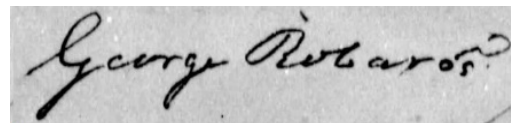


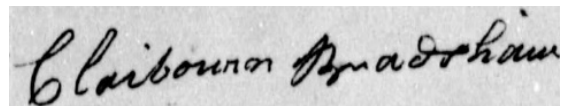
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Pension Application of George Robards (Roberts) S31339 VA
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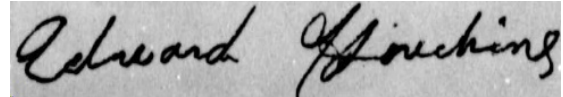
State of Kentucky } This day George Robards came into open court and made oath to the following
Mercer County Viz } statement for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the late act of Congress
approved the 7th day of June 1832 For the relief of certain surviving officers and
soldiers of the revolutionary war. I hereby state that on the 4th day of February 1777 I enlisted with Liut
George Holland of Moses Hawkins company in the 14th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line in
Goochland county Virginia for the term of three years. That in a short time afterwards at Fredericksburgh
[sic: Fredericksburg] I was appointed orderly sergeant of my company by Col Charles Lewis who
commanded the Regiment and in about two months afterwards when we joined the main army at
middlebrook in New Jersey I was appointed by Col. C Lewis Quarter master Sergeant and continued in
this office about twenty two months, when I was appointed Clerk to the commissary department under
John Robertson ["but was not discharged" interlined] in december 1778 and continued in this office until
within three weeks of the expiration of my time which was the 4th Feb 1780 when we were ordered to the
South and I performed the duties of Waggon Master until we arrived at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg]
Virginia and when we reached Fredericksburgh I was Honorably discharged having faithfille performed
the several offices aforesaid during my full term of three years, during which time I was in the Battles of
Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and also at the
taking of Stony Point under Genl. [Anthony] Wayne [16 Jul 1779]. In the month of April 1780 soon after
I was discharged I was drafted for six months in the Militia service and In consideration of my previous
services I was appointed by Gov.[?] Jefferson a Lieutenant in the Militia service it being the Virginia
Regiment of the State line commanded by Col [James] Lucas and I marched to South Carolina where I
was engaged in the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] and continued to hold my commission when in the
month of May 1781 I was ordered to meet Genl LaFayette at the Racoon ford [Raccoon Ford on Rapidan
River VA], where I remained for two months longer making about 15 months after I was commissioned
as Liut and on my return home I was appointed Captain of my company in which office I continued until
till the close of the War. He farther states, that a receipt from the commissary in the only paper he can
find which he hereby refers to, that his discharge and commissions he has long since lost or mislaid, That
he is not a Pensioner and hereby releases to the U States all other claims for a Pension. Witness my hand
this 9th day of July 1832



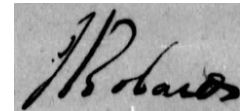
Mercer County viz} This day Claiborn Bradshaw [Claibourn (Claburn) Bradshaw W8394] now in the
73^d year of his age made oath in open court that, he is well acquainted with George Robards
whose name is subscribed to his affidavit and he is now present before him and he is the same George
Robards with whom I served in the revolutionary army in the year 1777 in the 9th Virginia Regiment and
the s'd Robards was in the 14th Virginia Regiment and I know that he acted in the capacity of Quarter
Master Sergeant and Clerk to the Commissary department, at the time I knew him and when I was
discharged s'd Robards was left by me in the service and I have often since conversed with him and I
Believe that he faitfully served out his time of three years and I have known him up to the present time.
Given under my hand this 9th July 1832.



This day Edward Houtchins [sic: Edward Houchins W11318] came into open court & state that he is 73 years of age, that he is well acquainted with George Robards whose name is signed above, and in the year 1777 I well recollect when he Robards enlisted in the continental line and joined the army, and I also recollect when he returned having served three years in the army and I was a private soldier in the company of the 4th Virginia State Line Regiment under the s'd Robards as my lieutenant and we were together at the Battle of Camden and the s'd Roberts was a faithful officer for more than six months, I lived a near neighbor of s'd Robards at the time of the war of the Revolution and know him to be the same man. Witness my hand this 9th day of July 1832.



State of Kentucky } This day Jesse Roberts [sic: Jesse Robards, pension application W8563] came
Mercer County viz } personally into open court and being sworn according to Law he states that he is
well acquainted with George Roberts [sic] that he well recollects of his being in
the regular service for three years That soon after s'd George Roberts was discharged from s'd service,
he was drafted into the Militia service of the state of Virginia early in the spring 1780 when he was
appointed and commissioned a Lieutenant by Governor Jefferson on account of his previous services in
Capt Edmund Curds company and in Col Lucas Regiment and I know that s'd George Roberts joined his
company in Goochland county, and marched from thence to Hillsborough in North Carolina where he
marched to the Battle of Camden and continued in service in s'd Regiment until he was promoted as a
Captain early in 1782. and I often saw the s'd George Roberts when he was a Lieutenant and commanded
in his company and know that he held his commission as such in the militia of Virginia engaged in the
revolutionary war. I am the brother of said George Roberts and was well acquainted with him during the
war. Witness my hand this 9th day of August 1832



State of Kentucky } This day Joseph Robards came before me a Justice of the Peace in & for
Breckenridge County Sct } said County and made oath to the following Declaration viz "I Joseph
Robards now about Sixty Six years of age & a resident of Breckenridge
County do hereby state on oath that I am well acquainted with Capt Geo. Robards of Mercer County and
know that he enlisted under Capt Geo Holland in Goochland County Virginia he thinks in 1777 for three
years and entered the Service immediately afterwards & as he believes served out his time, at any rate he
did not return to his fathers (where this affiant also resided) until the time had expired and it was
generally understood & believed in the neighbourhood that s'd. Geo had been in the Army 3 years when
he returned. When he returned home he was appointed a Lieutenant in the Militia & stayed but a short
time until he & his brother Wm Robards [William Robards] entered the service upon a six months tour
he thinks some time in 1780 in the same county in the [blank] Virginia Regiment commanded as I
understood by Col Lucas On this service I understood said Geo. acted as Lieutenant

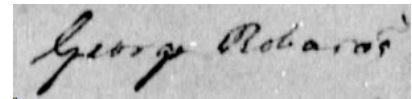
I also know that after the s'd. Geo. returned from the last Southern service he commanded a
[illegible word] of his neighbours against the refugees [displaced loyalists] – & about this time a
company of the refugees was at my fathers house & he had to keep his property hid out.

I also know that some time in 1781 said Geo. Robards marched as a Lieutenant (as I suppose)
with Layfaett who collected the militia of Virginia to meet Lord Cornwallis (This was about the time the
British burnt the tobacco at Richmond Va [at Manchester near Richmond, 30 Apr 1781]. On this Service
said Geo. continued some time but how long I cannot now recollect, but when he returned he said the
Militia was discharged

I further certify that during the time said Geo. served, I was a member of the family and believe
taking the whole service together said Geo. served between four & five years at least. As Witness my
hand this 4th day of Sept. 1832

[signed] Jo Robards

Mercer County viz) This day George Roberts came before me a Justice of the peace for s'd county he being a resident Citizen of s'd county and being duly sworn according to Law. In addition to his former declaration, he states as follows – I George Robert am a res resident Citizen of Mercer County (Ky) and have been since the year 1791. That when I acted as Clerk in the commissary department I was not discharged as a Serjeant but was called upon to perform the duty in addition and my pay was to be in proportion which I [undeciphered word]. I farther state that In the month of January 1781 I again marched as Lieut in Capt Larken Smith's [Larkin Smith's] company and in the Militia of the State of Virginia and joined Genl Layfatte when Gen'l Arnold invaded Virginia [Benedict Arnold, Jan 1781] but Arnold had gone before we reached Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and we returned back to Warwick, and I continued with Layfayette until the month of June and I then was employd again in the regulars until July. I was under several officers and I do not recollect the name of the Col, but I was detached home after Gen'l Wayne joined Gen'l Layfayette at the Racoon Ford [8 Jun 1781] I further state that when I was appointed Capt in 178[last digit missing] I gave my Leutenants commission to Col John Curd and never have seen it since. I have no other evidence besides what I have and now enclose. Witness my hand this 17th day of Sept 1832

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Roberts". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

NOTE: A letter by John L. RoBards of Hannibal MO dated 15 April 1893 quotes the following from Book P. Minute Book page 17 of Mercer County Kentucky, Clerks Office: "Satisfactory proof was this day made to the Court in open Court, by the oaths of Archibald Robards and Cornels Daviess, that George Robards, a revolutionary pensioner, departed this life on the 13th day of July last past, 1833, and that Elizabeth Robards is his widow."

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Addendum to George Robards (Roberts) S31339

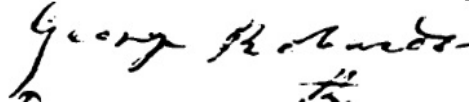
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Roberts, George/]

Gent'n Be pleased to settle my Account & send the warrants by the Bearer Joseph Lewis & you will
Oblige Y'r Hum'le Serv't

George Robards
Decem'r 6th 1785

To [illegible]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Robards" with a small flourish underneath.

It appears from the muster of Capt Overtons [John Overton BLWt1615-300] Company 10 Regiment, that
George Roberts Serj't enlisted 4th Feby 1777 for three years, which term he served.
8 Dec'r 1785 Ab Crump Com'y [Abner Crump R13459]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ab Crump" with a flourish at the end.