

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Roberts S7430

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Sessions 1834

On the 22nd day of May 1834 personally appeared in open court Aaron Roberts a resident of Wake County in the State aforesaid aged seventy-nine 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 an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- That on the 28th day of August 1779 he was drafted and entered into the service of the United States under the command of Captain John Bryant of this County in which he then lived we rendezvoused at Joel Lane's near where the City of Raleigh now stands, & met several other companies, and were all mustered into line under General Butler [John Butler] & Major Sharpe. I do not recollect the Colonel's name & marched through the Country to Salisbury. There we remained in camp nearly all the time saved when we were out on scouting parties which lasted for three months, until the 28th day of November in the year 1779 -- I had a written discharge from Captain Bryant but have lost or mislaid the same.

2nd In July 1781 I was again drafted in Wake aforesaid, and on the 22nd of July 1781 I met my Captain Martin Lane at Colonel Joel Lane's & was then mustered into line with other companies under the command of General Nathaniel Greene who had with him a great many Continental and other regular troops power militia officers were Colonel Farmer, Major John Umphries [sic Humphreys?] and I also saw Colonel Malmedy of the regular troops as I believe he was called -- marched from Lane's through the intervening country nearly to Charleston we heard of the British forces marching in the direction of the Eutaw Springs. We marched & met them and had a battle at the Eutaw Springs. I and my company was in said action. I received no wounds although many were killed near me. I saw on that day General Greene -- Colonel Washington & many others Continental officers -- we retreated, marched back to Camden from there to Salisbury, there I remained until discharged. I had a written discharge I have searched for the same & cannot find [it], and therefore believe it to have been lost or destroyed. This service lasted for 6 months (to wit, until the 22nd of January 1781.

S/ Aaron Roberts, X his mark

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of May 1834 in open Court

S/ Aaron Roberts, X his mark

personally appeared in open Court Ambrose Roberts he says he is 66 years of age, and says that he lived at the same place with Aaron Roberts and knows of his having been twice drafted, saw him started from home with his gun & cartridge boxes and he believes he was absent of service

for the United States at one time 3 months and at another time 6 months but he is unable to state precisely the time or date.

S/ Ambrose Roberts, S his mark

1<sup>st</sup> Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was born in what is now called Wake County. I am 79 years old, & as well as I recollect was born in the year 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: My age was recorded in the family Bible. I gave it to my son in law Green Serivnr [??] who has gone to the State of Tennessee

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living on Kitts Creek in this County & lived in Wake except 11 years in Orange County ever since the Revolutionary war and I do now live in Wake County.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted twice as stated in my declaration

5<sup>th</sup> Question, as set forth in the printed form

Ans: I refer you to my declaration for the Answer and names of the officers.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I had two [indecipherable words] give me by the captains stated in my declaration at the least they delivered them to me I considered them of no use & they have become lost or destroyed.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: There is Berry Scales [? Surls, Seales?], Jacob Warner, Henry McClyee, Benj. S. King & many others but there is none present but Mr. Surls & King. I have no knowledge of a clergyman at this time that is acquainted with my services & none residing my neighborhood.

[Berry Scales [?] and Benjamin S. King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]