

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Roberts S21454

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State of South Carolina Greenville District: On this \_\_day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Samuel Roberts a resident of Greenville district State of South Carolina 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – He was living in Henry County State of Virginia when he first entered the service. He served two tours of three months each. The first tour he was drafted for three months in Henry County Virginia. He served under the command of Captain James Tarrant & Colonel Bluford . He was drafted in the spring or summer of 1780. He rendezvoused at Henry CHouse [Court House] and marched from thence, under the command of Captain James Tarrant to North Carolina and there put under the command of Colonel Bluford – Thence he marched to Pedee River & into South Carolina. He was stationed some time at "Ninety Six" in South Carolina. There he was taken sick and received a furlough from his Captain to return home. Whilst at home his term of service expired & he afterwards received from Captain Tarrant a written discharge. In this tour he served three months as a private and claims pay for the same.

The second tour he substituted himself in the place of his brother Gabriel Roberts who was drafted for three months in Guilford County North Carolina. He served this tour under Captain George Pee and Lieutenant Jno Brewer [John Brewer]. He rendezvoused at Guilford CHouse [Court House] – he thinks in the Fall of 1780 – he knows it was not long after his first tour expired about two months. He first marched to a place called Bulls mountain in search of Tories. Thence turned back to Gates Army and joined it below Charlotte CHouse [Court House]. This was after Gates defeat at Cambden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. The troops were marched to & fro over the Country until some reinforcements came from the North. The reinforcements came and his term of three months expired. He was discharged and returned home. He was in no battle except a little skirmish near Charlotte. This tour he served three months as a private – In all six months and claims a pension for the same.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no one living in this Country whose testimony he can procure as to his services. He was born in the State of Virginia the 10th day of May 1758 – he has no record of his age at this time. He was living in Virginia when called into service the first tour and in North Carolina the second tour – and since the revolutionary [war] he has lived in North Carolina and South Carolina where he now resides. He was drafted once and substituted himself once for his brother Gabriel Roberts. He was not acquainted with any regular officers or Continental regiments that he now remembers. He received a written discharge for each tour from his Captain but has long since lost them. He is known in his present

neighborhood to Samuel Williams Esquire and Captain Adam Jones who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes all 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 the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno Daniel , CCP

S/ Samuel Roberts, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and Philip Evans gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]