

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bobbitt (Bobbitt) W9740 Susannah Bobbitt f48NC
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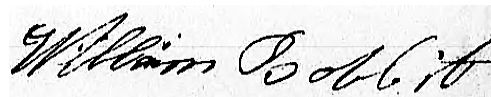
State of South Carolina Chester District } 1832

On this 24 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before Peter Wylie, Judge of the Court of ordinary of said District now sitting William Bobbitt a resident of Chester District and State of South Carolina aged seventy-one 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 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. I was drafted and entered the service of the United States in the month of November and served five months under General Ashe [John Ashe], Colonel Eaton and Captain Harris [Britain Harris] and under their command I marched from North Carolina to Georgia and was at the defeat near Bryer Creek [sic, Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]¹ after the defeat returned back to North Carolina to where some regulars lay and continued there till the time for which I was drafted expired. I then got a discharge from Colonel Thomas Eaton and continued at home for about 18 months and was drafted again for 3 months and served the time under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Colonel Haines [sic, Herbert Haynes] and Captain George Nazra [possibly George Nasworthy of Franklin County, NC] and under their command I was in the Battle called the Guilford Battle [March 15, 1781],² in the State of North Carolina and that said battle I got a musket ball shot through my thigh and was sent home and was not able to do duty for some time – and in about 15 months I was drafted again for 3 months, after I was drafted there was an offer made that any person that would find their own horse and served 2 months it would clear them for the 3 for which they were drafted and I found my own horse and served as a horseman for 2 months and then was dismissed and served no more during the Revolutionary War. 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 and that the whole time I served & was wounded & disabled with my wound so that I was not able to raise a crop was nearly 18 months.

Sworn to & subscribed the date above in open Court

S/ Peter Wylie, Judge

S/ William Bobbitt



¹ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the year 1761 in Warren County in the State of North Carolina

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

I have no particular 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?

When I was called into service I was living in North Carolina and still continued to live there for 14 years after the Revolutionary War then moved to South Carolina and am now living in Chester District South Carolina –

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

I was drafted into service and when drafted was living in Warren County in the State of North Carolina –

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.

General Ashe, General Green, Colonel Thomas Eaton, Colonel Haynes, Colonel Joseph Clinch and Captain Tweaty these all the officers that I mostly served under

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

I received a discharge from Colonel Thomas Eaton and one from Colonel Clinch but they are both lost or mislaid so that I cannot now find them –

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.

I have not been acquainted with many people only Martin Kee, Benjamin Patterson with some more respectable persons

Sworn to & signed in open court 26 November 1832

S/ Peter Wylie, Judge

S/ William Bobbitt

[Martin Kee and Benjamin Patterson gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition "Martin Kee testifies that he has heard his uncle Spell Cambrel say that he was in the ranks with said Bobbitt at the Battle at Guilford when he was wounded that he took care of him and carried him out of the action and gave him water to drink out of a hat, and the said Patterson said that he heard his Brother James Patterson say the same and that he was standing by his side when he fall and that they actually believe he was a revolutionary soldier...."]

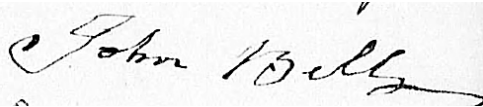
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South Carolina Chester District: Personally came John Bell³ in open court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of ordinary of said District who being duly sworn saith upon oath that on the retreat from the Battle of Guilford there was a man on the retreat who was wounded in the thigh and the within named William Bobbitt says that he was that man & from circumstances related by said Bobbitt this deponent is of opinion said Bobbitt was the man & further saith this deponent has been acquainted with said Bobbitt for 20 years & believe him to be a man of truth. Sworn to & signed the 8th day of September 1835

³ [John Bell S21068](#)

S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ John Bell



[p 11: On November 18, 1840 in Chester District South Carolina, Susanna Bobbitt, 74, filed for a Widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Bobbitt, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him in May 1784 but does not recollect the day of the month; that her husband William Bobbitt died November 12th, 1839.]

[p 7: copy of the marriage bond dated May 15, 1784 issued to William Bobbitt & George James to secure the marriage of William Bobbitt to Sukie James, issued in Warren County North Carolina.]

[p 8: On April 3, 1847 in Chester District South Carolina, Samuel S Bigham, 40, a resident of Chester District filed a claim stating that he is the son-in-law of Susannah Bobbitt widow of William Bobbitt; Bigham seeks the pension due his mother in law on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Susannah Bobbitt; he names the other heirs as being Temperance Hargrove, Susannah Patterson, John Bobbitt, Sarah Bigham & Stephen Bobbitt, all of lawful age and all the surviving heirs of Susannah Bobbitt.]

[p 5: War Department summary dated July 19, 1947 of the pension due the heirs of Susannah Bobbitt as the widow of William Bobbitt; indicates that the veteran served as a private; that he died November 12th, 1839; that his widow was inscribed on the rolls for a pension at the rate of \$21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and terminating March 18, 1844 when she died; that the amount due the widow is payable to Temperance Hardgrove, Susannah Patterson, John Bobbitt, Sarah Bigham and Stephen Bobbitt the only surviving children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and ending March 18, 1844 when she died.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁴ relating to William Bobbitt	AA9
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 565A	
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The State of South Carolina York District } To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives

The Petition of William Boblet [sic] of York District humbly Sheweth,

That whereas your petitioner was wounded in the revolutionary War at the battle

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Individual" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

of Guilford North Carolina while fighting in the defense of his country (reference being had to the affidavit of Spell Kimbrell to whom the facts [are known]) and has now become aged and infirm and not able to support himself and aged wife by labour and not having a sufficiency of this world's goods wherewith to make a support are the motives which are urge your petitioner to lay his situation before your Honorable body fully persuaded that you will exercise the charity and benevolence which ever has characterized our free and happy government in granting to me your petitioner that pecuniary assistance of which my situation truly stands in need.

Your petitioner would further state that he has resided in this State twenty-four years and has raised a large family in the same – and there are affidavits hereto annexed to prove the circumstances in which I am, and further your petitioner would further state that he is now confined to bed by sickness and infirmity. I now leave my case with you fully persuaded that you will do full justice to my case & therefore prays your Honorable body to put [indecipherable word] on the pension list and your petitioner ever will pray

In presence of

S/ M. T. Hall, J. P.

Nov. 20th 1821

S/ William Bobbitt

South Carolina York District } Personally came before me one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace William Bobbitt and on oath saith that the within statements is Just and true. Sworn to and subscribed before me November 21st, 1826

S/ M. T. Hall, J. P.

S/ William Bobbitt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Bobbitt". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

[p 5: Robert Bratton and James Martin both gave testimony on September 6, 1826 in York District South Carolina that William Bobbitt is in low circumstances.]

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of William Bobbit [sic] praying to be put on the pension list

Respectfully Report.

That they have considered the same and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted, December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman