

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Claim Cyrus L. Roberts BLWt2053-300

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[f p. 3: Power of attorney dated February 25, 1834 purporting to be signed by the heirs at law of Cyrus L Roberts deceased of Rockingham County North Carolina in which they refer to Cyrus L Roberts as having been a Captain in the War of the Revolution and being a supernumerary at the close of said war having served in the Continental line from the state of Virginia. The document is signed by Mourning Roberts, John Montgomery, Eliza of Montgomery, Hugh Willis, Susan H Willis, and B. S. Roberts [Burwell S. Roberts] for himself and as guardian for the infant children of Ellis Roberts

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Executive Department Richmond March 28, 1834

The heirs of Cyrus L Roberts are allowed Land Bounty for his services as a Captain in the Continental line from 1st January 1777 to the end of the War. The register will issue a warrant accordingly if not heretofore drawn.

Attest: S/ Jno. B. Richardson

S/ John Floyd

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County:

Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Rockingham, at the Courthouse in the Town of Wentworth, on the 4th Monday of February A.D. 1834, it being the 24th day of said month,

Present Robert Martin, James Miller, John W Ellington, Esquires

The following record was made (to wit:)

Satisfactory evidence being produced to the court, of Rockingham County now sitting, it is ordered to be certified, that Cyrus L Roberts, from the County of Pittsylvania, Virginia, departed this life in the year '93 or '94 intestate; that he left four children (to wit) Ellis Roberts, Catharine Roberts, Cyrus L Roberts and Mourning Roberts, that Ellis Roberts departed this life on the 6th day of July 1833, intestate and left a widow, Lydia Roberts, and nine children (viz.) Burwell S Roberts, Eliza C Montgomery, the wife of John Montgomery, Susan H Willis, the wife of Hugh Willis, all above the age of 21 years – Ellis L Roberts, Martha J Roberts, Sarah E Roberts, Julian Roberts, John Q Roberts, and James S Roberts, infants under the age of 21 years – that Burwell S Roberts has been duly appointed the Guardian – that Katharine Roberts is now the wife of William Covington of the State of Tennessee, that Cyrus L Roberts resides in the caps date of Tennessee, & that all the others, as above named, reside in the said County of Rockingham – that they were the heirs of and only heirs of at law of Cyrus L Roberts deceased =

I Joseph Holderby clerk of the court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the record in relation to the application of Cyrus L Roberts Deceased, revolutionary claim.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of March A.D. 1834

S/ J. Holderby, CCC

Pittsylvania County State of Virginia, to wit,

This day Robert Dallis¹ personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was a Regular Soldier in the War of the Revolution – that he served with Captain Cyrus L Roberts from the County of Pittsylvania in the 14th Virginia Regiment, and believes that the said Cyrus L Roberts became a Supernumerary Captain and remained as such to the Close of the War.

Given under my hand & seal this 10th day of May 1838

S/ Jno. Pritchett, JP

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Case of Captain Cyrus L Roberts – Virginia Continental line

It appears from the Muster Rolls of the Virginia line on file in the office of the 3rd Auditor, that Cyrus L Roberts was a Supernumerary Captain in 1779

It further appears by list of Officers of the Virginia Continental and State lines who resigned or became a Supernumerary which list is filed in F. A. Dickin's office, Treasury Department: that Captain Cyrus L Roberts of the Virginia Continental line, became a Supernumerary on the 15th of January 1778

It further appears that John H Smith, the commissary appointed by the Executive of Virginia to investigate Revolutionary Claims upon that State, reported Captain Cyrus L Roberts, on the evidence of public documents as entitled to land for the War & that he was in service from January 1st 1777 & Supernumerary in 1781 or 1782 and so continued until the end of the war.

Land was granted to his heirs by the State of Virginia for services from the 1st January 1777 to the end of the war.

It appears from an official Roll on file in the Pension Office, showing the names of officers of the Virginia Continental line, who received Certificates for the balance of their full

¹ Sic, Robert Dallas FPA W6981

pay agreeably to the Act of the Virginia Assembly passed at [one or more indecipherable words] Session in 1781 – that Certificates for £167.17.0 issued to Captain Syrus Roberts [sic].

This day Captain James M Williams made oath before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia that he was acquainted with Cyrus L Roberts son of James Roberts. That during the war of the revolution the said James Roberts lived in the County of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid that his son Cyrus was an officer that served some term in the war of the revolution but how long he does not now recollect. Sworn under my hand this 19th day of February 1834

S/ Samuel Fitzgerald

This day Lewis Haley personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County of Halifax in the State aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with Cyrus L Roberts that at the commencement of the revolutionary war he lived in the County of Pittsylvania that he was an officer in the service of the Revolution and absent from the said County of Pittsylvania a considerable time but how long I do not recollect. After the close of the war he married a widow Hundley and moved to the State of North Carolina. Given under my hand and seal this 22nd of February 1834

S/ Ambrose Haley

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Addendum to Cyrus L. Roberts BLWt2053-300

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of North Carolina to wit,

This day Mrs. Elizabeth Venum Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham in the State aforesaid, and made Oath, that she was well acquainted with Cyrus L Roberts. that at the Close of the Revolutionary War he lived with his Father James Roberts in the County of Pittsylvania in the state of Virginia that the said Cyrus L Roberts served as a Captain in the War of the Revolution several years as she understood from his relations at the time; after his return from the Army he the said Cyrus L Roberts married a Widow Hundley and moved from the County of Pittsylvania Virginia to the County of Guilford now Rockingham County State of North Carolina, and had by her four Children Viz Ellis Roberts, Catharine Roberts, Cyrus L Roberts and Moaning Roberts, and that the said Cyrus L Roberts who served as an Officer in the War of the Revolution from the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia died in the County of Rockingham North Carolina some time in the year 1794 that she has been well acquainted with his Children and know them named above to be his only Heirs. Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of February 1834 A M Scales JP