

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of George Roberts S7397

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 1st day of January 1852 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Court of Record for said County and State George Roberts a citizen of said County aged ninety-four years and who being by me 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 the 7 day of June 1832: That about the year 1777 he the aforesaid George Roberts was a citizen of Wilkes County North Carolina and that one Captain Samuel Johnson was enlisting men for to serve three years in the Revolutionary War, and that he enlisted in the said Company and joined head quarters and mustered into the service at a place called Cox's Mills in North Carolina under one Colonel Hardgrove [?] and that as well as he can now recollect this was about the end of the year 1779 and was stationed on file at a place called the old Store House<sup>1</sup> was then marched to a place called the Hanging Rock at which place they had a small battle with some Tories and British, and also he thinks in the same year he was in another battle near Charlotte North Carolina, that he is confident his last was in the year 1778 [could be 1779]. He further states that about this date his officers permitted him to [returned?] home; on condition that he would hire a driver, and bring his wagon and 6 horses back to do Army hauling, as he had one at home & that after being gone some two months he returned with the wagon & team & a driver by the name of Casander Carpenter who continued to haul from & to different places until the battle of Ninety Six South Carolina when he was [word smudged and illegible] when he (Robert) employed Jacob Crowder to drive said team. That he himself again joined the Company of Johnson at the Horse Ford on the Catawba River but in a few months after he was by consent transferred to Captain Harrison or Harris' Company which belonged to Colonel Miller's Regiment and in which place he served out the remainder of his time. That under the last mentioned officers he was, when the battle of Ninety Six was fought in which he was, and that he is of opinion that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commanded there though being old, his memory greatly impaired [one or more words smudged and illegible] no recollects of these campaigns he on that account cannot give names & dates certain.

He further states that previous to this last mentioned battle he was stationed a certain time at Charleston South Carolina and that going to and from this City they had several skirmishes with bodies of Tories and small parties of British soldiers in which they took some prisoners. That his time of service having expired he thinks in the year 1780 or '81 he was discharged and that paper is now lost. That he then enlisted under Captain Moore & the same Colonel Miller above mentioned for one year and that during this term he was in the battles fought at Guilford

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<sup>1</sup> The words I have interpreted it as "Store House" are smudged and difficult to discern.

Courthouse North Carolina & again was in some small skirmishes. That he returned and served [indecipherable word or words] during the above towers [tours] but cannot say how often. That he has no papers relating to his service whatever. That he received his pay for the wagon & team and cannot say the quantity, but his own wages for a portion of the service was received at the same time. His only reason for never of applying before this were that Thomas T. Patton (it was said) forged some papers in his name as he did in many others & that he had thought his claim was [indecipherable word], but he does not know whether Patton actually did send them on or not. He further states that after the two terms above mentioned expired, he then drove his wagon himself for the remainder of the war.

That he had first served as a private for years.

S/ George Roberts, X his mark

[fn p. 39: John Reynolds, a minister of the gospel, & Peter Plemmons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: the veteran died in Buncombe County North Carolina January one, 1864 leaving one child William V. Roberts who in 1868 was a resident of Haywood County North Carolina and was then 48 years old. There is no other family data in this file.]

[fn p. 33: certificate dated January 22, 1852 from the North Carolina Comptroller as to payments made to George Roberts during the Revolutionary War.]