

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Robison (Robinson): W18821

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State of No Carolina} Court of Pleas and Quarter Session
Buncombe County} October Term 1832

On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina, now sitting, William Robinson a resident of said County and states his age 72 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

To Wit that he was born on the 25th day of January 1760 in the State of Pennsylvania York County that he has no record of his age only from what his parents told him. His parents removed from that State to Macklenburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County in the State of NoCarolina when he was 4 years old. He Volunteered when 17 years old in this County Macklenburg (not being on the muster list) under Capt John McNitt Alexander [see endnote]. He thinks Adam Alexander was his Col'n. Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford was the commanding Gen'l. He volunteered for 3 months and marched to the Indian Nation. He served his three months and got his discharge which he has lost. He went another 3 month Tower as a substitute for his older brother's place Alexander he was drafted by Capt [Samuel] Givens. He cant recollect the Col Gen'l Rutherford was the commanding Gen'l. He marched to Cheraw [South Carolina] and there met with Gen'l. Gate's [Horatio Gates's] army. Gen'l Gates march'd to Rudisells mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] twelve miles from [north of] Camden at which place He remained some days Gen'l Gates moved his army in the night and when proceeded about 4 miles met the British and the soldiers lay on their arms all night. in the morning the Battle commenced [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. Gates got defeated. He returned home next day and in a few days was called back to McCoppins Creek and there stationed Col. [William Lee] Davidson taking the command at McCoppins Creek. He remained untill his term expired and received a discharge from Capt Givens which he has also lost. He enlisted under Capt. William Hutchinson for 10 months and march'd under Col. [William] Polk to Browns old field near Columbia So. Car. He joined here Gen'l. Sumpters army [sic: Thomas Sumter's partisan corps]. He was under Sumpter at Orangeburg Battle [possibly skirmish at Orangeburg SC, 10 - 11 May 1781], Munks Corner battle [possibly skirmish at Biggin's Church near Moncks Corner, 16 July 1781] and this side of Charleston had another battle [possibly Battle of Quinby Bridge and Shubrick's Plantation, 17 July 1781]. He then returned to Brown's Old field head quarters. Gen'l. Sumpter then went to the Eutaw Springs. He went to the 4 hole bridge and then to McCods ferry on Congaree River [sic: McCord's Ferry near Ft. Motte SC] and here He received his discharge after serving the 10 months from Capt. Martin. He lived sometime in Macklenburg County and removed to Buncombe County and has lived here 28 years in this County and now resides here. 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 and year aforesaid [signed] William Robison

NOTES:

John McKnitt Alexander was Secretary of the convention that drafted the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of 20 May 1775. Adam Alexander was a signer.

On 10 Oct 1845 George Robison applied for a pension on behalf of the children of William and Sarah Robison, stating that his parents married in Mecklenburg County "some short time after the close of the war of the Revolution," that William Robison died 30 June 1837, and that Sarah Robison died 7 Feb 1843. George Robison also listed the six other children who continued to survive.