

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Robuck (Roebuck) S9467

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South Carolina

George Roebuck [sic] of Spartanburg District personally came before me and being duly sworn Declareth, that in the fall of 1775 he enlisted as a common soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line Colonel Nash [Francis Nash], Captain Henry Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] for six months at the expiration of which period he reenlisted in the same Regiment and same company for the further term of twelve months which term he faithfully served and was regularly discharged but that his discharge was burnt by the British Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] in the house of his father. That on this service he was generally stationed at Wilmington NC & Haddrell's Point & Fort Moultrie SC in the latter of which he was when it was bombarded by the enemy [Battle of Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776]

The declarant further saith that he is a native of the United States that he has always heretofore and still resides therein and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn & subscribed the 15th of February 1819

S/ George Robuck<sup>1</sup>



S/ David Johnson

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The name of George Robuck does not appear on the muster roll. From his declaration it appears he was early in the southern Army, when muster rolls were not kept.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State North Carolina

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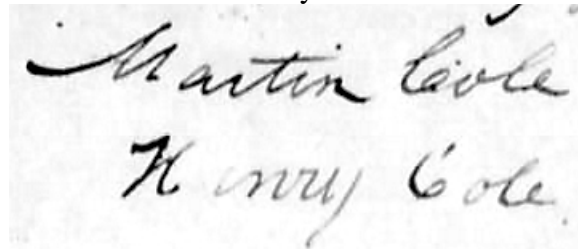
<sup>1</sup> Applicant would have only given his services in the Continental Army in this application because the 1818 Act only extended benefits to Continental veterans who were in 'reduced circumstances.'

Martin Cole<sup>2</sup> and Henry Cole<sup>3</sup> being duly sworn declare that they served in the same Regiment with the within named George Roebuck during the time stated in the within Declaration and knows that he performed the services therein stated, and from their knowledge of his circumstances they are satisfied he needs the assistance of his Country for support. Sworn & subscribed the 15th of February 1819.

S/ David Johnson

S/ Martin Cole

S/ Henry Cole

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Martin Cole" and the bottom signature reads "Henry Cole". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the early 19th century.

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District } To wit

On this 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before John B. O'Neill Judge of the court of Common Pleas &c now sitting George Robuck a resident of the district who was born on the 15th day of March 1757 -- in Orange County Virginia and is now aged 75 years & 6 months -- 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 7, 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States as an enlisted soldier in May 1775 under Captain Dickson [Henry Dixon, a/k/a Henry "Hal" Dixon] Lieutenant Dickson & Colonel Nash [Francis Nash] of the 1st Regiment of North Carolina Line in Orange County North Carolina he joined headquarters at Wilmington North Carolina & had an engagement with the enemy at Mrs. Moore's bridge<sup>4</sup> on Black River near that place he marched from that place by Georgetown to Charleston South Carolina where he was in the battle at Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] under the command he thinks of General Lee [Charles Lee] he received a wound in the leg by a buck shot at this place, he marched back to Wilmington & back again to Charleston, was regularly discharged at Haddrell's Point after a Service of eighteen months. His discharge was burnt in the house of his father which was set on fire by the Tories in the Revolutionary War. He received a pension for one or two years under the Act of 1818, after which he was chopped from the pension list. After he was discharged from the regular service he removed to Spartanburg SC, and volunteered in a campaign against the Cherokee Indians under Captain Prince [Francis Prince] Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] & Major Davidson, he does not distinctly recollect the names of the other officers he joined headquarters at Seneca Fort on Seneca River in the upper part of South Carolina where he remained skirmishing with the Indians in that neighborhood for six months when he was dismissed. He again volunteered in a campaign against the Creek Indians under Captain William Smith, Colonel Hammond [Leroy Hammond] & General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] -- joined headquarters at White Hall near Augusta they marched through the State of Georgia & crossed the Oconee & ~~Ocmulgee~~ [sic Ocmulgee]

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<sup>2</sup> [Martin Cole S39345](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Henry Cole S39359](#)

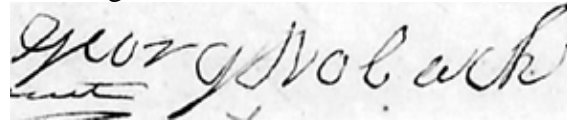
<sup>4</sup> Battle of Moore's Creek bridge February 27, 1776 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/mooresplantation.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

Rivers & had an engagement with the Indians at Golphins Cowpens under Major Ross [Francis Ross]<sup>5</sup> who fell in the engagement. He returned to White Hall & was dismissed after a tour of 3 months. He again volunteered under Captain Wofford [Joseph Wofford] & Major Ford [John Ford] & was stationed at Cambridge at the Siege of Ninety Six<sup>6</sup> under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was dismissed after service of 3 months --

In 1781 -- he received the commission of Captain signed by Colonel Thomas and joined the Army at Orangeburg with Major John Ford & Colonel Robuck<sup>7</sup> to guard some prisoners who were stationed at that place. He served for about 4 months & returned home, he thinks he returned his commission after peace was made to his commanding officer. He has no documentary evidence of his services as a volunteer he has resided in Spartanburg district ever since the revolutionary war. He refers to ~~Major William Smith~~ the Reverend Nathan Langston, William Wilder to prove his services & his character for veracity &c. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Georg Robuck

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georg Robuck". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[Nathan Langston, a clergyman, William Wilder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this 8th day of July 1845 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said District George Robuck a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged about ninety years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This deponent served during the War of the Revolution as a private and Captain for which he has been allowed a pension of \$146.66 per annum, and now asks for the benefit of all his services, to wit, ten months service as Captain in Colonel Robuck's Regiment, a part of which service he only set forth in his former declaration, owing to this fact, that the Court objected to his claiming any service as a Captain except declarant produced his Commission, which was at that time destroyed, and which is the reason that declarant did not set forth all his services that he rendered as a Captain in the Revolution; that he did well and faithfully serve for the period of ten months as a Captain as above stated at different times and places, besides he served as a private soldier for a long time for all which he asks for an increase of his present pension, and refers to the proof on file in the war Office in support of his Statements.

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<sup>5</sup> Francis Ross (1744-1779) served as a captain under Col. Thomas Neel on the Cherokee Expedition in the summer of 1776. Moss, *Roster*, p. 831. In the spring of 1779, Ross was wounded in a skirmish with the Cherokees and died from his wounds on March 31, 1779. William A. Graham. *General Joseph Graham and His Papers on North Carolina Revolutionary History*, Raleigh: 1904.

<sup>6</sup> May 21-June 19, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

<sup>7</sup> Benjamin Roebuck, the applicant's brother, according to the affidavit given by George Robuck in support of the applicant of [Solomon Crocker W9398](#)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Jonas Brewton, Mag.  
S/ George Robuck, X his mark

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 15, 1819 for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. This pensioned was suspended because he failed to file the required property schedule under the 1821 act. He was initially pensioned under the 1832 act at the rate of \$80 per annum for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and militia. Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$146.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private & Captain in the service of North Carolina and South Carolina. He was a private in the North Carolina Continental line and a private and Captain in the South Carolina militia. His pension was subsequently increased to \$200.52 per annum.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died May 7, 1848. This file contains letters dated in the 1960's from a woman in California listing the services of several Roebuck/Robuck family members in the military—see, pp. 43-48.]