

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Roach S7404

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State of Virginia Orange County Sc

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the peace of the County Court of Orange now sitting, Absalom Roach a resident of the said County and State aged 72 years who being first 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 into the state service of Virginia in what year he does not now recollect & served in Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers to which, Colonel Francis Taylor, Major Roberts, Captain Ambrose Madison and after he resigned Captain William Burton and Lieutenant John Goodall; that he served at the Barracks at Albemarle and at Winchester upwards of two years. He enlisted for no definite period, it was until the prisoners should be disposed of – he marched from Albemarle to Winchester, – he was discharged at Winchester in the same year that Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken [October 19, 1781]. He returned home to Orange after his discharge and in a short time was drafted to go to York and was there at the taking of Wallis. He marched the prisoners from York to Winchester and was there discharged from the militia service. 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.["]

Sworn to and subscribed the day aforesaid.

S/ Absalom Roach, X his mark

[John Davis and Richard Goodall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died February 6, 1840 leaving children but their names are not given in the file materials; nor is there any other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]