

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Roberts S21451

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this 31st day of March [1835] personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Richard Gantt presiding Judge of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting Peter Roberts a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged seventy-six 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 7th of June 1832.

The applicant Peter Roberts states that he was born in Halifax County State of Virginia in the year 1759, and removed to the State of North Carolina where in the 15th year of his age he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under a Major Crump who commanded a squadron of Light horse, and that he served the full period of 6 months, as a private under the command of said Major Crump, and under Captain Hill.

The applicant further states that he subsequently served another tour of duty as a volunteer and private in a squadron of Light horse commanded by a Major Golson or Gopson the full period of 3 months and under Captain Jones.

The applicant further states that he next served the full period of 9 months as a private & volunteer in a squadron of Light horse commanded by a Colonel Collier a portion of this service, was devoted to guarding the town of Hillsboro, to keep the Tories & other enemies of the country from burning yet, and committing depredations in that section of North Carolina and done duty in this service under 2 captains the is Captain Williams and Captain John Johnson.

The applicant again entered the service of his country as a volunteer and private and served the full period of 3 months under the command of a Captain Cole, and under who I was in an engagement or battle with the Scotch, who were commanded by one McCloud who was killed, together with many of his man & completely defeated.¹

The applicant again states, that he entered the service as a private & volunteer in the Light horse, under the command of General Morgan, under whom he fought at the battle of the Cowpens, & that after the battle he was sent as an Orderly Sergeant under Captain Williams to assist in guarding the prisoners that were taken and captured in this battle and that this tour of duty he fully served the period of 5 months.

The applicant further states that he again entered the service as a private & volunteer, and continued to perform active military duty until within 3 weeks of the capture of Cornwallis that he was wounded in this latter service, in what was called Roney's fight in Sumter District South Carolina, that he was under different Officers, and towards the last of his service under General

¹ The applicant appears to be making a reference to the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge February 27, 1776.
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

Pickens in Abbeville District South Carolina, that he cannot from lapse of time & defect of memory detail more minutely that he has done his different periods of service during the Revolutionary War, and is confident that he served the full period of 11 months in this latter service, when he was honorably discharged from the service of his country, making in the aggregate 4 years and 4 months service, And the applicant further states that he cannot from defect of memory ascertained dates, and recollect the names, unless the names of the more distinguished Officers under whom he served such as Morgan, Pickens, & those he has already mentioned in his declaration he further states that he was born in Halifax County State of Virginia in the year 1759 that he was living in North Carolina when he was called into the service of the United States, that he has lived since the Revolutionary War in Abbeville District where he now resides orderly others, That he was always a volunteer, never drafted & never substituted. That he has already mentioned the names of Officers where he served and recollects of being in the 4th and 6th regiments. That he has had several discharges which were all burned in his father's house, that he never received any compensation. That he is known in his present neighborhood by the Reverend Moses Waddle, and the Reverend Isaac Smith, Honorable George McDuffie and Reverend Washington Belcher. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. That by a recent act of the Legislature of South Carolina all pensioners have been deprived of pay as a Pensioner and are required to apply to the General Government, for relief and payment, for Revolutionary services, that he is not therefore on the Roll of Pensioners receiving pay in this State, and hereby relinquishes all claim thereto.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, 31 March 1835

Test: S/ Robert H. Wardlaw, Deputy Clerk

S/ Peter Roberts

[Isaac Waddle, a clergyman, and David Lesly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Abbeville District: On the 5th day of January in the year A.D. 1836 personally appeared before Moses Taggart Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary in open court Peter Roberts a resident of Abbeville District & State aforesaid & being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following additional Declaration (having one now on file in the War Department under consideration) in order to obtain the benefit of the I act of Congress 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer militia man in the North Carolina Militia in the State of North Carolina and was called into service as a volunteer in the light horse militia by Captain Brittain Fuller who was under the command of Major J. Crump a field officer, and performed actual service in this Tour for 3 months in suppressing the Tories: -- This service was performed in different Counties in North Carolina which was about 9 months before the battle of Guilford in North Carolina -- and this is as near the period or time or date, as can now be given or remembered. He, the Declarant, was next called into actual service by Captain Bryant who was under the command of Colonel John Collier his superior officer in the light horse service North Carolina in suppressing the Tories and was in actual service this tour 5 months. He was next called into service as a light horseman, by & under Captain Cole, who was commanded by Major Goleson as superior officer, & performed one of months actual service in this tour -- during which last tour he was at the fight at Battys bridge [sic, Beatty's Bridge?]² against Major McCloud a Scotchman & Tory.

He entered or was called into service by Captain Douglas under General Greene & pursued a continued & actual service of 6 months, during which last service he was in the battle of Guilford.

² <http://gaz.irshelby.com/beattysbridge.htm>

The Declarant was then called into actual service under different officers, Arnold, & Warul [Waddle?], who were under Major Dugan & Fuller in continuous & actual service until the battle of little York, making to the best of his count including all, 4 years & 4 months. This The declarant was always under different officers in actual service as before stated in the State of North Carolina and in South Carolina as appears in his Declaration now under file up to the battle of little York, making in the whole 4 years & 4 months as before stated, and stands here with attached his certificate from the Treasury Officer S. C. of, [sic] & as evidence of his service & pay for the State of South Carolina.

S/ Peter Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January 1836

S/ Moses Taggart