

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Roberts BLWt15176-160-55  
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WIDOW'S CLAIM TO BOUNTY LAND.

State of Virginia     } SS.  
County of Grayson   }

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1855, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jane Roberts aged 69 years, a resident of said County, in the State of Virginia, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that she is the widow of John Roberts, deceased, who was a private soldier in the company commanded by Captain William Leftwich in the Regiment of Virginia Volunteers commanded by Colonel [William] Campbell in the war with the Cherokees & British in the year "1776." That her said husband volunteered at Fincastle Co. (then called) on or about the first day of July A.D., 1776, for the term of three months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at "Lead Mines" in Kanawha Co [see endnote] on or about 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1776, as will appear by the muster rolls of said company. She further states that she was married to the said John Roberts in Grayson County, Virginia, on the first day of December A.D., 1805, by one John Anthony a Licensed Minister, and that her name before her marriage was Jane Thornton that her said husband died at Grayson County in Virginia on the twentieth day of August 1835, that she is still a widow; and she further declares that she had by her said husband five children, and the following is now living, viz: John & William Roberts that her said husband had for many years a discharge signed by Capt. Leftwich from a three months tour of service, and that the "furlough" herewith presented is all the record she has [See endnote. The rest is power of attorney.]

Jane herXmark Roberts

NOTES:

The lead mines referred to may actually have been the ones at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA. The furlough was not found in the file, but two witnesses stated that they had seen it, and that it was for 13 days.

A George Anderson deposed that he had seen the family register of John Roberts in an old Bible, and that it contained the following records:

"John Roberts and Jane Thornton were married on the first day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and five.

John Roberts husband of Jane, died on the twentieth day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five."