

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Roberts S21953
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City of Charleston South Carolina

On this 31st day of August A.D. 1832 appeared in open Court before me Thomas Lee district Judge of South Carolina William Roberts a resident of this City aged about 70 years, who being 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 on the 7th of June 32.

That he was in a be Company during the Revolution between the years 1779 and 1780 about 12 months when he was about 18 years of age until the Surrender of Charleston under the Command of Captain William Fraser, that one of the lieutenants was named Massey.

That he performed duty during the whole Siege of Charleston. That he was at that time and apprentice to Mr. Mungo Tinlayson a cabinet Maker who went to the siege of Savannah. That he was left in charge of Mr. Tinlayson's business and that but for the fact circumstance he would have gone to the siege of Savannah.

S/ Wm Roberts

Sworn to before me in open Court
S/ Thos. Lee, District Judge SC

I William Roberts hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any State.

S/ Wm Roberts

[Jacob Sass and Samuel Warren gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina city of Charleston

William Roberts being duly sworn deposeth that he served at least eleven months, he believes twelve during the Revolution as stated in his declaration

To the 1st Interrogatory of the War department he answers that he was born in St. James Santee South Carolina –

to the 2nd That he has the family Bible in his possession.

3rd Colonel Mares Simons -- was the Colonel of the Regiment

To the 5th he answers that he received no discharge. The only dismissal was the stack of their arms after the Surrender of Charleston.

To the 7th That he is known to most of his fellow citizens in Charleston, is well known to the Honorable Samuel Warren, Thomas Jervey, Survey or of the Port, Charles John Steadman naval Officer Robert Wilson board of officer & a great many others who will if required testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to before made this 27th April 1833

S/ Thos Lee, Federal District Judge for South Carolina

S/ Wm Roberts

Supplemental Affidavit of William Roberts agreeable to the requisition of the War Department

William Roberts being by me (Thomas Lee District Judge for South Carolina) sworn deposeseth That when Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost] invaded South Carolina in 1779 he was regularly ordered out by the proper authority as a private militia soldier under the command of Captain William Fraser in Colonel Maurice Simons' Regiment & served at that time for 2 months at the lines of Charleston and in Garrison. That under the same authority he was ordered into actual service in 1780 when General Clinton invaded South Carolina and did duty in Garrison & at the lines of Charleston until it's surrendered in May 1780 a period of 4 months -- he did duty occasionally at other times, but his memory will not serve him to say how long.

Sworn to before made this 11 October 1833

S/ Thos. Lee, District Judge South Carolina

S/ Wm Roberts

[fn p. 11: according to a letter dated May 4, 1855 addressed to L P Waldo Commissioner of pensions, Elizabeth Roberts, wife of William Roberts died before her husband so that he left no widow. He did leave one child Mary Naomi who married Charles W. Kirk in 1821; Mary Naomi Kirk had at least one child, a son, S. D. Kirk who was living in Charleston in 1855.]