

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McRoberts R8872

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[Note: the note on the 2nd page of this file indicates that the claim was rejected because the veteran did not serve 6 months in actual service as required under the act.]

State of Kentucky Lincoln County Sct.

On this 22 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Lincoln County Court now sitting John McRoberts a resident of Lincoln County State of Kentucky aged ninety-two 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.

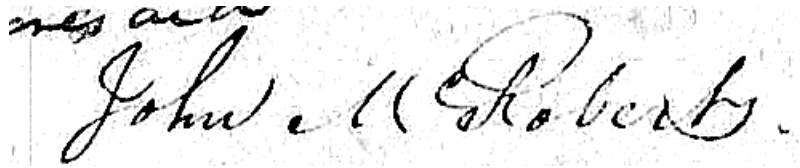
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that in the year 1781 in the County of Augusta State of Virginia he was drafted on the 13th day of February as a militia man in Captain William Kincaid's Company of the County of Augusta State of Virginia this Company was commanded by Colonel Sampson Mathews who lived in the County of Augusta and the said Mathews Regiment was commanded by General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] & part of the time and by General Scott the other part but not recollected how long by either of them and the company to which he belonged rendezvoused on the same day they were drafted and in a few days the Company took up the line of March from the Capt's House in the County of Augusta & State aforesaid from thence through the town of Stantown [Staunton? or Stanton?] to Charlottesville from thence a direct course to Portsmouth or near that place between the Dismal Swamp & Nansmond River and then the company was stationed the whole of the term for which he was drafted say three months but he thinks that he stayed longer than three months from a request made by the Colonel he was in no engagement during the term which he was in the service the tower [tour] but a portion of the Regiment to which he belonged had a small skirmish when a Captain Cunningham was wounded. He further states that a Regiment from Rockbridge County was stationed at the same place commanded by Colonel John Bowyer and the Regiment from Rockingham Virginia commanded by thinks a Colonel Noul [?] and they were discharged at Portsmouth by the Colonel & Captain and he then returned home.

He states that something like three months after he returned home he was again drafted a militia man and owing to his situation he could not serve the tower and he hired a man by the name of Francisco as a substitute to serve the tower for him he was drafted he took the said substitute to where the company rendezvoused and delivered him up to the Captain and he was received in my place to perform the tower the substitute served out the tower he believes for when he returned he gave up the gun to this affiant which he had furnished him with, he states

that he does not recollect any of the officers which the substitute served under or what part of the country he traveled through and he always understood that his substitute was legally discharged he further states that he volunteered in Captain Hull's ^{Company} to drive ^{a drove} beef cattle to York but before they got to York they were ordered to delivered the cattle to some person below Williamsburg and then returned home and was discharged. He states that he is confident that he served upwards of 6 months in the United States service in the Virginia line of troops. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except his son John McRoberts. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John McRoberts

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John McRoberts". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

I John McRoberts Jr. being upwards of sixty years of age state upon oath that my father John McRoberts Senior the within named applicant for a pension did to my personal knowledge serve two tours of duty during the revolutionary War as a militia man belonging to the Corps of the Virginia militia, that he has a distinct recollection of the manner in which the business of the family of his father was handled during the absence of his father in the war of the revolution. He recollects upon another occasion that his father was called upon by the proper authority to serve another tour of duty in the War that it was not convenient for his father to leave home & he hired a man as a substitute by the name of Francisco.

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