

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Roberts¹ W2170

Sarah Roberts

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State of Kentucky Harrison County

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us Jod Trayer, Larkin Garrett, Will Marshall, Will Moore & Thos. B. Woodyard Esquires Justices of the County Court of Harrison County now sitting Philip Roberts a resident of Harrison County in the State aforesaid aged Sixty Nine years on the 24th day of January 1832 who 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 7th 1832.

That he was born on Cape fear River in Cumberland County in the State of North Carolina on the 24th day of January 1763 and at about 14 years of age removed into Darlington District in the State of South Carolina where at the age of from 16 to 17 he was drafted under Captain Windham [Amos Windham] of Colonel Baxter's [John Baxter's] Regiment and with but a few intermissions of but short duration can all not exceeding four months he served about three and one half years. This Declarant States that he was first engaged in Service in the neighborhood of John Conley's near Santee [River] and then in the neighborhood of Colonel Balls [Bulls?] near Quinn [?]² and then on Santee near the British and was in Service at the time the Mounted men under General Marion took 80 prisoners at Moncks Corner [October 16, 1781]³ & was in Service at the same time [1781] that the troops under Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] and Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] were out and after we had drove the British into Charlestown, we then went over little Pedee [River] after the Tories who were under the command of Major Ganey [Micajah Ganey], and many of the Tories then came in and gave himself up and Major Thornley [Robert Thornley] gave them protection.

This declarant States that when he quit the Service he was discharged to go home until further orders & that he was never called into Service again. That he entered the Army and served as a private and that he has no documentary evidence of his service or discharge and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of South Carolina and that he never drew but \$60 which he understood was his pension for the year 1830.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Philip Roberts

¹ BLWt38566-160-55

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³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_moncks_corner_4.html



[Note: The original is damaged and part of the signature is missing as shown above.]
[Edmund Johnson, a clergyman, and Larkin Garrett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

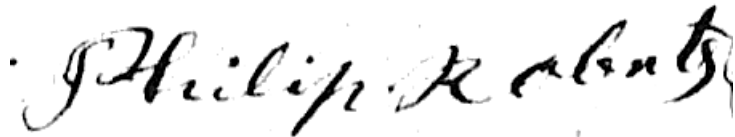
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Commonwealth of Kentucky Harrison County Court: Sct February Term 1833

Philip Roberts who made his declaration in this court at the October term thereof in the year 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 again appeared in court and being Sworn according to law makes the following Statement by way of explanation of his former declaration namely that he entered the Service of the United States as set forth in his declaration in the year 1779 or 1780 that he continued to be enrolled as a private Soldier until the close of the war and that when he was absent from Service it was on furlough and that he was never absent more than a few days except one time when he was absent by permission of General Marion about three months to attend to some business for his mother who was a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of February 1833 in open Court.

S/ Philip Roberts



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Commonwealth of Kentucky Harrison County

The affidavit of Mary Roberts who is upwards of seventy-one years of age and now residing in the County and State aforesaid states that she was acquainted with Philip Roberts who is now an applicant to obtain a pension for services rendered in the revolutionary war under an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 she states that he entered the service in South Carolina in the year of 1778 or 9 owing to the length of time since the transaction took place she cannot say positively which: that the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel John Baxter that his Captain's name was Amos Windum [sic] his Lieutenant's name was John King and that she is well convinced that he served at least three or three and one half years she states that she does not recollect of other having seen his discharge but always understood that he had gotten one.

S/ Mary Roberts, X her mark

Also the affidavit of John Roberts of the County and State aforesaid who states that in the year of 1821 that Philip Roberts who is now an applicant to obtain a pension under an act of Congress 7th June 1832 in South Carolina prove his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war for the time he sets forth in his declaration by two witnesses one was Captain Gabriel Clements and the other was Clem Clements and in the year 1830 he prove the same service by John Farmer he was then a pensioner of the State of South Carolina & his services was amply and sufficiently proven so as to authorize him to draw his pension there.

S/ John Roberts

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John Roberts

[The above affidavits of Mary Roberts and John Roberts were attested in Harrison County, KY October 11, 1833. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Harrison County: Sct October Term 1833

Philip Roberts who made his declaration and this Court at the October term in the year 1832 and also at the February term 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 again appears in Court and being sworn according to law makes the following statement by way of Explanation of his former declarations namely that he entered the service of the United States as has been already set forth and that he is certain that he served for three and one half years as a private soldier and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. Subscribed and sworn to this 15th of October 1833.

S/ Philip Roberts

[p. 8: On June 16, 1855 in Harrison County Kentucky, Sarah Roberts, 52, a resident of Harrison County filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Philip Roberts; that she married him on December 1, 1838; that they were married by James C. Crow; that her name prior to marriage was Sarah Daniels; that her husband died in Harrison County Kentucky November 24, 1854; and that she remains his widow.]

[p 11: On November 28, 1855 in Harrison County Kentucky, the widow, then giving her age as 52 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Philip Roberts

[Facts in file: The widow's name is stated variously in the documents in the file to include Sarah Hall, Sarah Holly and Sarah Daniels; file contains no information regarding prior marriages of either the veteran or his widow; the widow's post office address in 1870 was Oddville, Harrison County, Kentucky; in 1855 the widow stated that she had no living children by Philip Roberts.]

[p. 33: certification dated March 14, 1865 given by Charles C. Wilson, clerk of the Harrison County court stating that Philip Roberts was married to Sarah Holly on December 1, 1838 by J C Crow Minister of the gospel as recorded in his office.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the South Carolina service. His widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing November 24, 1854. His widow's pension was increased to the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July 27, 1868.]