

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Roberts S17056

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State of Tennessee Morgan County: On this the 10th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Thomas Jack one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Morgan and State of Tennessee being one of the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County and state which court wind sitting is a court of record having a clerk and power to fine and imprison according to the course of the common law, Joshua Roberts a resident citizen of the County of Morgan aforesaid in the State of Tennessee aged about seventy-two years agreeable to Tradition from the best information he can get not ever having had any record of his age is informed and believes he was born in the month of May the day and date not remembered if he ever knew, 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 the 7 June 1832.

He entered the service of the United States of America in Bedford County Virginia a drafted private militia Soldier to serve a three months Tower [tour] he entered said service under a Captain Samuel Campbell in Bedford County Virginia the precise Time not remembered but he thinks it was in the month of August and about two or three years before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he marched under said Captain to Jarrets Fort in Greenbrier County in Virginia where he remained in service at different forts in said County for three months the full time of his engagement had a written discharge from his Captain for a three months Tower and returned home to Bedford County and there remained and about one or two years thereafter he cannot say certainly owing to old age and loss of memory he was again called into service a drafted private militia soldier to serve a three months Tower and again entered the service in Bedford County Virginia he thinks it was nearly a year before Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken at York he was marched off from Bedford County under a Captain whose name he cannot remember at this Time and served under a Major Decluman [Christian Charles de Klauman] a Colonel Parker their first names not known to this applicant and marched to Petersburg Virginia from there to Cabin Point where he joined General Muhlenberg's Army and thence to the dismal Swamp, and was there in a Little Engagement with the British was marched through the country to many places and finally to the Tanyard [could be Taryard] and was there discharged had a written discharge for a three month Tower as a private militia from my said Captain whose name he cannot recollect having served full three months and some time thereafter was again called into service a private drafted militia to serve a three month months Tower the time of entering said service not recollected and marched off under a Captain Trigg [probably John Trigg] his first name not remembered and was marched to many places the country in Virginia stayed a while on or near the road between Richmond and Nawlondon [New London?] looking for the British to come high up in the State and finally had a written discharge from said Captain Trigg having served full three months and was again called into service a drafted private militia to

serve a three months Tower the precise time of entering service not remembered and entered the service under said Captain Trigg whose name he cannot remember was marched to old James Town and joined some other Troops stayed there a short time and went on to old Williamsburg – where he became unable to march and stayed there in a low state of health until after Cornwallis was taken and the Troops were returning to Bedford County applicant had orders to return home and accordingly returned to Bedford County having been out on this Tower his full three months he never obtained nor never applied for any discharge for last mentioned Tower and this making in the whole 12 months service performed by applicant (counting the time he was unable to march) performed in the war of the revolution as a private drafted militia for which he claims a pension applicant has lost his discharges many years ago and has no written or Documentary Evidence of his services and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services or any part of the same applicant him born in Chesterfield County Virginia in the month of May and brought by his parents to Bedford County Virginia as he is informed and believes when an infant. Knows not the day nor date of his birth having no record of his age and being no scholar he continued in Bedford County Virginia until about seven years after the Revolution and went to where is now Hawkins County Tennessee, stayed there many years knows not how long and then moved to Roane County Tennessee stayed there 7 or 8 years and then moved to Morgan County Tennessee where he has lived ever since where he has many acquaintances and has no doubt he can get good Traditionary proof as required by the war Department by dispensing with the part requiring the evidence of a clergyman there being no clergyman any square within neighborhood of applicant, applicant states that from extreme old age and Bodily infirmity he is unable to attend court, and for the reason he has called on may justice to take his declaration at his own house. Applicant can prove (as he has no doubt) his veracity and character as a soldier of the revolution by many good men of his acquaintance in the County, to which, Colonel Thomas Staples, Colonel Eldridge Myatt and William C. Kington & Samuel Bowman and the most of his acquaintances. Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & subscribed the day aforesaid

S/ Thomas Jack, JP

S/ Joshua Roberts, X his mark

[William C. Kington and Samuel Bowman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 29: On September 5, 1837 in Morgan County Tennessee, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the agency at Jefferson City Missouri because he intends to remove to Missouri with his children that are moving to that state.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year the Virginia service.]