Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Templeton S32550
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State of Indiana Franklin County SS

On this 16th day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Franklin Circuit Court now sitting Robert Templeton a resident of Brookville Township in the County of Franklin and State of Indiana; 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 after stated.

Volunteered as a private soldier in February 1780 under Captain Kilgour [sic, Benjamin Kilgore], Lieutenant Briggs and Ensign John McElroy for a tour of three months; that he was stationed during this term of service at Callets Block House, on Riborns Creek [sic, Rabun Creek] South Carolina -- the company of Kilgore was placed here to guard the station and was in no engagement during the time of his service -- that he served during this tour three months -- that at the expiration of this time he volunteered a second time as a private soldier for the term of three months but was discharged at the end of two months -- that he entered the company of Captain Kilgore at Callets Block House as aforesaid, and served two months at the same place; that he was in no battle during his second term of service -- That in the month of December 1780 he volunteered as a private soldier in the company of Captain Lard [sic, probably Robert Laird] and went in an expedition to the Cherokee Country commanded by Colonel General Andrew Pickens -- that he served this tour three weeks -- that he was in no battle -- that he volunteered a fourth time in the month of October 1781 as a private soldier in the company of Captain Kilgore at this time he served one month volunteered a fifth time General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]. This time served two weeks.

That he lived during the time of the revolution near Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree River South Carolina -- That he lived in South Carolina until 1803 when he removed to Franklin County Indiana, where he has since lived and still lives. That he has no documentary evidence of service. That he knows of no witness who can testify as to his service except William Logan. That he served in all six months and three weeks, and all as a private soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

¹ William Logan S32385

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert John, Clerk FCC

S/ Robert Templeton

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Personally appeared in open Court the day and year aforesaid William Logan who being duly sworn deposes and says that he knew Robert Templeton in the time of the revolutionary war -- That the deponent lived within two miles of the said Robert Templeton during the time of the revolutionary war; that he knows the said Robert Templeton served as a soldier in the revolutionary war -- that the deponent served in the same company with the said Robert Templeton in the expedition under General Pickens, and that he believes said expedition lasted at least one month -- this deponent further says that the brother of this deponent served with the said Robert Templeton at Calletts Block House as mentioned in the above declaration -- that he believes from what he heard in the time of the revolutionary war that Robert Templeton served at least five months at Calletts Block House -- that he believes Robert Templeton did other services in the revolution -- that the said Robert Templeton mentioned in this affidavit is the same man who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid S/ Robert John, Clerk FCC

S/ William Logan

[William Tyner, a clergyman, and Isaac Price gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to Interrogatories

Ans: 1st -- I was born in Ireland in 1762

- 2. I have no record of my age.
- 3. I lived in South Carolina then Ninety Six District when I entered the service & continued there till 1803 since which time I have lived in Franklin County Indiana.
- 4. I volunteered and served myself.
- 5. I knew Colonel James Williams, General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and General Greene and they commanded in that quarter -- that I served four tours.

6th. I never received a written discharge.

7th. I know the Reverend William Tyner and William Logan in my present neighborhood. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert John, clerk, FCC

S/ Robert Templeton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service or 7 months and 5 days in the South Carolina militia.]