Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Robertson (Robeson) S7405 fn20NC
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State of North Carolina County of Lincoln

On this 1st day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law for said County James Robeson a resident of Lincoln County & State of North Carolina aged 69 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted into the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. I served under Major Harris and Captain Jacob Collins. I entered the service in the month of April in the year 1780, marched from Tryon now Lincoln County North Carolina on to Charleston South Carolina where I was taken prisoner and remained in the custody of the British until December 1781 when I was exchanged. I then was drafted under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and started to Wilmington North Carolina, but when we had proceeded 15 miles beyond Charlotte were ordered back to Lincoln to serve under Colonel Joseph Dickson under whom I served 3 months and collected the Tories. I was engaged in no battles except the siege of Charleston. I recollect none of the Continental regiments. I knew General Lewis [?] of the regular Army who commanded the Southern Army. I have no documentary evidence of my services. I can procure the testimony of Robert Berry¹ who entered the service with me continued & quit the Army with me. I was drafted for both terms of service. My age is recorded in a book called Benning's sermons.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Lawson Henderson, Clerk

S/ James Robertson

We Robert Berry & Samuel Glenn residing in the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Robeson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That we believe him to be 69 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Berry S/ Samuel Glenn

¹ FPA W5795

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Mecklenburg North Carolina in the year 1763

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

I have my age recorded in Benning's Sermons. --

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived in Tryon, now Lincoln County when called into service -- I have lived since & now live in the same County.

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

Ans: I have answered in my declaration

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.

I have answered in my declaration. --

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

Ans. I never received a discharge

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 depend upon Samuel N. & Robert Berry -- They live in my neighborhood & who will testify as to my character for veracity, and my services as a soldier of the revolution. — Sworn to before me in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina this 3rd day of April 1833

S/ Levi N. Alexander, JP

S/ James Robertson

[fn p. 10: James S. Adams, a clergyman and James Glenn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

James Glenn² personally appeared before me William Berry one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with James Robinson [sic] a citizen of said County and State. That he was a soldier in the revolution as private under Thomas Lofton Captain. That he went into service and December 1781 as he believes and that he was called out for 3 months tour and that he served until discharged and further this Deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed the 30th day of March 1833 before me

S/ William Berry, JP

S/ James Glenn

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

This day personally appeared in open Court Robert Berry and made oath that James Robeson now making application for a pension served with this affiant under the same officers and that the statement made by the said James Robeson in his declaration are true. Sworn to & subscribed this first day of November 1832.

S/ Lawson Henderson, Clerk

S/ Robert Berry

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² James Glenn S21768