

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Bigger W9734

Catharine

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State of Tennessee Montgomery County: SS

This 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery now in session, Robert Bigger, a resident of said County aged seventy-one who being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 for the benefit of Revolutionary soldiers – that he entered the service of the United States in the month of May 1780 in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina where he then resided having prior to that time removed from York County in the State of Pennsylvania where he was born in 1761, as a volunteer in the Brigade commanded by General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & in the Regiment commanded by some officer whose name he does not certainly recollect & in Captain Pitts [Potts?] company & that the troops to which he was attached was considered as a minute man and at all times ready for service and shortly after he marched on a tour against the British & Tories & was in service about twenty days & again returned home & during the summer of 1780 he was on various expeditions of a similar character for ten, fifteen or twenty days as the service demanded but was almost constantly during the summer & fall of that year engaged in such expeditions under General Davidson & General Rutherford – That he served in the month of September October of the year under Captain Starnes & afterwards under the command of Captain Willis & he continued in the performance of such duties until about December of that year & then he was drafted as a militia man for three months & entered the service in the company commanded by Captain Potts in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams & Major John Caruth in said County of Mecklenburg and then marched in various parts of North Carolina until the battle of Reedy fork River in Caswell County where we had a battle & was defeated about two weeks before the battle of Guilford Court-house & afterwards we marched & joined the main Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] – we were attached to the brigade commanded by General Eaton as he is inclined to believe but is not certain of the militia of general he was attached to – the main Army shortly after marched to Guilford Court-house where we were again defeated & shortly after the company to which he belonged was discharged & I received a discharge from Captain Potts & Major Caruth which accompanies this application – he received also 1 other discharge certifying to the performance of other services prior to that time & which also accompanies this application – he does not recollect to have received any

other discharges for other tours of duty performed by him in the summer & fall of 1780 but if he did he has lost them – he has no other written evidence of the performance of any services – that he does not know any person by whom he can prove the performance of the services, that he continued his residence in the same neighborhood but which was after the Revolution changed to Cabarrus County until 1805, when he removed to Montgomery County Tennessee where he has ever since resided. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above named in open Court

S/ Robert Bigger

Test: S/ Peter N. Marr, Clk

[William Shaw, a clergyman, of Robertson County Tennessee and John Perdue you gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Headquarters Troublesome Ironworks

This mya Sertify that Robert Biger a Soldier in Capt Potts

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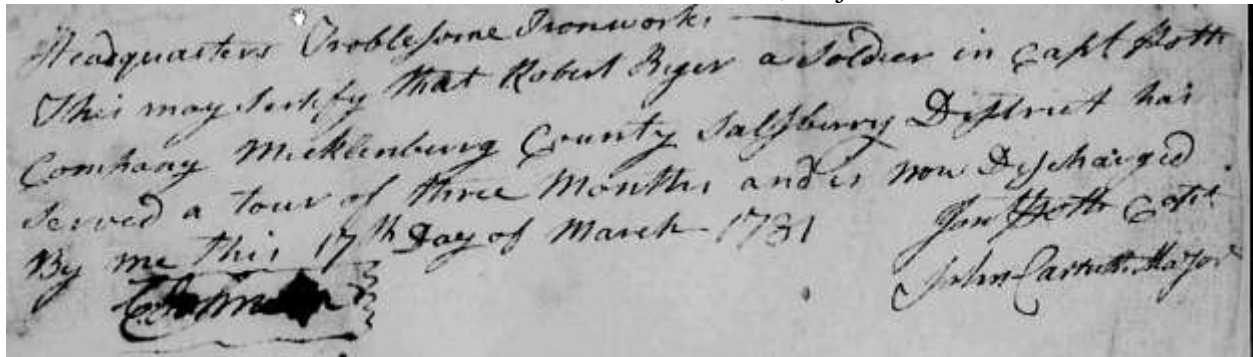
Served a tour of three Months and is now Discharged

By me this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1781

S/ Jont Potts, Capt

S/ C. Johnson

S/ John Carruth, Major



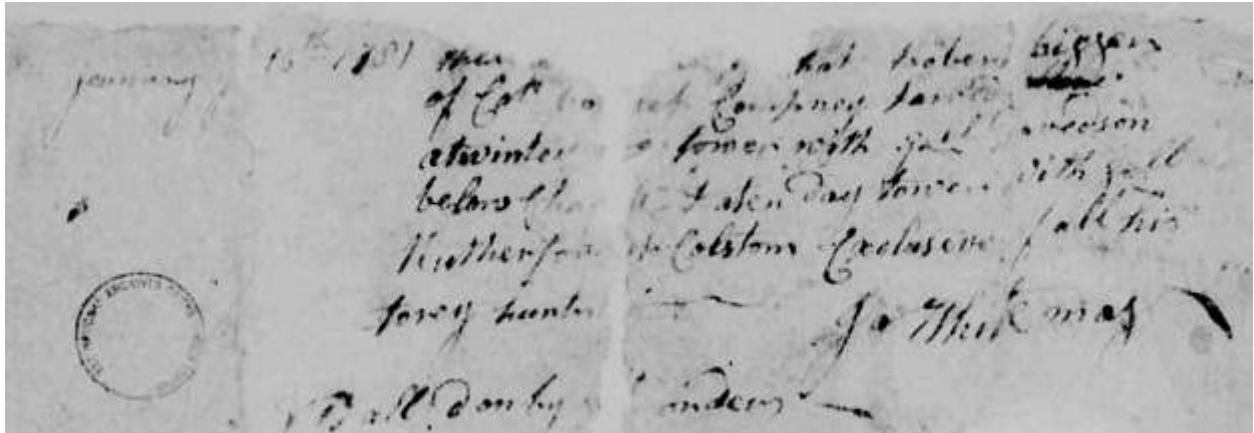
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John Potts Capt  
John Carruth Major

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1781

This [torn text missing] that Robert bigger  
of Capt [illegible] Company Sarved  
at winter[illegible] tower with Genl Davidson  
below Char[illegible, probably Charlotte] a ten day tower with Genl  
Rutherford at Colston Exclusive of all his  
torey hunting

S/ Jas. White, Majr.

Ball'd [?] on by [tear, text missing] orders



[fn p. 8: on June 3, 1839, in Montgomery County Tennessee, Catharine Bigger, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Robert Bigger, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him January 10, 1789 in Cabarrus County North Carolina; that she does not think any public record was kept of their marriage but she has a record of the births of her children & her oldest child John M Bigger was born "8th of November 1789" which enables her to fix the date of her marriage; that her husband died August 29, 1837 at his residence in Montgomery County Tennessee.]

[fn p. 23: in a filing dated April, 6, 1840 filed in Montgomery County Tennessee, Catharine stated that she was then 76 years of age; she states that the Bible entries of the births of her children were all made in the handwriting of her husband except for the entry relating to James McClean Bigger which is in the handwriting of Eli Bigger now a resident of Kentucky]

- [fn p. 13: family record-- transcribed precisely]
- John Milton Baker was born November the 8 Day in the yer 1789
  - Eisabeth Bigger was Born juley the 16 in the yer 1790
  - Moses Thomson Bigger was Born on the 3 Day of october in the yer 1792
  - Eli Bigger was Born fabourey the 25 in the yer 1795
  - Thomson Bigger was Born December the 26 in the yer 1797
  - Hiram Bigger was Born october the 6 in the yer 1800
  - Robert Adeson Bigger was Born November the Eleventh in the yer 18002 [sic]
  - Catharine Bigger was Born june the 14 1805
  - James McLean Bigger was born October the 31<sup>st</sup> day 1809

[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.]