

State of Tennessee, Circuit of pleas and Justice sessions at the  
 Hardman Spring Term 1832.

Doct Haver. On this the 3<sup>d</sup> day of October in the year of our  
 Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge present  
 of the Court of Hardman being now sitting William Robertson a  
 resident of Hardman being of legal age about 73 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in Pickens river but he does not know  
 in what County he does not recollect what year he was born so  
 he has no recollection of his age but from what he has heard his  
 mother say of his age he must have been born in the year  
 1759. When the revolution was commenced he resided in what  
 is now called Washington County Tennessee the Indians became  
 troublesome and my father Charles Robertson whereas the first City  
 of Washington in this County was compelled to abandon his home  
 with his family and take shelter in Blounts fort. He then  
 entered the service under the Captain James Robertson since  
 Gen. Robinson of Tennessee as a volunteer to fight the Indians  
 & Tories he does not recollect what time he volunteered in the Capt  
 Robertsons but it was about the first of the breaking out of  
 the war after having in guarding the fort for some time  
 had shelter from Virginia came on first some troops and  
 returned as sometimes afterwards of the Captains and sent under  
 Capt. Thomas One of the 1<sup>st</sup> of a mounted company to guard  
 the frontiers of Washington County. In the month  
 of May 1781 after he had been out his thirtieth month under  
 Capt. The Indians still continued hostile he was then  
 drafted under Capt. W. Parker for three months during  
 which time he acted as Lieutenant and fought under  
 Genl. Evan Shelby against the Cherokee Indians my father  
 Charles Robertson was killed he went to an Indian town  
 called Quikamsaga the Indians fled before us but  
 we burnt their town and returned home shortly after  
 he returned home he was again drafted to march against  
 the Tories and British he was under Captains and then  
 to Capt. Christopher Cunningham my father had then  
 since commenced the regiment was then stationed in  
 County near Mingo's Mill when we came in contact  
 with some of King's troops they were defeated and  
 we then joined Col. Williams and marched against

Pat. Mear's fort on the White Creek in Hartung's  
 Camp at Chalras he fort surrounded without firing a gun  
 then was about 40 hours in the fort then he returned home  
 was not home very long until McDonnell sent for Col.  
 Lewis to return to fight the town and Major Ferguson  
 he returned under Capt. Robert Lewis and was in the battle  
 of Stings Mountain by Captain Robert Lewis was wounded  
 in the breast to the breast he was killed off and  
 took to a fort in getting him home but Lewis said at 1840  
 I saw Joseph Bullard on this river before he got home  
 the next company he was in was under Captain James  
Richardson commanded by Capt. Joseph Martin for the last  
 of this month was March against the Cherokee Indians  
 and was in the battle of Lookout Mountain off of  
Joseph Bullard was killed in that battle and he knew  
 and him on his blanket Capt. Gibson was a deceased  
private <sup>of the 1st Regt</sup> he received for discharge in writing  
Captain William Walker of Hardy County has known me  
 for forty years and can testify as to my service. Major  
Abraham Bullard has known me for 30 years and  
 can also testify as to my service. William Robertson  
 can also testify as to my service.

I, William Robertson hereby certify that I am  
 well acquainted with William Robertson who has subscribed  
 above to the above declaration and have known him for  
 upwards of forty years I have frequently seen him in the  
 army of the United States and during the War  
between us I saw him in the State of Georgia near  
Chalras and believe that he has served as stated by him stated -  
 Signed & attested in open  
 Court this 5th 1832  
 C. William Walker

The 1st Wardman, Clerk

I, Christopher Bullard a Judge of Hardness County Tenn  
 do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William  
Robertson who has subscribed & sworn to the above decla-  
 ration and have known him for forty years I saw him  
 and was with him in the expedition to Stings Mountain  
 and was with him in the State of Georgia  
 which was some years after the War between us

## 1263 William Robertson's Deposition of October 3, 1832.

State of Tennessee      Court of pleas and Quarter sessions October  
Hardeman County      term 1832

Be it known On this the 3rd day of October in the year of our / lord 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the ~~judge~~ justice / of the Court of Hardeman County now sitting William Robertson a / resident of Hardeman County aforesd. aged about 73 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 was born on Peedee river but he does not know / in what county he does not recollect what year he was born in / he has no register of his age but from what he has heard his / mother say of his age he must have been born in the year / 1759. When the revolutionary war commenced he resided in what / is now called Washington County Tennessee the Indians became / troublesome and my father Charles Robertson who was the first Colo. / of ~~Robert~~ Washington County was compelled to abandon his home / with his family and take shelter in the Watauga fort. he then / entered the service under the Captain James Robertson since / Gen. Robinson of Tennessee as a volunteer to fight the Indians / & Tories. he does not recollect what time he volunteered under Capt. / Robertson but it was about the first of the breaking out of war. After serving in guarding the fort for some time / Col. Chester from Virginia came on with some troops and / relieved us. sometime afterward [-] he [-] enlisted under / Captain Thomas Price as a mounted dragoon to guard / the frontiers of Washington County for the term / of one year after he had served out his twelve months under / Price the Indians still continued hostile he was then / drafted under Capt W. Parker for three months during / which time he acted as Lieutenant and marched under / Genl Evan Shelby against the Cherokee Indians. my father / Charles Robertson was Colonel we went to an Indian town / called Chickamauga the Indians fled before ~~battle~~ us / we ~~burnt~~ burned their town and returned home shortly after / he returned home he was again drafted to march against / the Tories and British he was under ~~Captain Robert~~ Lieu / tenant Christopher Cunningham. My father & Col John / Sevier commanded the regiment. we were Patrolling the / Country near Musgroves Mill when we came in contact / with some of Fergusons dragoons they urged us to retreat / we then joined Col McDowell and marched against

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Pat. Moores fort on ~~the~~ Thickety Creek in Spartinburgh / County S. Carolina the fort surrendered without firing a gun / their was about 90 Tories in the fort then we returned home / was not home very long until McDowell sent for Col / Sevier to return to fight the Tories and Maj Ferguson / he returned under Capt Robert Sevier and was in the battle / of Kings Mountain by Captain Robert Sevier was wound / =ed he desired to be carried home he this affsaid under / took to assist in getting him home but Sevier died at ~~WS~~ / Sam Brights on Tar river before he got home - / The next campaign he was in was under Captain James / Richardson commanded by Genl. Joseph Martin for the term / of three months we march against the Cherokee Indians / and was in the battle of lookout mountain - Maj. / Joseph Bullard was killed in that battle and he buri / =ed

him in his blanket Capt Gibson was also killed / this was after the war He received no discharge in writing / Captain William Walker of Hardin County has known me / for sixty years and can testify as to my Services Major / Christopher Bullard has known me for 50 years and / can also testify as to my services

Sworn to in open court the 3rd Oct 1832 William Robertson  
Tho J Hardeman Clerk

[-] I William Robert Walker hereby certify that I am / well acquainted with William Robertson who has subscribed / & sworn to the above declaration and have known him for / upwards of sixty years I have frequently seen him in the / army of the North Carolina Militia during the revolu / =tionary war I saw him in the battle of Kings Moun / tain and I believe that he has served as above & by him stated -

Sworn to supported in open William Walker  
Court Oct 3 1832  
Thos J Hardeman Clerk

I Christopher Bullard a citizen of Hardeman County Tennessee / do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William / Robertson who has subscribed & sworn to the above declara / tion, and have known him for fifty years I saw him / and was with him in the expedition to Kings lookout / mountain and was with him in that battle ~~in the year~~ / which was some years after the revolution but I do not recollect in

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