

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Roberts¹ R17484

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Kentucky Owen County Court Sct

February Term 1834

Ordered that it be certified that on the third day of February 1834 it was satisfactorily proven to the satisfaction of the Court by the oaths of George Roberts, Willis Roberts, Philip Roberts and Edward Toole that William Roberts late an Ensign in the Virginia State line in the Army of the Revolution departed this life on the ___ day of July or August 1818 without issue and without ever having been married and without a will and leaving Benjamin Roberts, John Roberts, Joseph T. Roberts, Ann Toole late Ann Roberts, Mary Brown, late Mary Roberts, Polly Clifton late Polly Roberts and John Roberts, Henry Roberts, Elizabeth Redding late Elizabeth Roberts, Catharine Clifton late Catharine Roberts and Mary Maddox late Mary Roberts children and Heirs of George Roberts deceased his heirs at Law and Legal [several words too faint to discern]. That since the death of the said William Roberts, George Roberts hath also departed this life leaving Willis Roberts, Austin Roberts, John Roberts, Elizabeth Gregory late Elizabeth Gregory [sic, Roberts?] and Sally Hughes his children and heirs at Law, and that also since the death of the dais William Roberts, Joseph Roberts has has also departed this life leaving Philip Roberts, Fanny Roberts, Corella Bohon late Corrella Roberts, Hannah Clifton late Hannah Roberts, Milley OBamon late Milley Roberts, Elizabeth Roberts, Joseph Roberts, William Roberts, Polly Gibson late Polly Roberts, Henry Roberts and Polly Roberts his children and heirs at Law.

All which is ordered to be certified by the court.

[Attested by John C. Bacon Clerk of the Owen County Kentucky court.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 10th day of April 1784, in the name of Will- Robets , as Ensign of Infantry ___ for £116.5.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to D. Broadhead and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
20th day of November 1841.

S/ JA. W. Morton, [illegible]AUDITOR Sis I he he he he

¹ Va. Half Pay See N. A. Acct. No. 874 050 145 Half Pay William Roberts

[f p. 5] Virginia

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for Henrico County, November 27th, 1834.

It appearing to the Court that William Roberts departed this life in the State of Kentucky leaving no estate in this Commonwealth except a claim against the same for Services rendered by him in his lifetime, as an Officer of the Revolutionary War, on the him and of William S Scott, who made oath according to law, and with James Lyons his Security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$8000, conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted to the said William S Scott for obtaining letters of administration on the said decedent's estate in due form.

[Attested by John Robinson, clerk of the Superior Court of Henrico County Virginia on November 28, 1836.] Hugh McCain

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Virginia

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for Henrico County at the Capital in the City of Richmond, August the 17th 1836 William F Scott, administrator of William Roberts deceased

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| | Appellant } | Upon an |
| against | } | appeal from a decision |
| The Commonwealth | } | of the |

Auditor of Public Accounts refusing to allow a certain claim of the appellant against the Commonwealth for services rendered by the said William Roberts in his lifetime as an officer of the Revolutionary War.

This day came as well as the appellant by his attorney as the Attorney General for the Commonwealth – And the Court having examined and considered the evidence in the part of the appellant filed in this cause, is of opinion, that the said William Roberts was an Ensign in Major George Slaughter's Battalion, composing a part of Colonel Crockett's Regiment in the Revolutionary War.

The Court is also of opinion that by the Act of May 1779, two regiments were ordered to be raised for the defense of the Western frontiers; that at the October Session of the same year, in lieu of the said two regiments one Regiment was directed to be raised and completed and Slaughter's Battalion was directed to be attached thereto, and considered a part thereof. That the said Regiment was raised and commanded by Colonel Crockett and that Slaughter's Battalion was attached thereto as a part thereof. That the said Battalion was Stationed at the Falls of Ohio in the year 1780, the residue of Crockett's Regiment in that year rendezvoused at Charlottesville. In the winter of 1780 – 81 it was marched to Shepherdstown, and in the spring of 1781 marched to the Falls of Ohio, where they United with Slaughter's Battalion and all remained in the Service till December 1781, when the period of enlistment having expired, the men were discharged and the Officers became a supernumerary. And the Court is further of opinion that the applicant has a good claim to half pay for the Services of the said William Roberts by the Act of 1832, made provision for Officers of this Regiment, that the Claim might be allowed by the Government of the United States.

[Attested by John Robinson Clerk of the circuit Superior Court of Henrico County Virginia November 25, 1836.]

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Pension Office
January 14 1842

On the 14 of June 1837 the claim of the Heirs of at law of the late Ensign William Roberts deceased was allowed under the Act of the 5th of July 1832 entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia;" but the half pay under said act commenced on the 22nd of April 1783, a later period than that from which the heirs claim the half pay. Henry Northup, on behalf of the Administrator of said Roberts, claims pay from the 31st of December 1781, the time when the Regiment of Colonel Crockett to which Roberts belonged was disbanded and upon an appeal taken by said Northup from the decision of the Pension Office, it has been decided that the amount claimed by Northup should be allowed. I therefore certify, that the claim should be paid at the rate of \$120 per annum from the 31st of December 1781 when Robert service terminated, to the 22nd of April 1783, from which last date half pay has already been allowed. The amount is payable to Matthew St. Clair Clarke Esquire Administrator on the Estate of said Roberts, deceased.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
Secretary of War

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Addendum to William Roberts R17484

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 2 March 2021.

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

The Petition of the Legal Representatives of Wm. Roberts respectfully states.

That he marched to the West as a private in Col Slaughter's Battallion of Crocketts [Joseph Crockett S46377] Regt. (the said Battallion having by Act of Assembly been made a part of that Regt) and on the death of Wm Asher [William Asher VAS2306] was promoted to an ensigncy and remained as such until the end of the war. The proof is belief to be full and complete placing your petitioners Claim on precisely the same footing with all the other Officers of the Western Regts except the three or four who remained in Command several months after the war was over.

The Bounty due an ensign is respectfully [undeciphered word]

By T. Green for the Heirs of Wm Roberts

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for
Jefferson County } said County Joseph Sanders [sic: Joseph Saunders S11347] who being duly sworn saith that William Roberts the Brother of Capt Benjamin Roberts [S31343] was a private or non commissioned officer in Col. Slaughters [George Slaughter W8729] Corps of Crocketts Rigiment and that in the Summer of the year 1780 upon the death of Ensign Asher (he being killed by the Indians) the said William Roberts was appointed Ensign and served as such untill the end of the war or disbanding of the troops of said Rigiment and that the said Roberts died in Shelby County in this state some years since further he saith not.

Sworn & Subscribed before me

this 31st August 1830 W. Tompkins J.P.J.C.



State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for
Shelby County } said County Capt Benjamin Roberts who being duly sworn saith that his Brother William Roberts was appointed Ensign of the Company under his Command some time after the death of Ensign Asher who was killed by the Indians in the month [illegible] served as Ensign aforesaid [illegible] termination of the war. that the enlistments of the men expired on the 31st December 1781 at which time they were discharged but that the officers were not dismissed. but it was viewed and considered that they were still in service and liable to be called out at any time and in such situation the said Ensign William Roberts remained to the end of the War in primaly the same situation with all of the Officers [illegible] Illinois Regiment or Col Slaughter's Corps There were not probably more than three or four Officers who performed any actual service after the said 31st of December 1781. and further he says not

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this 20th day January 1831

Geo Bergen J.P.S.C.

