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Pension application of William Roberts [Robards] S7418

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State of North Carolina Duplin County

On the 26 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Robert Strange a Judge of the Superior Court of Law of the County of Duplin now sitting, William Robards Sr. [sic.] of said County, who will be seventy-five years of age on the 25 day of May next, who being 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 volunteered in the nine months service in a company commanded by Captain Daniel Williams, in the County of Duplin aforesaid, that under his command he marched into South Carolina where he was attached to the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel James Armstrong, which Regiment was attached to the Brigade of General Sumner -- or Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], and to the Army of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. From thence he was attached to the Light infantry under the command of Major Pinckney, and was at the battle of Stono, after this battle he was again transferred to the 5th Regiment under his original officers, with this exception, that one Captain Sharpe was his Captain in the place of Daniel Williams. He was marched from Bacons Bridge to Dorchester, where he surrendered his arms, from thence he was marched to Pedee [River], where he was discharged having served nine months in the regular Service, and three weeks in the militia.

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/ Jeremiah Pearsall, Clk

S/ William Robert [sic]

[Edward Outlaw and John Stuart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Duplin County: Superior Court of Law Fall term 1833

On this the 23rd day of September 1833 before the Honorable Thomas Settle one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity for the State aforesaid now presiding in the Superior Court of Law for the County of Duplin personally appeared William Roberts the aforesaid applicant to amend his preceding declaration and being duly sworn doth on his oath further declare and say, that he entered the regular service or the service under Captain Daniel Williams, in November 1778, though he was balloted in the May preceding, the troops to which he belonged were called the new levies, he is not certain whether he was a Continental soldier or of the State troops, -- inclined to believe he was of the State troops -- that he left this service in August or September 1779 having served in it nine months as a private. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person now alive by whom he can prove this service.

That in the spring of 1776 he entered service in a company of Duplin militia under Captain William Taylor, John Sullivan Lieutenant and John Kournegay Ensign in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Rutledge and served three weeks as a private, being called out by order of Colonel Rutledge, that he then resided in Duplin County North Carolina and marched from Duplin to Wilmington, thence into Brunswick County, at some mills, thence back to Wilmington and discharged, that at that time there was a demand for soldiers as the enemy were on board their ships of war in Cape Fear [River] below Wilmington, and his company was ordered out for the purpose of guarding and defending Wilmington. That there is no clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood. That he has no documentary evidence to show his service in the militia and knows of no person by whom he can prove it. That he was born on Neuse [River] in Dobbs [County] now Lenoir County North Carolina in May 1759 -- That he has a record of his age at home on a piece of paper. The regular officers with the troops where he served were Captain Daniel Williams, Lieutenant Theophilus Williams -- Captain Sharpe -- Colonel James Armstrong, Major Eaton, General Sumpter, General Lincoln, Curtis Ivey & Adjutant Caleb Parker; that the Continental regiments he recollects were the 4th & 5th of the new levies of the North Carolina Line. He saw a great many regular troops of the South Carolina line. The militia regiments he remembers were General Ashe's who marched out into South Carolina when he did, Colonel Kenan's & Colonel Caswell's -- He saw General Arnold's Brigade of regulars marching into South Carolina before Charleston surrendered, the general circumstances of his services are related in his declaration. He received a discharge from Colonel Thackston on Pedee -- which is lost -- He is known in his neighborhood to Isaac Kournegay, Edward Outlaw, James Pearsall, Jeremiah Pearsall, John Stewart, Richard Miller, John Miller, Edward Albertson, William Miller, General Stephen Miller and many others he could name who he thinks will testify to his character for veracity and believe that he was a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jeremiah Pearsall, CCC

S/ William Robert