

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Robertson S35637

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State of Kentucky Nicholas [County] Circuit Sct. July Term 1820

State of Kentucky, 2nd Judicial District Sct. – On this third day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court (it being expressly made a court of record by the laws of this State for the Nicholas Circuit possessing unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount, with power to fine and imprison and being so adjudged by the tribunals of this State always keeping a record of its proceedings) Stephen Robinson aged seventy-eight years a resident of the County of Nicholas & District aforesaid, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820: that he the said Stephen Robinson enlisted for the term of two years in 1774 or '75 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Gross Scruggs in the 1st Regiment commanded by Colonel alias General Stephens [Edward Stevens] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until sometime in the year 1777 when he was discharged from said service in __ in the State of Virginia – and afterwards he engaged in the service of the United States as follows – He enlisted for the term of 3 years or during the war sometime in the year (as well as he recollects) of 1777 at Bedford Courthouse in Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Isham Talbott in the Regiment alternately commanded by General alias Colonel Stephens and General alias Colonel Green in the line of Virginia in the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in 1783 at the final close of the war, when he was discharged from said service in Hillsborough in the State of Carolina. He was actually in the service of his country for more than five years. He was in the following battles to wit, at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], at Pigeon Hill, at Brunswick, and many engagements on scouting parties – I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – "I have neither real or personal property of any kind" – my family consists of myself and wife who is 82 years of age, my occupation is that of a farmer my wife too old to work and I am not able to contribute anything to my support. Subscribed by

S/ Stephen Robertson¹

¹ The handwriting of the signature is identical to the body of the document. Therefore I do not think it is the actual

Sworn to and declared on this 3rd day of July 1820 before
S/ John Trimble, Judge

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 2nd day of December 1784, in the name of Stephen Robertson, as a Soldier of Infantry for £34.4.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
2nd day of March 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 3, 1820, for service as a private for 6 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

signature of the veteran.