

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Britain [Brittian] Roberts S7400

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Johnston County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions
1832

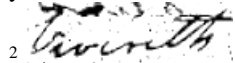
On the 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Johnston County now sitting Brittain Roberts a resident of Johnston County and State of North Carolina aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

First. I belonged to the second division of Johnston County Militia and was drafted for three months about the year A.D. 1780 under Capt. Edmund Griffin of said County, marched from Johnston County Court house to Kingston [Kinston] and was there put under the command of Colonels Allen and Sessum all commanded by General William Caswell, then we marched to Cross Creek thence to Pine tree now called Camden thence to and across the Congaree and Wateree Rivers, thence within eighteen miles of Charleston South Carolina where the battle was fought we were at that place and remained at this spot some time, and captured one hundred and sixty of the enemy's light horse who were discovered by some of our men that were fishing, then we retreated through Camden, there we met with Col. Beauford [Abraham Buford] with his Continental troops and he refused to March with General Caswell – Gen. Caswell took Cross Creek Road – and Col. Beauford took the Charlotte road and was overtaken by the British forces at hanging rock [Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780] on the Charlotte road and he Beauford was totally defeated, we were marched to Cross Creek thence across Cape Fear River and near said River was discharged. I had a regular discharge but have lost or mislaid the same. I have no documentary evidence and I saw no Continental troops except those under Col. Beauford. I can prove this term of service by my fellow soldier Benjamin Edwards.

Second. I was about fifteen months after my return from this service drafted for three months and mustered at Johnston Court house under Capt. Phillip Thomas, marched to [indecipherable word]² on Nahunta Creek thence to Greenville thence across the Country &

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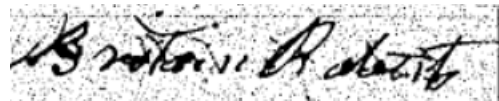
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crossed Neuse River & thence to and across the Cape Fear River thence by Rockingham in Richmond County to Coalson's ferry [Colson's ferry] on the Pedee River where we remained several weeks built houses & this tour of three months was performed under Col. Linton [William Thomas Linton] when we were at Colson's ferry the British forces passed up the River on the opposite side and we marched up on this side of the river they retreated South and we marched towards our homes and I was discharged by my officers at Johnston Court house and have lost or mislaid my discharge have no documentary evidence I saw no Continental troops – and can prove this term of service which lasted 3 months or more by my fellow soldier Benjamin Edwards.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Britain Roberts

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Britain Roberts", enclosed within a rectangular border.

I Benjamin Evans do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Britain Roberts the person who has signed the foregoing certificate and served with him in the company of Capt. Edward Griffin and Philip Thomas at the time and places stated in the foregoing declaration.

S/ Benjamin Edwards,³ X his mark

[James Brady and Isaac Stallings gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.

³ [Benjamin Edwards W3790](#)