

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rowland (Roland) Felts S2546

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State of Tennessee Robertson County -- On this day being the 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court now sitting – Rowland Felts a resident of the County of Robertson and State of Tennessee aged Seventy six years the 11th day of October 1831 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 states that he was called on to serve in the Militia of North Carolina Bute County, (afterwards Warren County) and was commanded by Captain Britain Harris [Britton Harris], and was attached to General Ash [John Ashe], and Colonel Thomas Eaton the Major's name not recollected, and marched some time in November 1779 or 1780, and rendezvoused at Bute Court house, and was marched from there to South Carolina Charleston, then to Augusta Georgia, near which at Bryar Creek [Briar Creek¹], had a battle from thence to Purrysburg at which place he was discharged having served five months, stayed at home about four months, then went into the Service again under the command of Joel Wren Captain and Colonel Seawell [Benjamin Seawell] no other names of Officers recollected, rendezvoused at Warrenton and marched across the Roanoke & back generally on the march in pursuit of Cornwallis Army and after serving three months was discharged in the County of Nash, having served two Tours one of five months the other three months in actual Service, and that he has no papers to show about the service, nor does he know of but one person who will certify to any services, who is Edwin Harris. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not nor has been on the pension roll of the agency of this or any other State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Roland Felts, X his mark

I Edwin Harris² of the County and State aforesaid certify that I am acquainted with Rowland Felts who has sworn to the above declaration in Bute County (afterwards Warren County) North Carolina and that his statement relative to his services in the revolution war is correct to the best of my knowledge

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. Seal [?], Clk

S/ Edwin Harris, X his mark

[William Carter, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ The Battle of Briar Creek occurred on March 3, 1779 between forces commanded by Major General John Ashe of NC and Lt. Col. James Prevost. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

² [Edwin Harris S4307](#)

State of Tennessee Robertson County

This day being the 17th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Matthew Powell a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the town of Springfield Mr. Rowland Felts who having made his declaration for to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 in open Court on the 13th day of August 1832 to which this is appended and composes a part as an additional declaration who being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he was born in Sussex County in the State of Virginia in the year 1755 on the 11th of October he states that he would has a record of his age & have it in his possession it being the original record by his father Nathaniel Felts during his life & which has been by him preserved since his death he states that when he was called into service he was then residing in Bute County (since Warren) County North Carolina and continued there until the year 1811 from thence I then moved to the County of Robertson in the State of Tennessee where he now resides he also states that when he was called into service he was drafted. He states that he marched under the officers named in his original declaration (to which this is appended) to Augusta Georgia where the British were, who fled & were pursued by the American troops to Briar Creek where they had an engagement with the British & were defeated, he states that he was discharged at Purrysburg in South Carolina but by whom it was signed he does not recollect, he states that he was discharged from the second tour of duty in Nash County North Carolina which discharge was signed by Captain Joel Wren, but at that time when he was going to move from North Carolina to Tennessee he destroyed his discharges with a number of other papers not presuming or thinking that they would ever be of any service to him he states that there resides in his present neighborhood to whom he personally knows & well acquainted who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, John Hutchinson, Matthew Powell, Joseph Bradly, Hardy Felts, Michael Harris, Thomas Williams, Manuel Lowe, David Wall, Andrew Stewart with diverse other persons were it necessary to enumerate them, for the services mentioned in the original declaration he claims a pension under the act of Congress before referred to.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & date before mentioned.

S/ Roland Felts, X his mark

S/ Matthew Powell, JP

State of Tennessee Robertson County

I Edwin Harris residing in the County and State aforesaid being duly sworn before Matthew Powell Esquire a Justice of the peace for said County states that he was born August 20th, 1760 that he was personally acquainted with Roland Felts in his youth & boys raised together that at the time said Felts was called into service he was then living a near neighbor to him in Bute County (since Warren) in North Carolina and was personally knowing to his being called into service & that his return out of service and from his acquaintance of the general & personal character of Mr. Felts and the Circumstances connected with his services, he verily believes that he served in the revolution as he has stated & set out in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of January 1833 in Springfield.

S/ Matthew Powell, JP

S/ Edwin Harris, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]