

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Roberts S1715

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State of Tennessee McMinn County

On this 3rd day of September, personally came before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Edmund Roberts a resident of said County, aged about 75 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775, with Captain Alfred Moore, and served in a Regiment, number not recollected, in the Continental line, for the term of 6 months, under the following named officers. Colonel Francis Nash, Captain Alfred Moore, Lieutenant Lawrence Thompson. He was enlisted in Caswell County, State of North Carolina. He left the service in the month of March 1776. Declarant's Corps rendezvoused at Hillsboro; thence it marched to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, where it took water and went to Wilmington in a boat; thence they were moved about ten miles down the River, and stationed at Barnett's Creek; thence they were marched to Brunswick. Applicant and a detachment of his Corps were sent while they were stationed at Brunswick to destroy an old Fort called Fort Johnson situated on the Neuse River. From Brunswick the Corps marched to Blackwater after the Tories, whom they met at the widow Moore's Bridge on the Blackwater, and defeated; thence they were marched to Wilmington and discharged.

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 in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Edmond Roberts, X his mark

State of Tennessee McMinn County: On this 30th day of July 1833, personally came before me Joshua Guinn Justice of the peace in and for said County of McMinn, William Hale,¹ who is a man of respectability and veracity, aged about 80 years and who is reputed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, who being duly sworn, made oath, that he believes the above named Edmund Roberts, the declarant, was a soldier of the revolution, and served as stated in said declaration; & said affiant founds his opinion on the following facts: -- In the spring of 1832, affiant and said Roberts casually fell into conversation at log rolling, and the said Roberts inquired of affiant whether he, affiant, had been in the revolution, to which affiant replied he had, and put the same question to said Roberts, and further asked him, under whom he had served? Said Roberts replied that he had been a soldier of the revolution, and served under Captain Alfred Moore; and proceeded, in the course of their conversations, to detail the

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circumstances of your services in such a manner, that affiant was convinced, not only that said Roberts had been in the service as he stated, but that he was the same Roberts, who he remembers was one of his comrades in said Company, but whose features he had forgotten from lapse of time and consequent loss of memory.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid
Test: S/ Joshua Guinn, JP

S/ William Hale, X his mark

An Amendatory Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

State of Tennessee McMinn County: On this 15th day of October 1834 personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Edmund Roberts a resident of said County and State aged about seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following Amendatory declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service in Parsons County [sic, Person County]² North Carolina as a volunteer Militia man for 3 months, in the month of November or December 1780. Rendezvoused at Hillsborough and at that place was pressed by Major Magault [?] of the Continental line as a Waggoner, and continued in that service until discharged, marched from Hillsboro to Cheraw Hills South Carolina, thence back to Hillsboro, and was ordered from Hillsboro to Prince Edward Court House Virginia to evade the Army of Lord Cornwallis, remained at Prince Edward Court house about 3 days, was ordered from thence to the Army stationed at Guilford and on the morning before the battle of Guilford the wagons were ordered to Callaway's Iron Works in North Carolina -- after the battle at Guilford, General Greene [Nathanael Greene] retreated to Callaway's iron works, and the next day Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] he retreated towards Charleston and General Greene he pursued him as far as Ramsey's Mill on Deep River North Carolina and at that place the three months for which he volunteered expired, and was discharged by Major Magault at said Mills -- he entered the service under Captain John Douglass -- and served under John English wagon master, during the three months -- Discharge having been lost or destroyed served as a private;

He again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer horseman in Hillsboro North Carolina under the Command of Captain John Douglass. He under the Command of Colonel William O'Neal for a term of three months -- marched from Hillsboro to the waters of Rocky River to drive the Tories from that place having heard of their collection there, the night before -- he got there, the Tories had robbed the tan yard of Thomas Doudy [? could be Thomas Doody], and we pursued them from there to a place called the brushy mountain by the [indecipherable phrase that looks like "Ligh of the ouge of the leather"] having dropped on the brush, and overtook them, charged on them, and killed betwixt 15 & 20, and took 20 or 30 prisoners together with horses, baggage etc. etc., remained in that neighborhood for some days waiting to hear from them again, but did not, from there were ordered back to Hillsboro with the prisoners & horses. Thence marched to the head of Deep River, and kept scouring the Country in that quarter for some time continually moving from neighborhood to neighborhood until discharged at Hillsboro sometime in November or December 1781, having entered the service in August or September 1781 and served the 3 months for which he entered, was discharged by Captain Douglass -- & Colonel O'Neal discharge being lost & served as a Sergeant during the

² Person County North Carolina did not exist as of the date spoken of by this veteran. In 1781 the portion of what would later become Person County was still incorporated within the balance of Caswell County North Carolina.

three months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the one of which this is Amendatory and declares the reason why he did not apply for this, when he made application for the other, was, that he was ordered by Mr. Maigs who drew his other declaration, that it would not answer to put his militia service with his regular or Continental Service, and that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State except this, --

Sworn to and subscribed the 15th day of October 1834.

S. Edmund Roberts, X his mark