

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Robison W9635

Methena

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[f p. 7]

The State of Indiana Clark County Sct.

In the Clark County Circuit Court at November term 1833

On this 4th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court in the Circuit Court of the said County of Clark now sitting being a Court of record Joseph Robinson [sic] a resident of said County aged seventy years on the 6th day of April 1833, who being duly sworn according to law in open Court 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 into the service of the United States in the year 1779 as a drafted militia man under the Command of one Captain John Collerel [John Cotterall?] at Albemarle Court house in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia and was employed in the service of guarding prisoners for and during the term of three months the term for which he was drafted and at the expiration of the term aforesaid got a discharge but has long since lost the same. That in the year 1780 he was drafted as a militia man under the command of Captain Trigg [perhaps John Trigg] for the term of three months in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia and served out his tour of service of three months for which he was drafted and received a discharge therefore but has long since lost the same, that in the same year to wit 1780 he served as a militia man for the full term of three months under the command of Captain Cummings of the County of Cammel [Campbell] or Bedford in the State of Virginia and at the end of the term aforesaid received a discharge. Declarant further states that in the year 1781 he enlisted into the service aforesaid in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia under the command of Captain Jacob Moon but and marched under the command of General Lawson [Robert Lawson] Colonel Linch [Charles Lynch] and Major Callaway to the State of North Carolina and was in the Battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] = declarant states that the Company to which he belonged at the Battle aforesaid after serving for the term of three months was discharged and that he received a discharge for the term aforesaid but has long since lost the same declarant states that during his service [indecipherable word or words] he was under the command of Colonel Callaway and during his services in 1780 that he was under the command of Colonel Meriwether and Major Decloman [Christian Charles de Klauman] a Frenchman that after the close of the revolutionary war he removed to the State of Kentucky where he resided until the year 18?3 [3rd digit written over and illegible] when he removed to the Territory of Indiana now the State of Indiana where he now and has ever since resided that he has no documentary Evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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 to as aforesaid

S/ Joseph Robison



[David Montgomery, Andrew Everman and Jonathan Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit, there being no clergyman in the neighborhood with whom the declarant has conversed on the subject.]

[f p. 22: Mathena Robison gave testimony on September 4, 1838 in Jefferson County Indiana that she is the widow of Joseph Robison who died September 6, 1834; that at the time of his death he was a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1789 on the 1st day of May; that following the death of her husband his pension certificate was given up to Thomas Posey the pension agent. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 13: copy of a marriage bond dated April 25, 1789 issued in Mercer County Kentucky to Joseph Robertson [sic] and William Fields conditioned upon the marriage of Joseph Robertson and Methany Wright.]

[f p. 16: On May 6, 1839 in Jefferson County Indiana, Miller Robison [sic] authenticated the family record attached to his affidavit



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[f p. 17: family record:

Joseph Robinson & Mathany Wright was married May 1st 1789

Mary Robison born March the 20th 1790

James and William Robison born April the 30th 1792

Nancy Robison born September the 5th 1794

Betsy Robison Born December the 1st 1796

John Robison born February the 15th 1799

Martha Robison born August the 12th 1801

Jemima Robison born September the 20th 1803

Miller Robison born March the 12th 1806

Methany Robison born May the 30th 1809

Jackson Robison born August the 10th 1816

Joseph died September 6 1834]

[f p. 2: On April 5, 1842 in Clark County Indiana, Mary Ray, 52, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Joseph and Mathany Robison of Clark County aforesaid; that she is their eldest child; that she was born March 20, 1790; that her parents kept a family record of the births of their children that she has frequently seen the family record in a Bible in the handwriting of her father; that her parents had 10 other children whose names and ages were all set down in the family record except one (the last) viz. James, William, Nancy, Elizabeth, John, Martha, Jemima, Miller, Mathany & Jackson the last & youngest whose age is 26 years on the 10th of August

next; that the family record was destroyed about 25 years ago as a result of the children using it at school; that she was present when her father died September 6, 1834 in the County of Clark, Indiana; that her father drew a pension as a revolutionary war soldier; that her father lived in Clark County Indiana about 22 years prior to his death having previously lived in Kentucky; that her father was about 72 years of age when he died; that her mother made application for a pension as the widow of her father in Jefferson County Indiana in April 1839 she thinks; that her mother now lives in Clark County Indiana and has never remarried; that her mother's maiden name was Wright; that she has often heard William Fields & Mary Fields, her step grandfather and grandmother, also Eleanor Crow & Elizabeth Milner and uncle William Robison say they were present and witnessed the marriage of her parents about the year 1789. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[Note: perhaps I missed it but I do not see in this file the original 1839 application for a pension filed by the widow. There are several other documents in the file making reference to the fact that she did apply and was granted a pension of \$40 per annum.]