

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose Roberts S7398

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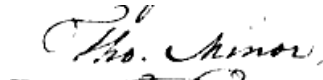
State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Fluvanna County Ambrose Roberts a resident of said County & State aforesaid aged 80 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 County of Caroline on the __ day of February 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Minor in the 2nd Regiment of Virginia State troops. That in the spring of 1778 I marched to the North and joined the Continental Army under General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] at Valley Forge, was at the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Battle at Mud Island [also known as the siege of Fort Mifflin – September 26-November 15, 1777] & the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], returned to Fredericksburg & was there discharged by Major Lee after having served three years. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, that his name is on Roll of the Virginia State Troops in Richmond as under Captain Quarles [probably Captain James Quarles] & the Certificate of Captain Minor hereto attached. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year 1st above written.

S/ Abner Roberts, X his mark

The deposition of Thomas Minor¹ of Spotsylvania County aged 75 years, taken this 18th day of November 18 28. He states that he was a Captain in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment That in February 1777 Ambrose Roberts enlisted in his Company for the space of 3 years. That in the spring 1778 his company was marched to the North & joined the Continental Army, and attached to Muhlenberg Regiment and served in the United States Army – Roberts went to the North, & this deponent being transferred to another service in the winter 1778, left Roberts in the Company & he heard & believes he served out the term of his enlistment – He was a good soldier and of excellent character – Roberts is about 76 years of age, very poor & require some aid from that Country that has had his faithful services – given under my hand the date above

S/ Tho. Minor



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 3 years.]

¹ [Thomas Minor W5374](#)

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Addendum to Ambrose Roberts S7398

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

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The following application for a federal pension apparently was never submitted.]

State of Virginia Fluvanna county to wit On this 24th day of September 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a court of record by the Laws of the said State Ambrose Roberts aged about sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 That he the said Ambrose Roberts enlisted for the term of three years on or about the 14th day of February in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Minor in the regiment commanded by Colonel [blank] in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment That he [several illegible words] day of February [illegible] when he was discharged from the said service in Federickburg [sic: Fredericksburg] in the State of Virginia. That he was in the Battle of Stoney point fort [Stony Point 16 Jul 1779], White plains [28 Oct 1776] and at Mud Island fort [sige of Fort Mifflin 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777] and produced in support of his said services the testimony of Thomas Minor and William Cason [S9157] taken before the court of Spotsylvania County & duly certified in the following words to wit "At a Court held for Spotsylvania County th 7th day of May 1821 Thomas Minor aged 66 years came into Court & being first sworn states that he then a captain in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment enlisted Ambrose Roberts as a private in 1777 that the said regiment was afterwards transferred to the continental establishment and that he well know that the said Ambrose Roberts served more than two years on the said establishment. And William Cason aged 61 years came into Court and being sworn states that he belong to the same company of Capt Thomas Minor and that he well knows the said Ambrose Roberts served in the said company more than two years on continental establishment, and the court doth Certify that Thomas Minor & William Cason resides in this county, that they are persons of good character & that full faith ought to be given to their declarations & that they are not interested in the [undeciphered word] of this application