

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Roberts S35053

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State of Maryland Allegany County to wit

On this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred & eighteen before me the Subscriber Chief Judge of the fifth Judicial district of Maryland which district is composed of the Counties of Allegany Washington & Frederick personally appeared William Roberts aged about sixty seven years resident in Allegany County aforesaid who being by me duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Navil Service of the united states in the Revolutionary war. That he is the same William Roberts who enlisted under captain Peal [sic: James Peale, pension application S41056] of the first Maryland Regiment in the city of Annapolis in the fall of 1777. That he joined the Regiment at Wilmington in the State of Delewear from thence they marched to White Planes [sic: White Plains NY] that he went from there or soon after [sic] to South Carolina and was at the Battle of Cambden where General Gates was defeated [sic: Battle of Camden SC where Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] that he was shortly after discharged from the service & Returned to Annapolis. that he is in Reduced circumstances & stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

[The following does not necessarily pertain to the above William Roberts.]

Auditors office Annapolis March 22 1819

I hereby certify that it appears from the muster Rolls remaining in the Auditors office that William Roberts enlisted as a private in the First maryland Regiment on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1778 and was discharged 1 July 1780  
Thos. Karney/ Aud'r. St. Md.

STATE OF MARYLAND, Allegany County SS.

On this tenth day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, William Roberts aged sixty seven years, resident in said county, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he enlisted in the year 1777 in Annapolis and went from there to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD] and joined Captain Peals Company in General Smallwoods [William Smallwood's] Brigade that he was in the Battle of Germanton [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and that he made a Declaration originally on Oath on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1818 and received a Pention Certificate numbered Eight thousand nine hundred and thirteen

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY, &c.

1 Cow \$12. 1 Heffer \$8. 12 Hogs \$22 1 Dutch Oven & 3 Potts \$5.

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And the said William Roberts further declares, that he is by occupation a Farmer, but unable to do a full days work, that he has a wife about fifty seven years of age, and son twenty two years of age, who makes his home with me, but works abroad for himself one Daughter seventeen years of age subject to fits one other Daughter aged fifteen years