

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Roberts W4785

Elizabeth

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 16th day of April 1828 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County aforesaid Martin Roberts resident in said County aged seventy 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 Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1828 [sic, 1818] and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Martin Roberts enlisted for the term of two years sometime in the spring of the year 1776 or 1777 in the State of Virginia Chesterfield County in the Company commanded by Captain Ralph Faulkner in the Regiment commanded by Colonel (since General) Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] who was succeeded as he thinks by Colonel Josiah Parker, in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve until the expiration of the said term when he was discharged from service at the Valley Forge: that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except from a declaration heretofore sent to the war Department and returned as not allowed: that he did apply to the Judge of the Superior Court for the County of Rutherford about the year 1819 or 1820 who informed him that as he owned and paid taxes for land he could not obtain a Pension.

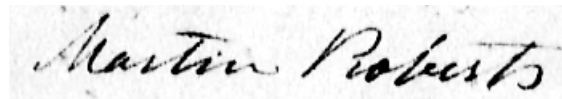
And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to 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 to wit

6 head of hogs	\$6	1 Teapot	\$0.50
2 yearlings	6	1 coffee pot	.75
1 pot	.75	5 knives and forks	1.50
2 bake pans	1.25	2 water pails	.37 ½
one loom	4.00	1 churn	1.50
5 pewter plates	1.50	1 ax & one mattock	2.00
½ dozen cups & saucers	.50	1 Weeding hoe	.50
1 earthen dish	.50	2 Ploughs 1 set of	
3 pewter spoons	.37 ½	geers	<u>2.75</u>
1 Pine trunk	1.00	Total	38.50
1 Pine Table	1.50		

4 Sitting chairs 2.00
1 Pair Day Irons 2.00

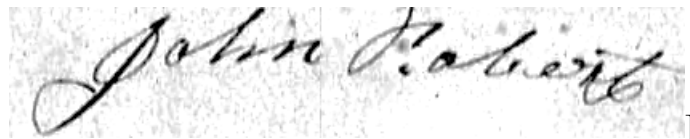
That since the 18th of March 1818 he has sold no property except one cow. That he has had fifty acres of land (more or less) sold by the sheriff to satisfy a debt do you to Adley Hamilton contracted for articles in the Store for the use of his family previous to the year 1818 and 8 head of hogs sold by John C. Boyer Constable to satisfy a debt due Iverson L. Graves for a debt contracted bona fide and 3 head of cattle sold by said Boyer.

S/ Martin Roberts

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Roberts". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[f p. 8: On marched to, 1839, in Lincoln County North Carolina, Elizabeth Roberts, late of Rutherford County, aged 70 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Martin Roberts who enlisted for 2 years under Captain Ralph Faulkner in the 5th Virginia Regiment which was consolidated with the 6th and 7th Regiment and commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker; that her husband was in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Princeton [January 3, 1777] and at the taking of Hessians at Trenton [December 26, 1776]; that he entered the staff Department and received the appointment of foraging master at headquarters and continued to serve in that department until the end of the war in 1783; that her husband was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month for his service in the revolution which pension he received until his death; that she was married to Martin Roberts in the village of Fast Landing in Kent County near Dover in the State of Delaware on May 10th, 1787; that she resided in Fast Landing until she had 3 children and in the year 1797 she with her husband and children moved to Rutherford County North Carolina that he lived 25 miles of him; that her husband died at his residence October 30, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 9: On March 4, 1839 in Lincoln County North Carolina John Roberts gave testimony that he is the son of Elizabeth Roberts; that he is 49 years of age; recollects moving from the village of Fast Landing in Delaware to Rutherford County with his father and mother; that his father Martin Roberts applied for a pension for his services on this staff in the revolutionary war before his death

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Roberts". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a foraging master for 2 years in the service of Virginia.]