

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Roberts S31334

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State of Kentucky Barren County & Circuit Ct.

On this 28th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Barren Circuit Court now sitting Thomas Roberts resident in the County of Barren & State of Kentucky, aged seventy years the 27th of October next, 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. At the time he entered the service he lived in Brunswick County Virginia & in 1779 was drafted in his Division & entered the service in the Virginia militia under Captain Thomas Edmonds, Lieutenant Charles Lucas, General David Mason marched us from the place of Rendezvous Hicks Ford, to Stono the other side of Charleston South Carolina where we joined the Regular Army commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. He was in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], where he received a ball through his clothes. On this Tour he was called out to serve six months after he got into South Carolina, & thinks he served about eight months from the time he started until his return. From the battle of Stono he went home, being discharged by his Captain Tom Edmonds, by whom it was signed, but said Discharge is now lost or mislaid. In this tour he served and acted as orderly Sergeant in Captain Edmonds Company.

He afterwards volunteered in 1780 under Colonel William Stith of Brunswick County in a Horse Company, finding his own horse, & equipages, and served he thinks, about one month and a half, when the orders which had been given were countermanded, & he returned home, the company to which he belonged being disbanded. He served under the aforesaid Stith, who though called a Colonel, was then Captain. He Company was disbanded at Elliott's Mill, being never properly officered.

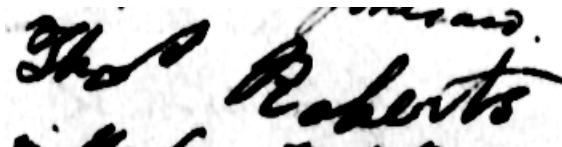
In the same year he was called out on a tour of service for three months under Captain Edmond Williams of Brunswick County Lieutenant's name not remembered. The rendezvous was Mackey's Mills, where he was taken out of the ranks to work as an artificer in a Black Smith's [blacksmith's] Shop to make spikes for floating Batteries & went with the Army no further; but served in the Smith's Shop until the three months expired, when he returned to Brunswick County.

During the time Cornwallis was besieged at York, He served [word written over and blurred] Company in collecting beeves for the Army, furnished his own horse & other necessaries. The collection of the beeves was carried on under the Direction of Frederick Lucas & William Mitchell. He served three months at this business. 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 of any State.

In answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he saith that he was born in the year 1762 on the 27th of October in Amelia County Virginia & raised in Brunswick Virginia. He has not now a Record of his age, but recollects it from what his parents told him. When called into the service, he was living in Brunswick County Virginia & lived there until about 24 or 25 years ago, when he moved to Barren County, where he has continued to live ever since. The first time he was called into service he was drafted in his division, the second he was a volunteer in a horse company, the third he was drafted in his division and the fourth time the same way, that is it came to his turn in drawing the numbers in his Division. At the Battle of Stono General Lincoln was a regular officer who served with the troops. He knows Capt. Dogget [?] who was killed in the battle of Stono. He cannot state the names of any regular officers because his service was chiefly with the militia. He does not now recollect the names of any regiments, being with the Regular Army only at Stono he was very little acquainted with the regular establishment. He received discharges but they are all now lost or mislaid so that it is entirely out of his power to produce them. When orderly Sergeant he was appointed by the Captain & not commissioned. In answer to the 7th question he would name Winn Malone, William Cook, William Dale, Burwell Lawless, Genl. John Gorin [?], Reuben Dale, William J Wood, Elias Smith, Christopher Tompkins & many others whom he could now name. He has no Documentary evidence & knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thos. Roberts

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thos Roberts", written in a cursive style. The signature is somewhat faded and appears to be on a document with some texture or grain.

[Lowry Bishop, a clergyman, and Wm F. Cook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Barren County & Circuit SCT.

On this 26 day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of Barren Circuit Court now sitting Thomas Roberts a resident of the County aforesaid aged 70 years the 27th of October 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, by way of amendment to an original Declaration heretofore, to wit, on the 28th day of September 1832, made before said court, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That his said Declaration originally made out as aforesaid has been returned from the War Department with objections "V" and "XII" and for the purpose of [words too faint to discern] these objections he now amends. That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. At the time he entered the service he lived in Brunswick County Virginia & in 1779 was drafted in his Division & entered the service in the Virginia militia as an orderly Sergeant under Captain Thomas Edmonds, Lieutenant Charles Lucas, General David Mason marched us from the place of rendezvous, Hicks Ford, to Stono the other side of Charlestown, South Carolina, where he joined the Regular Army commanded by General Lincoln. He was in the battle of Stono, where he received a ball through his clothes. On this tour he was called out to serve 6 months after he got into South Carolina. From the battle of Stono he went home, being discharged by Captain Thomas Edmonds by whom his discharge was signed. On this tour he served at least 6 months as an orderly Sergeant.

He afterwards in 1780 volunteered in the Virginia militia as a Private of Cavalry under

Colonel William Stith of Brunswick County Virginia finding his own horse and equipages and served at least one month, and a half to the best of his recollection, when the orders which had been given were countermanded & he returned home. The company to which he belonged being disbanded. He served under the aforesaid Stith, who they called a Colonel, was then Captain. This Company was disbanded at Elliott's Mill, being never properly officered, on this tour he served at least one month and a half as a private of Cavalry.

In the same year he was called out on a tour of service for 3 months under Captain Edmond Williams of Brunswick County. Lieutenant's name not remembered. The place of rendezvous was Mackey's Mill. [Several words too faint to discern] he was taken out of the ranks to work as an artificer in a blacksmith shop to make spokes for floating batteries, and he went with the Army no further, but served as an artificer in the blacksmith shop for the full term of the three months at the expiration of which he returned home to Brunswick County.

During the time Cornwallis was besieged in York he served in a company in collecting beeves for the Army furnishing his own horse and other necessaries. The collection of the beeves was carried on under the direction of Frederick Lucas and William Mitchell on this business he served three months as a private under said Lucas & Mitchell.

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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 of any State. In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he saith: He was born 27th of October 1762 in Amelia County Virginia & raised in Brunswick County Virginia. He has not now a record of his age, but calculates it from what his parents told him. When called into service, every time, he lived in Brunswick County Virginia, & lived there [indecipherable word] about 24 or 25

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S/ Thos. Roberts

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for three months in the Infantry, for one and a half months in the Cavalry and for six months as a Sergeant, all in the Virginia service.]