

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Roberts¹ S31343

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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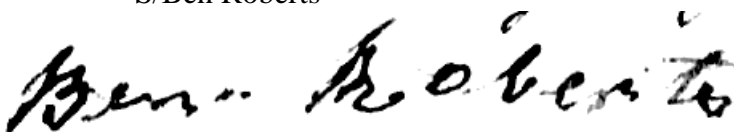
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Shelby County:

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of said County Benjamin Roberts a Resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. Saith that last April he was eighty-two [last digit written over and unclear] years of age that he lived in Culpeper County Virginia in the war of the Revolution that he was appointed in the fall of the year 1779 Captain of a Company in Major George Slaughter's Corps attached to Crockett's [Joseph Crockett's] Regiment of the Virginia State line of the Army of the Revolution and marched early in January 1780 with his company to the falls of Ohio now Louisville and was stationed at that place and other Western points or stations until the expiration of the term of service of his men with the close of the year 1781 himself deponent remaining from that time to the close of the war as a supernumerary liable to be called on at any time when wanted. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension from any source from and after the 4th of March 1831. That his name is not on the pension roll of the United States or any state. That in Nov'r 1830 he obtained a judgment against the State of Virginia for \$11,520 which has not as yet been received.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open court this day and year above stated.

S/Ben Roberts

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben. Roberts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/Ben Roberts".

[Facts in file: veteran died March 17, 1837; there is no family data in this file. Veteran received the sum of \$11,520 as the amount of half pay due him as an officer in the Virginia line. In addition, after his death, his administrator, John M Ferguson, obtained an additional sum of \$1415.33 on account of some miscalculation of the half pay due the veteran. Page 51 of the Fold3 file contains a sheet from the Virginia auditor showing the calculation of the half pay due the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Captain for 2 years in the Virginia State Line.]

¹ and Half Pay

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Addendum to Benjamin Roberts S31343

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 25 Feb 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for
Jessamine County } said County Col Joseph Crocket [Joseph Crockett S46377] who being duly sworn
saith that he was Lieut Col Commandant of a Rigiment on the Virginia State establishment during the war
of the Revolution and he says that Benjamin Roberts was a Captain of said Rigiment and served as such to
the termination of the said War of the Revolution and became equally intitled to a warrant for his
proportion of Virginia State land with any other officer and further he saith not. Sworn to before me this
fourteenth of July 1828
Jas Wilmore JP

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for
Jessamine County } said County Col Joseph Crocket who being duly sworn saith that he was a Major
of the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the army of the Revolution and as such retired some
time after the Battle of Monmouth as a supernumerary officer, when he was appointed a Lieut Col of 2
Rigiment of the Virginia State Line and he says that Captain George Walls or Wales [R18785] of the
Virginia line on Continental establishment also retired as a supernumerary officer about the same time
with him the said Deponent. he says that the cause of said retireing of Supernumerary officers was
occasioned by the Consolidation of Rigiments or Corps [undeciphered word] and any of the Junior [i.e.
younger] officers of each grade were placed upon the list of supernumeraries and retired as such and
further he saith not
Sworn to before me this fourteenth of July 1828
Jas Wilmore JP

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for
Jefferson County } said County Benjamin Roberts who being duly sworn saith that he is now in the
seventy ninth year of his age that he in the fall of the year 1779 received the appointment of Captain of
the Virginia State line during the war of the Revolution and that shortly afterwards he was commissioned
as such by the governor of Virginia (Jefferson) That he proceeded to recruit men for two years and in
March 1780 he marched with his troops to the falls of Ohio now Louisville where he was stationed
together with other companies part of the time under the command of Major or Lt. Col. Geo. Slaughter
[George Slaughter W8729] and part of the time under the command of Col. Joseph Crocket. he says that
he continued in service after the period for which his men were enlisted untill the close of the war neither
resigning or receiving any notice that his services were at an end and holding himself in readiness to obey
any orders which he might receive from his superior officers or the government of the State of Virginia.
That he has never at any time drawn any commutation or half pay from the State of Virginia or from any
other source as a compensation for his services as aforesaid and further he saith not
Sworn to before me this twenty ninth of July 1828
William Tompkins