

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

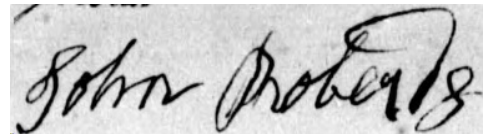
Pension Application of John Roberts S4148

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions
Buncombe County } October Sessions 1832

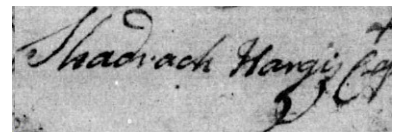
On this 17th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting John Roberts, a resident of Buncombe County and State of North Carolina aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the 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. That he enlisted in a company of horse commanded by Captain Nelson in the County of Caroline, State of Virginia, about the 18th of June 1774. that he went first to a little town called Hobb's hole in Essex County Virginia where he remained between four and five months. from there they marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Virginia, where he stayed a short time and marched to Yorktown, where he remained till the expiration of his term having served one year, and was discharged. He then enlisted for the term of eighteen months in a Company of Artillery commanded by Captain Charles Harrison at Yorktown in Virginia. That he continued at said place, with the exception of some small scouts, until the expiration of said term when he was discharged in the month of December 1776. That he was in a Battle on Guin's Island about 40 miles from Yorktown sometime in the commencement of the year 1776 [sic: Battle of Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 Jul 1776]. The Island was under the command of a French officer when he first went there whose name he does not recollect, who was killed by the bursting of a mortar and Charles Harrison took command of the troops. That he entered the army again in the Winter of 1779 as a drafted militia man, in the County of Caswell N. Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Forker [Faulkner?] for the term of three months. That he detached for the purpose of driving a publick waggon, under the direction of Col. John Williams, in which capacity he served out the term of his service. He entered the service again as a drafted militiaman in the County of Caswell, N. Carolina, for the term of three months in the company commanded by Captain Shadrack Hargis [sic: Shadrack Hargis], in the month of July 1780 that he marched into South Carolina under Gen'l. [John] Butler where he was placed under the command of General [Horatio] Gates and was in the Battle near Camden [16 Aug 1780], where they were defeated. They were then dispersed and returned home. That he hired a man by the name of Thomas Parmer to serve a tour of three months for him in 1781 which he understood was done and a discharge obtained from Col. William Moore. He has no documentary evidence of his said services except the certificate of Capt Hargis which is here enclosed and the certificate of Col. Moore of Parmer's service, which is also enclosed [not found], and knows of no person by whom he can prove the same. 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.



Caswell County January 21th 1782

This is to Cartifie that John Roberts is in the forth Devision in my compney and has sarved his towers of Duty accordenely

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State of north carolina }

County of Buncombe }

On the 26th day of Sept. AD 1854 personally came before me the undersigned, an acting Justice of the peace in & for said county George Roberts, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes & says on his oath that he is the son of John Roberts Sr of Buncombe County No Carolina & who applied for a pension under the act of the 7th of June 1832 & drew for a while & was then stoped & he believes without any just cause, & he now asks for its renewal, that said John Roberts Sr was legally married to his (declarants) mother whos christian name was, margaret & who is also dead

George hisXmark Roberts