

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Roberts S17054
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State of Tennessee, Hamilton County

On this 28th day of August 1832, personally appeared in the Open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Hamilton County, now sitting, William Roberts a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy... [blank in original] 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, that is to say, as a volunteer under Col. Cleiveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] and was immediately under Captain Robert Cleiveland [sic, Cleveland] and Lieutenant William Jackson, and was marched from Wilkes Court house North Carolina to Burke County from there to Lincoln County, N.C. from there to Rutherford County from where so returned to Wilkes C. H. and was discharged by Robert Cleveland our Captain, he served about six weeks or more this expedition, he entered this service again soon after as a volunteer in Rowan County, N.C. under Captain John Cleveland and Major Benjamin Herne [sic, Benjamin Herndon] and was marched to the old Trading Ford on the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] where we were stationed about two weeks being stationed before about two months at Major Lewis in Wilkes County we returned to Wilkes C. H. and was discharged by Captain John Cleveland having served two months this tour. This applicant then volunteered under Major Lewis as a horseman on Deep River in Rowan County and was stationed at several places in Rowan, and was dismissed in Rowan County by Major Lewis having served about ten weeks this tour. This applicant then entered the service in Wilkes County under Capt. Roberts and Col. Benjamin Cleveland and was marched to Burke County N.C. from Burke into Rutherford Co. from there through Lincoln to Wilkes C. H. and was dismissed by Col. Cleveland, having served about four weeks this tour. This applicant volunteered shortly after under the same officers in Wilkes and marched for Guilford C. H. but on our march heard the battle that Guilford C. H. was fought, being below Salem on Abbeds Creek [sic, Abbott's Creek] when we heard it, we were marched back and dismissed in Wilkes Co. by Col. Cleveland, having served about five weeks this tour. This applicant was then drafted for three months as he understood and entered the service under Capt. Alexander Gordon and was marched by him to Waxaw Creek, [sic, Waxhaw Creek] South Carolina where Colonel Malbury [sic, Francis Malmedy, a French officer in the North Carolina line] took command and who was a Colonel in the Regular Service, Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] who was expected to take the command being sick and at home in Rowan County, N.C. we were marched to the Eutaw Springs where this applicant was in a battle since called the battle at the Eutaw Springs and where General Greene [Nathanael Greene] commanded the American Forces and as well as this applicant recollects Gen. Stewart commanded the British and Tories, we were then marched back to Salisbury, N.C. guarding the prisoners taken at this battle and was dismissed at Salisbury by Capt. Alex. Gordon, having served about four months this tour. This applicant then volunteered under Capt. Robt. Cleveland to serve one year as a minute man and Col. Benj. Cleveland ordered that this service

should be equivalent to a six months tour this applicant was in service off and on during the year, in scouting against the Tories and believes he was in readiness at all times during the year to obey the call of his officers with the expectation of soldiers pay for six months but never got anything for this or any of his services. This applicant believes he served in all as stated before about eighteen months.

This applicant was born on Nuse River [sic, Neuse River] in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County], North Carolina as his parents informed him, but has no record of his age the record having been lost by accident about ten years ago he is not able to State the year when he was born but from reference to the past transactions of his life he believes himself to be seventy or seventy one years of age the 25th day of next month (September).

He has stated where he lived when he entered the service. Since the Revolutionary war he first lived about two years in Wilkes County, N.C. he then removed to Washington County, Tennessee and resided their fifteen years he removed from there to Granger County, Tennessee and resided their eight years, he then removed and lived in Knox County one-year from their two Anderson County and lived there about twenty years and from Anderson to this County where he is still residing and has resided the last eighteen months.

He has stated how he was discharged and now states that his discharges have been long since lost he did not know that they would ever benefit him.

He has stated the names of the Regular officers whom he knew and the general circumstances of his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to pension or monetary except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the Agency of any State in the United States. his Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Roberts, X his mark

We Gilbert Vandegriff and John Howeth residing in the County and State aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Roberts who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy years of age and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Gilbert Vandegriff, X his mark

S/ John Howeth

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This applicant states that he is acquainted with Gilbert Vandegriff who knew him when he returned from the battle at Eutaw Springs, and who will certify to what he knows of this applicant – he also is acquainted with John Howeth a Captain in this County, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He is also known to Colonel James Keeny of this County and several others, but does not know whether they can certify not having conversed with them – he is not acquainted with any Clergyman in this County who can testify having but a limited acquaintance and there being no Clergyman living in his neighborhood, nor has he any documentary evidence of his services; nor can he obtained the testimony of a living witness or witnesses and in this Country to his said services.

Application for Transfer

County of Greene

On this 17 day of August 1842 before me the subscriber, a justice of the Peace for the said County of Greene, personally appeared William Roberts when on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Alexander Gordon the regiment commanded by Colonel Locke, he (Locke) being sick his company was attached to a regiment commanded by the Colonel Malmedy an officer in the Regular Army, in the service of the United

States and that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Tennessee where he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Missouri where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following is his reason for removing from Tennessee to the State Missouri that his Son with whom he lives and through personally supported him moved, as he came with him.

S/ William Roberts, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me this day near aforesaid

S/ Thos Shannon, JP