

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry (Patrick Henry) Roberts¹ W164 Catharine f82PA [VA/MD]
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State of Kentucky Franklin Circuit Court Sct. July Term 1830

Henry Roberts this day produced in Open Court & made oath to the following declaration (viz.) "State of Kentucky Franklin County SS. Henry Roberts made the following declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of Congress of 18th of March 1818 on the 19th day of July personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the Circuit of Franklin County aforesaid, Henry Roberts a resident of Franklin County aforesaid aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st day of May 1820. That he the said Henry Roberts enlisted for the Term of three years on the 1st day of September in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia on Continental establishment in the 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons then commanded by Colonel George Baylor (after Colonel Baylor was taken Prisoner by the British in October 1778 that Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Washington). That he was mustered in and served in the 4th Troop of that Regiment which Troop was commanded by Captain Cadwallander Jones [Cadwallader Jones] the Lieutenant's name was John Stith, the Cornet's name was Cheswell Barrett [Chiswell Barrett or Chisholm Barrett ?] after the defeat of that Regiment in October 1778 at Tappanm [Battle of Tappan or Baylor massacre" September 27, 1778] in the State of New Jersey at which John Swan Captain of the 5th Troop was also taken prisoner then John Stith one Lieutenant took command of the 5th Troop of that Regiment. That he served in said Regiment until the Term of his enlistment had expired when he obtained his discharge from said Regiment. That he also served in the Maryland line on Continental establishment in the year 1776 and was regularly discharged at the expiration of the time of his enlistment in that line in December 1776 by Captain Frederick Tams [?], that his name is not on the muster Rolls of any State except in the Maryland in 1776 and then in the Virginia line in the above named 3rd Regiment & 4th Troop & lastly in the Pennsylvania Militia in the winter & fall of the year 1781. That he applied to the Secretary of War in April 1827 to be placed on the pension list and received no answer that I have too much property and the reason he had not applied sooner was that the assessors of property in Kentucky estimated its value in Commonwealth Bank paper which paper had from 1820 to 1824 depreciated so that \$2 thereof, was only worth \$1 in specie so that by this mode of assessment his property appeared to be worth too much and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to

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diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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 to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (the necessary clothing & bedding excepted)

200 acres of third-rate land worth \$1 per acre	\$200.00
A mortgage on 100 acres of 3rd rate land the Mortgagor has died & his widow is entitled dower in that 100 acres with that encumbrance is not worth more than	50.00
one mare 13 years old another about 15 years old both worth	20.00
2 tables	12.00
4 cows & 2 calves	20.00
2 plows \$3 3 old axes \$2	5.00
one mattock & one pick \$2 kitchen furniture	6.00
Two hoes	<u>.75</u>
Amount of Schedule brought forward, Henry Roberts	\$313.75
1 old bureau	8.00
16 small shoats & 2 sows & 9 young pigs	20.00
my books I lament the best of them to my son John who removed to Louisville and died suddenly them books were lost the residue are damaged with smoke being kept in a smoky house & I believe would not now sell for \$10	10.00
	\$351.75
I the said Henry Roberts oh the following sums	
To the widow of M. D. Hardin	25.00
To Lucinda Buckley of New Castle Henry County	11.00
to Joseph Taylor of Frankfurt	16.00
to Jephthep Dudley merchant of Frankfurt	11.06
to Frederick Young of Shelbyville	3.00
to Thomas B. Monroe	2.00
to Thomas Triplett	1.50
to John Yount of Shelby	3.00
to Jacob Yount of Franklin	<u>6.00</u>
	<u>78.56</u>
Amount of my property after paying all my debts	\$273.19

S/ Henry Roberts

[f p. 72: there is a two-page letter which appears to be in the handwriting of the veteran addressed to the War Department and dated Frankfort, 1st Dec. 1830 which bears the following signature:



There are several other letters in this file which appear to be in the handwriting of the veteran and which might be of interest to his descendants

but in which he doesn't elaborate on his services.]

[f p. 11: On March 8, 1853, in Franklin County Kentucky, Catharine Roberts, 63, filed for the arrears, increases, or allow also pay, half pay or pension money due her as the widow of Henry Roberts deceased who died May 23, 1839 and who at the time of his death was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum under the 1832 act; that she drew the arrearages due him after his death; that she was married in the city of Baltimore Maryland June 20, 1810 by Lewis Richards a Baptist preacher; that her name before her marriage was Catharine Austin. She signed her application with her mark.]

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These are to Certify to whom it may concern that on the 20th day of June in the Year of our Lord 1810, the Rites of Marriage were Solemnized according to Law, between Henry Roberts and Catharine Austin by me.

S/ Lewis Richards

Baltimore City

[f p. 17: Edmund A. W. Roberts, 30, of Franklin County Kentucky made an affidavit in support of his mother's application as the widow of Henry Roberts.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edmund A. W. Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 8th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. Her pension was increased to \$100 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853.]

C. Leon Harris adds the following notes:

NOTES:

In the file of John Casey (pension application S30308) is a letter dated 17 July 1823 in which Roberts described as follows the march northward after enlisting in the 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons: "Sometime in the month of October in the year 1777 he the said John Casey joined the 4th Troop at Fridricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in Virginia together with a man by the name of Bowmer, which 4th Troops of s'd. Reg't. was then to be made up of the new recruits. About the first of Nov'r. in the same year orders were rec'd. at that place to march the s'd. Troop to the Northward to join the reg't. somewhere near the Valey where head quarters then was. Some few days thereafter the said Troop started from Fredricksburgh V. under Capt Cadwalowder Jones, Stith, [William] Parsons, John Bailor [sic: John Baylor] & Chis'l Barrett. On the 3d day we arived in the neighbourhood of Alexandria, it was reported there that the small pox raged at that time in that City and in George Town. There being many new recrutes in said Troop who had not had the small pox the officers did not march the men through either of those Towns and concluded to halt the men by the road until a boat could be procured on the river above George Town where they might pass the river in safty. In consequence the men were encamped about 2 miles west of the Patomac [sic: Potomac] river in a small field on the left hand

as we went eastward, where it was intended they should remain that night.” On 8 March 1853 Catherine Roberts, 63, applied for any arrears or increase in the pension of her husband, Henry Roberts, stating that in his youth he was called Patrick Henry Roberts, that her maiden name was Catherine Austin, that they were married in Baltimore by a Baptist preacher named Lewis Richards on 20 June 1810, and that Henry Roberts died 23 May 1839. The file includes the original license and certificate of the marriage of Henry Roberts and Catharine Austin. Their son, Edmund A. W. Roberts, 30, certified the authenticity of the marriage certificate. On 30 April 1855 she applied for bounty land.