

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Roach W3871

Patty

f49VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

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Virginia Prince William County viz.: On the 18th day of May 1818 before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court in the State aforesaid personally appeared John Roach aged 58 years resident in the County of Prince William in the said state being one of the Counties in my Judicial Circuit who being by me 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 entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said John Roach in April 1777 enlisted under Lieutenant John Green in the County of Fauquier Virginia where he joined the Army was attached to Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and marched to Pennsylvania and joined the Grand Park and served during his term of three years and then was discharged by Colonel Edward Carrington in 1780 in New Jersey, and that he was in the General Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his Country for support and that he has the annexed evidence which is now all that he has in his power to produce for his services. Sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade, Judge

Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 31st August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Fauquier Virginia made so by act of Assembly [indecipherable word or words] with common Law and Chancery jurisdiction unlimited in amount in possession of the power of fine and imprisonment John Roach aged Sixty years in June last resident in the County of Fauquier Virginia and previous to January last a resident in the County of Prince William Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he in the year 1777 enlisted for the term of three years in the County of Fauquier Virginia under Lieutenant John Green of the Artillery of the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison and Colonel Carrington of Virginia that he served the term of three years that when he 1st joined the Regiment he was commanded by Captain Thomas Batop [Thomas Baytop] that he was discharged in 1780 at Morristown in New Jersey by Colonel Edward Carrington that he was in the battle of Monmouth and various small skirmishes that his original declaration was sworn to before the Honorable William A. G. Dade of Prince William one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia and of the Circuit court his pension certificate is hereto annexed numbered 8653 that he has received his pension up to the 4th of September 1819.

And I John Roach do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the

18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 viz. one old mare one sow and seven pigs three shoats & one cow. I am by occupation a farmer and lived upon a lot of land containing 45 acres for which I have agreed to give the sum of \$350. I have paid the part of this money the land is encumbered with a Deed of Trust for the payment of it. I purchased it with a hope of paying for it out of its products and such part of my pension as I should be able to say after supporting myself and family my family consists of a wife named Pattey aged 60 years in September and one son named Gerrard aged five or six and twenty and two daughters named Letty and Polly aged twenty years and nineteen years my son sometimes works with me but generally for himself my daughters live with me day are fed by may they spin [indecipherable word] and work for themselves without contributing at all to my support and my wishes, my wife is a meekly woman and from her age can only perform slight domestic duties, the furniture in my house it is belonged to my children I enjoy it at their will and pleasure I am unable to work steadily and without the aid of my country from a hurt received in my shoulder I cannot support myself and wife.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 31st of August 1820

S/ John Roach, X his mark

[Thomas Stewart and Allen Stewart gave an affidavit stating that in their opinion the property owned by the veteran does not exceed \$45 in value and that he is in indigent circumstances.]

[f p. 5: On August 2, 1838 in Fauquier County Virginia, Patty Roach, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Roach who enlisted under Captain John Chilton of Fauquier County who subsequently transferred to the Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Harrison; that her husband was placed on the pension list as a soldier of the revolution; that she married him on Thursday August 27, 1785; that they were married by the Reverend Robert Saunders of Fauquier County; that her husband died in February 1823. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 6]

State of Virginia Fauquier County: SS

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid William McClanahan a soldier of the Revolution, aged 76 years and states on oath that he knows of his own knowledge that the within named John Roach, served in the Revolution, 1st with Captain Chilton in the 3rd Virginia Regiment and afterwards and Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery; and that said Roach sold his bounty land to Edward Shacklett of this County he further states on oath, that his sister the within named Patty Roach was married to said John Roach the 27th day of August 1785 and that he died on the \_\_ day of February 1823 and that she the said Patty Roach has remained a widow ever since that period and I certify that the said William McClanahan is a man of their character and a credible witness. Given under my hand the 2nd day of August 1838.

S/ Dudley Fitzhugh

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 18th, 1818, for service for 3 years as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$108 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

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Addendum to John Roach W3871

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 17 Feb 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

John Roach late Corp'l. of Capt [Thomas] Baytop's Comp'y in the first Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison [VAS1411] having served the term for which he stood engaged is hereby discharged the service of the United States

His Conduct as a soldier justly entitles him to the respect and Esteem of all his countrymen. Given under my hand at the Park of Artillery near Morris Town this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Ap'l 1780

Ed. Carrington [Edward Carrington W6635] Lt. Colo

I certifie the service to be three years [undeciphered] Sam'l K Bradford [Samuel K. Bradford W4608]  
Capt Arill'y & aid de Camp

[other side]

[illegible] Court held for Fauquier County the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1781 John Roach made Oath that the within was an authentic and [several undeciphered words] that he never before proved or claimed his right to lands for the service therein mentioned [undeciphered] ordered to be certified

(Copy) This & the other side. J. Pendleton

Sir. Please Issue a Land Warrant in the name of Daniel Feagins for the amount of my claim as a Corporal in the first state artillery Regiment three years as pr. Certificate I having received full satisfaction for the same I am your Mo Ob't. Serv't.

John Roach

Augst 21<sup>th</sup> 1783

His Excellency

Benj'a Harrison Esq'r

Thest Edward Shocklet