

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Roberts R8878

Sarah

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[Note: The pages of some of the documents in this file have been scrambled. In order to aid following the transcript, I have marked the pagination in the file as found on Fold3.com.]

[f p. 3]

State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: SS

On this the 13th day of April in the year 1850 before me John Quinn the undersigned a Justice of the peace of Rockcastle County in the state of Kentucky aforesaid personally appeared Sarah Fish, a resident of said County at her residence aged sixty years on the 9th day of June next after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 granting pensions to certain widows and any other Acts which make provision for her.

That she is the daughter of William Roberts deceased who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution and of Sarah Roberts deceased widow of the said William Roberts. That her father as she has always been informed entered the service of said war in Botetourt County State of Virginia & served nearly if not quite to the close of the war. That as her Father has been dead over 40 years, she is not able to give any of the particulars of his service which she has heard him relate. That she can't now recollect any of the officers under whom he served except General Washington & one Colonel or Captain McClanahan's Cavalry Company, but that she feels certain that he was under other officers & in various battles not now recollected. That her said Father as she has always been informed married to her said mother whose maiden name was [f p. 4] Sarah Kelly in Bedford or Franklin County in the State of Virginia in the year 1777. That her Father the said William Roberts died in Botetourt in the year ~~1790~~ 1802. That her mother the said Sarah Roberts died in Rockcastle County State of Kentucky at the residence of James Fish on the 30th [?]<sup>1</sup> day of October in the year 1842 having remained the widow of the said William Roberts ever since his death aforesaid. That the only children of the said Sarah Roberts now living are this declarant & James Roberts aged fifty-five July next (55 years). That John Roberts her oldest brother was born in the year 1779 & her oldest sister Elendor [?] Roberts was born in the year 1778. That they are now both dead that her sister Elendor Roberts died in Rockcastle County Kentucky & her said brother John Roberts died in Lincoln County Kentucky. That she had nine brothers and sisters in all but that they are all now dead but her & James Roberts as aforesaid. That she knows the date of the birth of her said brothers and sisters from the

information of her mother & others. That the reason her said mother never applied for a pension in her lifetime was she thought it would be a difficult matter for her to obtain proof sufficient in this state to establish her claim. That the reason she has never before applied is she was not informed until lately that the children of widows of deceased [f. p. 14] soldiers could obtain the pension due them at their death. That she feels certain her father served in said Revolutionary war & she therefore to trust the Department will cause a search to be made of the Rolls at Richmond Virginia & she feels certain that the name of her said Father William Roberts will be found & that she hopes if they do that that circumstance [indecipherable word or words] the proof hereunto annexed and accompanying this application will be sufficient to satisfy the Department in allowing the claim.

S/ Sarah Fish, X her mark

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: SS

On this the 13th day of April 1850 before me John Quinn the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockcastle in the State of Kentucky aforesaid personally appeared Richardson Roberts a resident of the said County aged about 66 after being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement to wit; That he was well acquainted with William Roberts deceased father of Sarah Fish the within applicant for a pension & with Sarah Roberts his wife & mother of the said Sarah Fish in the State of Virginia. That he was personally acquainted with the said William Roberts ever since his earliest recollection up to the date of his death and has been acquainted with the family ever since. That the said William & Sarah Roberts always lived and cohabited together as man & wife & were reputed as such from his earliest recollection up to their separation by death. That they must have been married he thinks about the year 1777 from the age of some of the children. That Elendor Roberts the oldest daughter of the said Sarah Roberts deceased told him that she was born in the year 1778. That she is now dead. That the said William Roberts was always reputed & believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. That he has heard [f p. 5 ] Him speak of being in various battles the Battle of Long Island and surrender of Cornwallis & others not now recollected. That he said George Washington was his General part of the time the officers under whom he served the balance of the time he don't recollect. That the said William Roberts died in Botetourt County in the State of Virginia some time in the year 1802. That he was present & saw him die. That the said Sarah Roberts his widow never was married after his death. That she died in Rockcastle County in the State of Kentucky on the 20th day of October in the year 1842. That although he is of the name Roberts he is no ways related to the said family of William Roberts deceased except that his Brother James Roberts married the oldest daughter of the said William Roberts deceased. That the only children of the said Sarah Roberts now living are Sarah Fish the within applicant for a pension & James Roberts now a resident of Indiana.

S/ Richason Roberts [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richardson Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Richason Roberts [sic]".

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above named before me  
S/ John Quinn, JP

[f p. 15: On April 3, 1850 in Lincoln County Kentucky Cassey Roberts, widow of William Roberts, son of William and Sarah Roberts gave testimony as to her knowledge of the family and of the reputation of her father in law, William Roberts, as a soldier of the revolution. She states that her deceased husband was born in 1780 and was the 3rd of the children of William and Sarah Roberts. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 29]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 31st day of August 1786 in the name of William Roberts as a Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £19.9.8, delivered to Obadiah Jackson and was given, as appears by a copy of the settlement on file in this office, for service from the \_\_\_\_.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
20th day of May 1850.

S/ Ro Johnston  
Aud. Pub. Accts.

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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 Continental Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 8th day of November 1783 in the name of William Roberts as a Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £68.12.2, delivered to William Reynolds and was given as appears by a copy of the settlement on file in this office, for services from the \_\_ to \_\_.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
20th day of May 1850.

S/ Ro Johnston  
Aud. Pub. Accts.

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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 Continental Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 30th day of April 1785 in the name of William Roberts as a Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £15.9.4, delivered to Eppa Hubbard, and was given, as appears by a copy of the settlement on file in this office, was services from the \_\_ to \_\_.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
20th day of May 1850.

S/ Ro Johnston  
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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County

I Sarah Fish of said County do on my oath make the following statements in relation to my declaration now on file in the pension office.

That the Commissioner of Pensions misunderstood my said declaration when he said I stated my Father (William Roberts deceased) belonged to the State line of Virginia. I stated that he belonged once to Captain William McClanahan's Cavalry Company but on reflection I recollect that my mother said he hired a substitute (a man by the name of Tribble) to serve that tour. That he was in the service a considerable length of time & from my best recollection of what my mother & others have told me the most of his service was performed in the Continental line as a private of infantry. I have often heard my mother relating his service in her lifetime but can't now recollect all the various particulars. I hope Department will take up my case again & examine it particularly and I trust they will find sufficient evidence to justify them and allowing my claim.

January the 17th 1852

S/ Sarah Fish, X her mark

[Note: I have no idea why the following document is in this file. It appears at f p. 35]

To [illegible] or may Concern, Cartify [certify] [illegible]

That the Bearer [bearer] hereof –William Craine Resident of Frank

Lin [Franklin] County State of Georgia have for and During our late Contest

With foreign and Domestic Enemies Exerted himself with the

Honest vigor and Vigilence in our Countryes [Country's] Cause we further

Certify him to be of an Honest and Respectable Character and the [illegible]

[illegibly faint] he may be permitted to pass in his own Lawfull [lawful] Business in

[?] of the Western Teritores [Territories] he Behaving himself Consistent

With the laws of the same. Given under our hands this 22th Day of

March 1795

John Stonesepher, Capt.

A Franklin [?]

James Little, JP

James H. Little

It is our duty to certify that  
That the Reverend Mr. William Craine President of the  
Lower County of Georgia has for and during our late Contest  
With foreign and Domestic Enemies exerted himself with the  
utmost vigor and vigilance in our Country's Cause we further  
Certify him to be of an honest and respectable Character and therefore  
That he may be permitted to practice his own lawful Business in  
any of the Western Territories he Behaving himself consistent  
With the Laws of the same Given under our hands this 22 Day of  
March 1795

John S. Mendenhall Capt  
H. Mendenhall M. C. R.  
James Little  
James Little