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Declaration, in Order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the
7th of June 1832.

State of Ohio

Prop County sp. On this 15th day of October 1832. personally
appeared before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting in the said
County John Robbins a Resident of said County of Prop in the
State of Ohio aged Seventy One years and upwards, who
being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath
make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit
of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June
7th 1832, That he entered into the Service of the
United States, at the time the American Army under
General Washington lay encamped at the Valley Forge.
in the winter, but the Month or year he cannot recollect.
He was a waggoner to a Company of New Jersey Militia
Commanded by Capt Daniel McGinnis. He joined
the Company as a waggoner first at East Town on the
Delaware River - and went with the Company that winter
from East Town to Valley Forge where they joined the
Main Army. That he was frequently out after Day
while the Army lay at Valley Forge, and on what was called
foraging parties. That he continued at this time One
Month in the Service, was discharged & went Home, but
got no discharge in writing - That he lived in New Jersey
when he went out on this Tour above mentioned. That after
he went Home, but how long after he can't recollect, he
went out as a drafted Militia Man, under Captain
John Petty, & marched to Amboy and thence across the
Bay to Rock Amboy thence down the Bay to Cheespeak
& there we lay when New York was taken by the British
We heard the Command of the Army very distinctly -
After New York was taken we marched up to
Brunswick on Raritan River, thence we marched
up the Raritan River to Boundbrook, after we had been
there 2 Days we ~~received~~ ^{heard} an Express that Washington
was attacked at Brunswick, and we were ordered

to march down to his apartments, we started down &
met Genl Washington retreating up the Raritan
River towards Philadelphia, & we retreated with
the main army - The time of the month, ^{for which we were drafted} expired while
we were on this retreat & we were discharged -
I got no written discharge this time, & I went home
again to New Jersey to Sussex County - Soon after this
he removed to Pennsylvania - I went into the service of
the United States again as a Volunteer under Capt Williams
as a Waggoner and remained three months in the service
as a Waggoner - This time he joined Captain Williams
Company ^{at Carlisle}, where we were continually engaged
under Capt Williams who was Waggon Master to Washington
Army, in transporting Commisary stores about with the
Army ^{for three months}. After the war, discharged, from this two months
Tour, having received no written discharge, he removed
from where he then lived about three miles from
Carlisle, to Washington County in Pennsylvania -
to what was then called the Back Woods - after that
in 1777. or 1778 he went out as a drafted Militiaman
in one month's Tour of duty, then he went to Fort
McIntosh on the Ohio - and was out about 3 weeks, & was
discharged, but no written discharge given - He cannot
recollect the names of his Officers at this time as he
was so short a time out - The succeeding fall
he went out as a drafted Militiaman, under
Capt Pop - on an Expedition against the Muncie
Towns, or Nations of Indians, under Genl Broadhead
of Pennsylvania, who commanded in this Expedition
as well as he recollects about 400 Militia & 400
regulars - We burnt the Indian Towns, took 53 Hrs
& a great quantity of furs, axes, Hoes &c. &c. which
we brought to Pittsburgh where it was sold out -
We were out on this duty about seven weeks &
a little over - as well as he recollects - He was
then discharged & went home - Again He

went out after that as a drafted Militia man
to guard the frontier - I went to Sars Fort on Montour
River, we had no particular Commanded, we were
sent out 8 or 10 to different points, at forts &
Black River, to guard the City - He was not
on this duty one month, I went home without any
written discharge -

After the Revolutionary war, he served
against the Indians, and Commanded a company
in Col Hamblins Regt - at Baker Station 21 miles
below Wheeling - He cannot recall the names of
the general or field officers names in the different
armies to which he was at various times attached
as his company was generally moving about, &
under arms for a long time together - He knows of
no person whose testimony he can procure to prove
these services.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever
to a pension or annuity except the grant, and declares
that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any
agency or of the agency of any state -

Sworn to and subscribed in open

Court this day & year opened

John Robins

A Fullerton Clerk

We Edward D. Row and Henry Sharp Citizens and
residents of Prop County Ohio, hereby Certify that we are
well acquainted with John Robins, who has
subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration
that we believed him to be seventy one years of age
that he is reported and believed in the
neighbourhood where he resides to have
been a Soldier of the Revolution, and

that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed in
open court this 15 day of
Oct. 1832 — Henry Sharp
H. Fullerton Clerk

Interrogators By the Court to John Robins, under oath -
and his answers thereto.

Quest 1. When & in what year were you born?

Ans. - I was born in New Jersey in some county, but the month
& year he could tell exactly.

Quest 2. Have you any record of your age, & if so
where is it?

Ans. I have none.

Quest 3. Where were you living when called into the Service,
where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, &
where do you now live?

Ans. When I was first called into the Service I lived in
Sussex County New Jersey - and at other times as
before stated, I now live in Pop County Ohio
where I removed some 34 years ago.

Quest - Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service?

Ans. I never did to my recollection - Nor did
I ever receive a commission while in the
Revolutionary War, But the Lt Commission
I held in the last Indian expedition below
Wheeling, was signed by Gov. Mifflin of Pennsylvania.

Sworn to & subscribed in
open court, this 15. Oct.
1832 —

H. Fullerton

Clerk

John Robins

BRIEF in the case of

of

in the State of

(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge?

a Court

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he?

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4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.		Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.	As a	Gen.	
<i>Winter of Camp at Valley Forge</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>Major</i>		<i>Capt. Mc Kinney</i>
<i>afterwards</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>private</i>		<i>Capt. Mc Potts</i>
<i>do</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>Major</i>		<i>Capt. Williams - Major</i>
<i>7 or 8</i>		<i>about 3 weeks</i>		<i>private</i>		<i>don't recollect officers</i>
<i>met fall</i>		<i>about 7 weeks</i>		<i>"</i>		<i>Capt. Ross - Gen. Broadhead</i>
<i>afterwards</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>"</i>		

5. In what battles was he engaged?

a skirmish with Indians

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service?

Easton Pa New Jersey - Carlisle

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls?

Tradition

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

Right

I **Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

W. C. Easton
Examining Clerk.
Jan'y 15th 1833

** Employed in transport Company's stores.*

January 30, 1940

Mrs. T. C. Hoover
1285 Carlyon Road
East Cleveland, Ohio

BA-J/ANT
John Robins
R. 8854

Dear Madam:

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, R. 8854, based on the service of John Robins in the War of the Revolution.

John Robins was born in 1759 or 1760 in Sussex County, New Jersey. The names of his parents are not given. His signature is shown in the claim "Robins".

John Robins lived during the Revolution in Sussex County, New Jersey, and near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

He applied for pension October 15, 1832, while a resident of Ross County, Ohio, and alleged that he served about four months as wagoner under Wagonmasters Daniel McKinney and Williams, and about four months as private in an expedition against the Indian Towns; officers were not stated for this last service.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he did not render six months' service in an embodied corps, as was required by the pension law.

military

John Robins was appointed in the Washington

County, Pennsylvania Militia, as follows:

Lieutenant, March 1, 1791

Captain, December 5, 1793

Major, June 3, 1795.

The papers on file in this claim contain no discernible data in regard to the family of John Robins.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator