

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

### **Pension Application of George Robertson W18834**

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State of Virginia  
County of Essex

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said county Ann Robertson a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain of the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> [?] 183[?] entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"

That she is the widow of George Robertson who was a soldier in the infantry in the northern Army and afterwards was in the light horse in the southern army under Col. Washington [Lt. Col. William Washington]. She does not recollect how long he was at either place but recollects that he served during the whole war. he was at the battle of the Cowpens [and?] other [battles?].

She further declares that she was married to the said George Robertson as well as she recollects about March [seventeen] eighty three[,] making the calculation by the ages of her children which is on record, that the aforesaid George Robertson died on the 14<sup>th</sup> (fourteenth) day of March 1824 (eighteen hundred and twenty four) that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service. But the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz: at the time above stated.

Ann Robertson  
her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

Richard Rouzee J. Peace

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Family Record Births

John Robertson son of George and Ann Robertson his wife was born February the 25 1787

Elizabeth S Robertson was born the 29 May 1789

Sarah S. Robertson was born the 8 September 1791

William Robertson was born the 18 January 1796

Mary Robertson was born the 23 March 1798

Daniel M. Robertson was born the 5 December 1800

Ann Robertson was born the 13 July 1803

Catherine Robertson was born the 5 December 1805

Martha Robertson was born the 14 May 1811

Maria Robertson daughter of Daniel M. & Elizabeth P. Robertson was born the 8 January 1827

Ann Elizabeth was born the 3 October 1828

Hezekiah S. Robertson was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> [?] June 1830

Mary Ann Robertson was born July the 8 – 1832

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State of Virginia County of KingWm (King William)

I William M. Gary of the County and State aforesaid to hereby certify that I married into the family of Mrs. Ann Robertson in the year 1826 and that in the year [18]33 she came to live with me in the county of Essex, where she remained with me until last December at which time we moved to this County. I also certify that when Mrs. Robertson first came to live with me she had in her possession a family Bible which contained the above record which was copied from a very old Book as I was informed that is now lost. I have always looked on the above record as a correct one indeed have never had the least doubt of it Given under my had this 14 day of May 1840

William M. Gary

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Family Record Marriages

Daniel M. Robertson and Elizabeth P. Gayle was married the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1825

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I John Saunders of the County of Caroline & State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with George Robertson deceased as well as his wife I well recollect that they were married prior to the year 1790 but the particular date cannot say George Robertson was I believe in the light horse a part of the war Given under my hand this the 10<sup>th</sup> [?] day of March 1839

John Saunders

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I Elizabeth Frensley of the County of Caroline do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Mrs. Ann Robertson formerly Ann Samuel who is the widow of George Robertson dec?[sic] by whom I lived as a neighbour and whom I have often heard him say that he was in the regular army and of which I have n doubt. That I cannot say when said George married said Ann but know it must have been prior to 1790 but think it was two or three years before that period. I have not seen Mrs. Robertson for about six years but understand that she is yet living and is yet the widow of said George she moved to Essex [County] about seven years ago. There is some connexion between Mrs. Robertson & myself and although I have not seen her yet I hear from her occasionally and have no doubt of the truths above stated my own age is 79 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September next. Given under my hand this the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1839.

Elizabeth Frensley

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I Madison H. Jones of the county of Caroline and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with the family of George Robertson who was said to have been a soldier in the war of the Revolution that I know his son William and have known him from a boy I believe he is the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of the said Geo Robertson and Ann his wife and I am satisfied that said William Robertson is upwards of forty five years of age, I also certify that the family has always occupied a respectable station in society. Given under my hand this fifth day of November 1839

M. H. Jones

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Bow[ling] Green Novr. 6<sup>th</sup> 1839

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the of the 30<sup>th</sup> of October in relation to Mrs. Ann Robertson, is at hand, and finds me on a sickbed, therefore have it not in my power at present to obtain any record testimony, if indeed any can be had, Mrs. Robertson has no family register, and having been a member of the Baptist church for many years had none of her children christened, the Baptist doctrine being opposed to administering Baptism to children.

Among my friends who visited me in my sickness is Mr. Jones who has given me a certificate which I enclose, hoping it will be satisfactory as Mr. Jones is a magistrate of this county and a man respected for his strict veracity - & Mr. Garnett, before whom Mr. Jones qualified is presiding judge of the court for his county and expressed his willingness to give a similar certificate if necessary.

Very respectfully yours  
Franc. V. Sutton by  
Jas. T Sutton

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Bow Green June 16<sup>th</sup> 1840

Dear Sir

A few days ago Mrs. Robertson sent a power of attorney to the agent in Richmond for paying pensions but it was rejected and her attorney told that the pension would not be paid till after the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. next. You will please let me know if this is in accordance with your instructions – The old lady is now confined to her bed from which I am sure she will hardly recover – and it does seem hard to keep her out of the amount by any act of a subordinate[.] I therefore inquire to see if it meets with your approbation.

Very Respectfully  
Yr Obt St [Your Obedient Servant]  
Frans V. Sutton

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I James Branton of the county of Caroline and State of Virginia aged as I believe about eighty one or two years do hereby certify that, I was in the war of the Revolution and the Indian War that I was well acquainted with George Robertson decd. That I believe said Robertson served nearly the whole war[.] I think his first enlistment he served in the infantry but afterwards he joined the Light horse and served at least three years he was at one time under Col. Washington to the South where I saw him I have since lived near him the said Robertson and was living near him when he died which I think took place about [blank] years since he left a widow who is now living I believe in Essex County Virginia Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1838

James Branton  
his mark

