

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Robuck (Roebuck) R8917

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State of Alabama, Marion County

On this tenth day of October 1844 personally appeared before me John T. Sanders Judge of the County Court of Marion County in the State of Alabama John Robuck a resident Citizen of the County of Marion in the State of Alabama aged eighty-four or eighty-five 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein Stated this declarant states that when he entered the Service he resided in Spartanburg County in the State of South Carolina that he entered the Service as a volunteer under Captain John Thomas whose Company was organized in Spartanburg County this declarant Joined said Company when it was first organized which was Some time in the year 1778 and in the latter part of said year and month and day thereof he cannot from loss of memory now recollect he Served as a private Soldier in said Company six months during which time the Company was engaged in marching over the County endeavoring to prevent the depredations of the Tories Sometimes in pursuit of the Tories and Sometimes retreating from them during which period this declarant states that he was in different parts of the State of South Carolina and was in several Skirmishes against the Tories one of which was on Bush River the Company to which he belonged was attached to a Regiment or Battalion which was Commanded by Colonel James Williams who was afterwards Killed at the battle of Kings Mountain and the same Company was also during part of the time attached to a Battalion or Regiment which was Commanded by Colonel Benjamin Robuck [Benjamin Roebuck] who was a brother to this declarant but the company acted most of the time as a detachment against the Tories as above Stated this declarant States that after he was discharged from this Company Some time in the first part of the year 1779 he attached himself to a volunteer Company in Spartanburg County South Carolina which was Commanded by a Captain Culbertson [Josiah Culbertson] who Commanded it but a short time and was succeeded in Command by Captain William Smith this declarant States that he remained in Said Company for Some Considerable time over two years the exact period he cannot now from loss of memory recollect but he is certain it was Something Considerable over two years during which time the Company was Some times much reduced in consequence of persons being discharged and Some times it by recruits would be very large but this declarant continued in the Service as above Stated during which time he was in many different parts of the State of South Carolina and was part of the time attached to a Corps which was under the Command of Major John Thomas who had been promoted from the rank of Captain to that of Major and who was the Same man under whom this declarant had Served the first six month tour herein before mentioned he states that his Company while Commanded by Captain Smith Joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas

Sumter] near Granby and remained under him for a period of three months except when occasionally absent as a detachment or Scouting party this declarant States that while he was under General Sumter he was in an engagement against the British and Tories near a place called the Black Sock Ford [sic, Blackstock's Ford, November 20, 1780] on the Tyger River the British and Tories was Commanded by Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] the British was defeated in said battle and there was some few of the American troops killed and Several Wounded in Said action among the wounded was a Captain by the name of Thornton who died in the course of Some few days after the battle General Sumter was also wounded in this battle while this declarant was under General Sumter he was at Orangeburg Court house Spartanburg and many other places which he cannot now recollect he states he thinks from his best recollection that the Company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Smith Something over 12 months after Smith it was under the Command of Captain Edward Michison [sic] and after him it was Commanded by Captain George Robuck [George Roebuck] and this declarant states that during the term his Company was Commanded by Captain George Robuck he was Stationed at Orangeburg two months and Some times with a detachment under the Command of his brother Colonel Benjamin Robuck and was with said detachment when he was discharged near Orangeburg in South Carolina which was Some Considerable time over two years from the time he first Joined Said Company but as to the exact date and length of time he cannot now recollect in consequence of loss of memory He further States that Shortly after he was discharged as above Stated he was Commissioned by [Lt.] Colonel Henry White to take Command of a volunteer Company as Captain for the purpose of defending the Country against the Tories who were at that time traversing the County in different directions which he continued to do for Six months during which time the War closed though after the close of the war he remained with his Company in the Service for Something like three months on account of having to guard the inhabitants against the Great number of Tories who were at that time laying out and occasionally doing much mischief to the inhabitants he States that he Served in this Capacity as Captain Six months during which time his principal place of head quarters or rendezvous was at the plantation of Ebenezer Moss on a Creek called two mile Creek in Spartanburg County during the Six months that this declarant Served as Captain he States that he was Some times with other detachments of troops but principally was with a Detachment under the Command of his Brother Colonel Benjamin Robuck and was in different parts of the State of South Carolina and was with a Small detachment under his Command when this declarant finally left the Service after the Close of the War but in consequence of the loss of memory cannot now recollect the month or date he has no Documentary evidence and he States that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service 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 before me on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1844.

S/ John T. Sanders

S/ John Roebuck



Judge of the County Court

[Artimus Sims, a clergyman and Thomas J. Glascock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Culpeper County Virginia in the year 1759 or 1760 but cannot now state in which

of those years nor the day or month thereof.

Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

I have no record of my age my age was recorded in my father's Bible but during the revolutionary war while I was in the Service my father's house in Spartanburg County South Carolina was burned by the British and Tories and nearly all his furniture together with his Bible was consumed or carried off by the British or Tories my father was also taken by them to Camden and was kept there by the British as a prisoner until he died and I have had no record of my age Since.

Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

When I entered the Service I lived in Spartanburg County in the State of South Carolina after I left the Service I continued to reside in Spartanburg for 25 or six years I then moved to Warren County in the State of Kentucky and remained there about eight years I then moved to Illinois and remained there one year I then moved to Lincoln County Tennessee and remained there three years I then removed to Marion County Alabama and have Some years I then moved to Marshall County in the State of Mississippi remained there about 2 years and then back here to Marion County Alabama where I now reside.

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

I entered the Service each time as a volunteer

State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I do not recollect that there was any regular officers with the troops with whom I served and I do not now recollect of any of the particular regiments or month Detachments of troops with whom I Served or the general circumstances of my Service more than I have herein before stated but I have no doubt I was with some detachments that I cannot now recollect I recollect that while I was stationed at Orangeburg the Company to which I belonged was in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Benjamin Roebuck there was two other detachments or regiments their one under the Command of Colonel William Fare [sic, William Farr] and the other the Command of Colonel Hammons [sic, probably either Leroy Hammond or Samuel Hammond] I was also a short time under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] but cannot state how long we Joined him near ninety six

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

The first Six months tour I Served I received a discharge from Captain Thomas or my Brother Colonel Benjamin Robuck but in consequence of loss of memory I cannot now recollect which one of them the Second tour I Served I received a Discharge from Captain George Robuck I had them in my possession till I moved to Kentucky while I lived in Kentucky my house was burned and my Discharges and other papers were consumed.

Did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it Signed and what has become of it? When I was appointed Captain I received a Commission Signed by Colonel Henry White When I left the Service that time I was dismissed without any written Discharge which I think was the

case with the most or perhaps all of the troops then in that part of the Country my Commission was burned in my house in Kentucky

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

I believe any of my neighbors would believe any Statement I would make I will here mention the names of Artimus Sims and Thomas J. Glascock.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John T. Sanders, Judge of the  
County Court of Marion County  
in the State of Alabama

S/ John Robuck



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State of Alabama, County of Marion

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me William G. Roebuck who being duly sworn declares that he is the son and heir of John Roebuck deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War that he died on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1853 leaving the following children, to wit: William G. Roebuck, John, Robert and Sarah Davis [?, could be Sarah Davies]-- that he hereby appoints John H. McCutchen Atty at Law of Washington, DC to prosecute his claim to the pension of his father under the Act of some of 7 June 1832 and to do all acts that may be necessary to procure the same hereby revoking all other powers by me given.

S/ Wm G. Robuck



Sworn to and acknowledged before me this day and year above written.

S/ John D. Terrell, Judge Probate