

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Roberts <sup>1</sup> S4147

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Declaration: In order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

State of Tennessee Bradley County} On this 27th day of June in the year of 1855 personally appeared James Roberts a Resident of Bradley County in the State of Tennessee Aged 96 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year of 1777 in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Line under the following named officers (to wit) in Captain Herons [sic, Armwell Herron's] Company for the term of three years as a private soldier was honorably discharged at Surry County in the State of North Carolina after serving for three years in the Revolutionary War. Declarant says from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot say positively who commanded the 10th Regiment but thinks it was Colonel Heron or Lewis says he was engaged in no battle but was in the field or in Garrison during his whole service and was not engaged in any civil pursuits. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me  
S/ W. White, JP

S/ James Roberts, X his mark

[John Burk, a clergyman, and A. R. Potts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that James Roberts a private soldier in Captain Herons Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 14th day of July 1777, for the term of three years -- I further certify it appears from the records of this office, that a warrant No. 1488 for 274 acres of land issued for the service of said James Roberts & was delivered to P. Shackler the 20th of December 1784, which warrant has never been returned to this office for a grant to issued thereon --

Given under my hand this 27th day of April 1858:

S/ Rufus H. Page, Secretary of State

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt82519-160-55

[p 10: On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1855 in Bradley County Tennessee, the veteran applied for his bounty land entitlement under the act of March 3, 1855. He signed this application with his mark.]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that James Roberts a private soldier in Captain Heron's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 24th day of July 1777, for the term of three years: that a land warrant for three services was issued in his name.

Given under my hand this 31st day of December 1856

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of Tennessee County of Bradley: SS

Be it known that before me a Justice of the Peace duly authorized and commissioned by law to administer oaths within and for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Roberts and made oath in due form of law that he believes himself now more than one hundred years old that he is the same person who claimed a pension for his Rev Services in North Carolina where he served from the summer 1777 to 1780 3 years under Capt. Armwell Herron in the Regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Shepard [sic, Abraham Sheppard] he believes; & received land Bounty for his above Rev Services but what disposition he made of the above land he is not certain from his age and feeble memory but thinks he let one Sheackler or Shackler have it.

Sworn to and subscribed on this 23rd day of December 1857 before me

S/ W. White, JP

S/ James Roberts, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years as a private in the North Carolina Continental Line.]