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Pension application of William Robins W9266

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State of Indiana Decatur County: On this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Decatur Circuit Court for the County of Decatur now in session William Robins a resident of the County of Decatur and State of Indiana aged seventy-two years the 21st of the present month who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He [illegible word or words] the service of the United States as a ~~volunteer~~ in the month of October 1777 and served for one month and Major Dugan's company of light horse in Randolph County North Carolina and served under General Greene, Colonel Dugan, Major Dugan, Captain Joseph Clark & Lieutenant Joseph Gray (Ensign forgotten). He left the service in the month of November same year. He then afterwards on the 22nd day of September 1778 in it the service a second time under General Greene Colonel Anthony Sharp (Major forgotten) Captain Joseph Clark Lieutenant William Gray Ensign Robert Gray and 1st Sergeant John Clark. He left the service the 22nd or 23rd of September 1779 after serving faithfully for one year which added to his former tour of one month makes one year and one month. He then in the month of August 1781 volunteered, and served a 3rd tour under General Greene, Colonel Dugan, Major Dugan Captain Joseph Clark, Lieutenant William Gray and Ensign Robert Gray -- he left it the service in the month of February 1782 after serving faithfully for 5 months -- which added to his former two tours makes the term of eighteen months for which he claims a pension. At the time of his entering the service the several tours he resided in Randolph County North Carolina and continued to reside there until the War was over. The second and third tours, he volunteered, and the first was drafted. He was in several skirmishes with the Tories, but was in no real Battles. During his first tour he marched from the Cross Roads in Randolph County North Carolina to Van Cannon's lower down the River from thence through what was called the Scotch settlements in pursuit of the noted Tory Fannen [Sic, David Fanning] from thence to the raft swamps from thence to Deep River -- there he remained stationed for some time and then marched to Salisbury North Carolina from thence to the Yadkin River to the Island Ford -- from thence to Abbott's Creek from thence to Hugh[indecipherable word or words] -- from thence to William Bell's on Deep River who was the commissary for the Regiment from thence back to Cross Roads where he was discharged. During his second tour he marched from the Cross Roads into Guilford County North Carolina there he was stationed for three weeks from thence he crossed the Dan River to [indecipherable word or words] Creek where he remained for near a month -- from thence he returned to near the Moravian Towns where he remained stationed for some time at

Esquire Brooks from thence across the South fork of the Yadkin River and remained stationed for some time when he went to Salisbury where he was stationed for 6 months as a guard to the magazine in consequence of the Virginia troops who had formerly guarded the same being nearly all sick. He was then marched [indecipherable word or words] the Yadkin to Grassy Islands from thence to [indecipherable word] River -- to Commissary William Bell's where he remained for some time as a guard when he was marched to the Cross roads in Randolph County where he was discharged. During his third and last term he marched from the cross roads to the head of Little River from thence to the Scotch settlement on the East side of Pedee [River], where he remained for near a month stationed from thence he marched back to Bell's on Deep River where he also remained for a month, he then marched again to the banks of Pedee -- from thence to the Raft Swamps from thence to Deep River to Bell's where he remained for some time near a month when he was marched down the River to Wilcox's Iron works -- thence to Pedee -- thence up the trading Roads to the cross roads where he was discharged with strict orders to be ready at a moment's warning when he should again be wanted. He recollects of serving with three hundred regulars for some time at Salisbury. He does not remember any militia companies or regiments only those 2 whom he was attached. He well remembers General Greene -- Colonel Anthony Sharp, General Bluford & General Caswell. He has no written or documentary evidence and he knows of but one person living who can testify to his service (see Bathiah Robins affidavit) -- He 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry H. Talbert, Clk

S/ William Robins

[William Evans, a clergyman, and Joseph E. English gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the 7 Questions prescribed by the War Department

Answer to first Question I was born in Randolph County North Carolina the 21st of October 1761. Answer to 2nd Question. I have a record of my age in my Bible at home. Answer 3rd When I entered the service I was residing in Randolph County North Carolina and continued to reside there until the War was over -- then I removed to Franklin County Virginia where I resided for 25 years then I removed to Henry County Kentucky where I resided for many years when I removed to Decatur County Indiana where I now reside. Answer to 4th Question the first tour I was a volunteer the 2nd I was drafted and the 3rd I was a volunteer. 5th Answer -- I cannot now state the names of any particular Continental Regiments or companies or Militia companies or Regiments and the 300 Regulars who were with the troops where I served at Salisbury -- I recollect General Greene, General Bluford, General Caswell and Colonel Sharp the general circumstances of my service are stated within. Answer 6th I received a written discharge from Captain Joseph Clark it is long since lost. Answer to 7th Question. Esquire & Colonel Thomas Hendricks, the Honorable Amos Lane, Esquire Bryant and all who know me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry H. Talbert, Clk

S/ William Robins

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State of Indiana Decatur County: On this 20th day of December 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Decatur William Robins the above named applicant for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Amendment to his former

Declaration for a pension (see Declaration herewith sent) (to wit) He was drafted (instead of volunteering as he has formerly stated in his declaration) in the month of October 1777 and served for one month or until the month of November same year under Colonel Dugan, Major Dugan -- Captain Joseph Clark and other officers as he has mentioned in his declaration (see Declaration). He at the time of making his former Declaration was under the impression that he was commanded by General Greene the first 2 tours to wit the tour of one month and also the tour of one year but since that time he is convinced that he was mistaken in regard to that matter and he cannot now say positively what General did command at that time there were so many different ones but he does know most positively that the company and Regiment to which he belonged during his last tour (to wit) 5 months in the year 1781 and 1782 was subject to the command of General Greene and this is the reason why he ran into the error in his former Declaration. This deponent however well remark to the Department that it is possible that he may be wrong as it regards the militia but he cannot say what General officer did command him until it was General Greene. Deponent will not, nor cannot say positively what General officer commanded him during his first and second tours -- but he thinks it possible that General Rutherford might have commanded him during his first and second tour as aforesaid -- as it regards times, places and his other officers names he is still convinced that he is right. He will also say to the Department, that he is convinced of one more error (to wit) he was drafted his first tour and he volunteered his second tour and served for one year, the third tour also he volunteered -- he was drafted once only and when he made his former declaration he saw [indecipherable word] into the error in the aforesaid declaration, as I have altered it from "volunteered" to drafted and drafted to "volunteered."

And further deponent saith not.

S/ William Robins, X his mark

[fn p. 9: on July 5, 1842 in Decatur County Indiana, Bethiah Robins, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Robins; that her maiden name was Bethiah Vickery; that she was born in Guilford County North Carolina December 1, 1760; that she married William Robins in Guilford County North Carolina on February 27, 1779; that they were married by George Pope, a Baptist preacher at the house of Edward Miller; that her husband died in Decatur County Indiana February 11, 1834; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 12: on July 5, 1842 in Decatur County Indiana, Absalom Robins, a resident of said County, 76, gave testimony in support of the widow's application for a pension; he states that he is the brother of William Robins; that he was present at the marriage of his brother to Bethiah Vickery in Guilford County North Carolina and 1779.]

[facts in file: Absalom Robins was born September 11, 1765 in Randolph County, NC. The veteran and his wife had children but none are named in the file.]