

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Reuben Roberts W1492

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State of Tennessee, White County: Third Judicial Circuit September Session 1818

On this 11th day of September 1818, cometh Reuben Roberts, a Citizen of Warren County in the said State of Tennessee, aged sixty seven years, before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said State, who being by me duly sworn upon his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of an act of Congress, passed the 18th day of March 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States, in the revolutionary war." To wit: That he enlisted into the army of the United States in the State of North Carolina, shortly after the commencement of the war in the company commanded by Captain William Lytle, for two years & six months, and was attached to the sixth N. C. Regiment under the command of Col. Archibald Lytle, in the Brigade of General Nash, that he fought in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, at the siege of the white horse, and at Valley Forge, that at the battle of Germantown, he was wounded in the right shoulder by a Musket ball, which much disabled his right arm; that he served out the term of his enlistment faith fully, and before leaving the Army, he again enlisted for during the war, that he afterwards fought in the battle of King's Mountain in N. Carolina [sic, South Carolina], and belonged to a Scouting party at the Guilford battle, that finally, he fell into the Company of Capt. Amis and was attached to Col. Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Coar [sic, Corps] of horse, that in that service he remained untill after the capture of Corn Wallace [sic, Lord Charles Cornwallis] when the company was ordered to disperse without being regularly discharged. That he has never received any pension from the United States, and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support.

S/ Reuben Roberts, X his mark

Sworn to, & signature acknowledged before me this 11th of Sept 1813

S/ Parry W. Humphreys

State of Tennessee Warren County: Schedule

On this seventh day of October 1820 personally appeared in this court being a court of record for the said county Reuben Roberts Aged 65 years resident in said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows Enlisted for during the war on the ___ day of April or May in 1795 or first of the war in Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt Wm Lytle of the Regt commanded by Col Archibald Lytle of the line of the state North Carolina in the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States till the close of the war when he was discharged from service at Monks Corner [sic, Moncks Corner] in S. Carolina agreeable to original declaration of the 11th Sept 1818 upon which I have received one pension certificate dated 15th of may 1820 – Certificate No. 11185.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 day of

March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18 day of March 1818" and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed

Real Estate: One tract of land containing ninety acres ten acres cleared worth two dollars an acre \$180

Personal Estate

One horse 10 years old	\$25.00
2 cows & calves	20.00
5 Steers	30.00
14 head sheep	14.00
[illegible]	10.00
[illegible]	1.00
2 Axes	.75
2 old hoes	.50
1 old shovel plow	2.00
1 Dutch oven broke	2.00
1 Skillet	.75
1 old Flat Iron	.6-1/4
1/2 doz Earthen plates	.50
1/2 doz pewter plates	1.00
3 cups & saucers .	12-1/2
1/2 doz Knives & Forks	1.00
	<u>1.00</u>
	\$286.68-3/4

My family consists as follows wife 60 years of age and badly crippled by reason of a fall several years passed, two sons, one nineteen years of age, the other thirteen, two daughters, one twenty two years, the other twenty one, the latter has been disabled a long time by reason of a wound in her leg. I am by occupation a farmer but unable to labor from a fracture of my right arm.

S/ Reuben Roberts, X his mark

Sworn to and Declared in open Court 7th October 1820

S/ Jos. Colville, Clerk

[fn p. 13: on February the 19, 1844 in Warren County Tennessee Mrs. Milley Roberts, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Reuben Roberts, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she has no family record to support her claim since the family record were in her house in the year 1810; that she married her husband some time in August 1785; that her husband died August 2, 1841; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 16: on February 19 come 1844 in Warren County Tennessee, James Roberts gave testimony that he is the son of the late Reuben Roberts, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he is 50 years old and was born December 29, 1793; that his father and mother had 5 children older than himself; that the family record was burned up in his brother's house about the year 1810 except the record of his own age which was written in his own book; that he has often heard his parents talk about their wedding in 1785; that his mother is now blind and a cripple for 10 years and unable to walk.]

[facts in file: the veteran married Mary Milly Ashor; veteran and his wife had 12 children, none of whom are named in the materials in the file other than the following:

John who stated in 1823 that he had a wife and child but did not give their names
James, born December 29, 1793, a resident of Warren County, Tennessee, in 1844
Cobb aged 16 in 1823.]

[fn p. 22]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Reuben Roberts a private Soldier in Captain White's Company of the 6th Regiment, entered the service on the __ day of __ 17__ for the term of three years and was omitted in June 1778. A warrant was issued for his services as having served 3 years, No. 1423 in November 1784.

Given under my hand this 20th day of April 1846

S/ William Hill, Secretary of State

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State of Tennessee Warren County

On this 28th day of April 1820, before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of Warren personally appeared Reuben Roberts, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain William Lytle in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of North Carolina that he never did receive a certificate of the fact.

Sworn to & subscribed to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Leighton Ferrell, JP

S/ Reuben Roberts, X

[fn p. 58]

State of Tennessee Warren County: September the 25th 1721

To the Honorable the Congress of the United States Humbly prayeth Reuben Roberts for restoration of his pension money as he is a cripple and not able to maintain himself, his lady also is a cripple and not able to maintain herself. All his children (except the youngest) have become their own agents and are working for themselves and that the youngest is a child unable to maintain himself. The records will show that he was once a pensioner But by a misrepresentation of his property he was stricken from the pension list. The Schedule will show the property given in the land and sheep was not his property the land was the property of his son who is now in possession of it and that sheep the property of George Washington Sanders which land and property the said Reuben Roberts had then in his care and ignorantly gave it in as his own.

The undersigned subscribers know the above to be correct

[signed by a number of local residents]