyone

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I knew General Lincoln who commanded the United States Army at the Siege of Charlestown. I knew General Rutherford who commanded the Militia in North Carolina also Colonel Joseph Dickson a militia officer of said State the general circumstances of my service I have stated in my former declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received any written discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – I am known to James Glen, Samuel Glen, James Robeson & the Reverend James S Adams a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church & who can certify as to my veracity & their belief of my services, the depositions of the said James Robeson, James Glenn & the Reverend James L Adams are hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 21st day of June A.D. 1833

S/ Robert Berry

S/ William Berry, JP

[fn p. 55: James S Adams, a clergyman and James Glenn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 56]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

James Glenn³ personally appeared before many William Berry one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with Robert Berry a Citizen of said County and State. That he was a soldier in the Revolution as private under Thomas Loftin (Captain). That he went into service in December 1781 as he believes and that he was called out for three months Tour and that he served until discharged and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day of March 1833 before me

S/ William Berry, JP

S/ James Glenn

[fn p. 58]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

This day personally appeared in open Court James Robeson and made oath that Robert Berry now an applicant for a pension served at the same time with myself under the same officers and that the declaration made by him is substantially true. Sworn to & subscribed in open court S 1st day of November 1832

S/ Lawson Henderson, Clerk

S/ James Robertson⁴

[fn p. 59]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

³ [James Glenn S21768](#)

⁴ [James Robertson S7405](#)

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears in the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Robert Barry a private Soldier, in Captain Doharty's Company of the 6th Regiment, entered the service on the ___ day of 1777 for the term of the war. "Omitted July 1779." Was allowed by commissioners who sat at Warrenton in 1783, 93 pounds 18 shillings & 1d (£93.18.01)

Given under my hand this 24th day of January 1848

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 15: on June 4, 1845 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Nancy Berry, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Berry, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him sometime in the year 1791; and that her husband died May 23, 1835.]

[fn p. 48: Nancy Barry gave testimony supplementing her application stating that although she and her husband lived in Lincoln County North Carolina, they lived near the South Carolina line & for convenience they went over the line into York District South Carolina and were married there by a justice of the peace whose name was "Henry" [sic, probably Henry].

[fn p. 17: on August 9, 1845, in Cleveland County North Carolina, Anne Irby gave testimony that from the records of the ages of her two first children she knew that Robert Berry and Nancy Berry were married as man and wife before the birth of her second child, which was Thomas Kendrick Irby,⁵ who was born April 30th, 1793 as appears from the record of his age in her possession.]

[fn p. 40: James Craig gave testimony that he is confident that Robert Berry and Nancy Glenn were married at least one year and 6 months prior to January 1794. The original of Craig's indenture to John Jackson in York District, SC, as an apprentice hatter—1794—fn p. 49]

[fn p. 62]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: On this 6th day of October 1846, personally appeared before many A. B. Cox one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County James Robison who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith on his oath that he was well acquainted with Robert Berry late of this County Revolutionary Soldier and that he believes that he was married to Nancy Berry now his widow previous to the year 1794 that he the said Robison was married in the year 1797, and that the said Berry was married and had two children living previous to his marriage and that his Berry's eldest child John was bit with a mad dog and got crur it [sic, cured?] previous to his marriage.

S/ A. B. Cox, JP

S/ James Robeson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

⁵ She filed in her own right for a pension as the widow of [John Irby W5003](#)