

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of John Robison (Robinson)W24798

Abigail

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State of Tennessee McNairy County

On this the 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the justices of our Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County now sitting John Robinson a resident of McNairy County 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 North Carolina Militia in McLinburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] County in the year 1780 as a volunteer soldier under Captain Alexander. Sometime in the month of August does not precisely recollect the day he volunteered, it was shortly after he Battle of Camden and so soon as it was ascertained in that neighborhood that General Gates had been defeated, their being at that time a great call for persons to turn out and saved their Country from the British and Tories who were then about to overrun it, he was marched towards Camden, it there being no Army able to oppose Cornwallis he was engaged in watching his movements and fighting the Tories. Colonel William Polk and Major White was his field Officers he continued in service until April 1781 at this time he served as he thinks over 7 months, but he is positive that it was not under, he therefore sets down his services as 7 months during this Tour, so soon as he quit the militia he enlisted as a mounted gun which was some time in the month of April 1781 under Colonel Wade Hampton at Brown's, at Rocky River for the term of ten months and marched down into South Carolina to the Congaree [River] where we went over to the Edist [sic, Edisto] River where we took some British Prisoners and Tories thence we marched within ten miles of Charleston to a place called the ten mile house where we had a Brush with a shouting [sic, scouting] party of British and Tories thence to Cooper River where we took some Boats that were lying in the River that belonged to the enemy, thence to the Brick Church on Goose Creek where we joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Marion and Colonel Lee mounted dragoons or light horse. The British had just left there we pursued them to a bridge and a place called Quinby where Colonel Lee took some prisoners, the British placed to Camden at the bridge and Lee advised Hampton not to attempt to cross there we then turned and crossed lower down owing to the maneuver I was not in the Battle. Thence we returned to the Congaree. General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was been wounded he then went as one of the guard to accompany Sumter to Charlottesville [sic, Charlotte] where Sumter's family then resided, he returned to the Army and marched to Buck island, where he having served out his time was discharged, and this Tour he served 10 months as a mounted Dragoon. He has no Documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services by. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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

Question: Where and in what year were you born

Answer: I was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina in March 1761 agreeable to the best information he has on that subject.

Question: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer, I have never seen any register of my age nor do I know whether my parents kept any record of my age if they did I never saw it

Question, Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live,

Answer, I was living in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina when I entered the Service, I remained in Mecklenburg County after I quit the service until the year 1802 when he moved to Tennessee where he has remained ever since, and has resided in this McNairy County for the last 4 years where he now lives

Question. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer, Or were you a substitute and if a substitute for home,

Answer, I volunteered my first Tour in the Militia and the 2nd in the Dragoon service.

Question. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Services

Answer, The whole of this Interrogatory is answered in the body of my Declaration,

Question Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer I did not receive any written discharge for my services, does not know why he believes none of his company obtained a Discharge in writing.

Question 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. Parson John Gillespie and \_\_\_ are acquainted with me and can testify to my character for veracity and that it is reputed and believed by the neighborhood and by those who have long known me that I was a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. S. Wisdom, Clerk

S/ John Robison

[John Gillespie, a clergyman and Robert Tedford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: on December 4, 1844 in Benton County Arkansas, Abigail Robinson, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of John Robinson a pensioner at the rate of \$65 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in North Carolina by publication on the 3rd day of February 1784; that her husband died September 7, 1842; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: on December 4, 1844 in Benton County Arkansas, James Morrison, 57, gave an affidavit stating that she was the oldest child of John and Abigail Robinson; she verifies the family record included as part of her mother's application for a widow's pension.]

[fn p. 12: family record]

John Robison born 7th day of March 1759

Abigail more born the 30th of October 1760<sup>1</sup> [last 2 digits are written over and unclear]  
John & Abigail Robison was married 3rd day of February 1784 by the Reverend Thomas M<sup>c</sup>all  
Moses M. Robison born 21st of January 1789  
Mary S. Robison born December 17th 1791  
Robert A. Robison born January 13th 1794  
Margaret W. Robison born the 11th of December 1796  
Harriet A. Robison born the 11th of January 1799  
John B. Robison born 15th of September 1801  
Addeline A. Robison born 22 February 1804  
Mary S. Robison born 28th of February 1806  
James A. Robison born September 5th 1808  
William Robison born July 17th 1812

[Facts in file: the veteran moved in the fall of 1836 from McNairy County Tennessee to Benton County Arkansas with his son John B. Robinson; the soldier died September 7th, 1842, place not stated.]

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<sup>1</sup> The war department interpreted this as October 30, 1766