

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Roach W5727¹
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Pension application of
State of Virginia County of Pittsylvania

On this 17th of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Stephen Coleman, John L Adams, Stokely Turner and William M Williams the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting, James Roach a resident of Camden Parish in the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in Charlotte County Va. and is now about 70 years old. That he was drafted at 16 years old and marched in March 1781 from Charlotte and Capt. Davenport and Lieut Spencer by Prince Edward C. H. (court house) across James River at Carters Ferry (now Cartersville) to the neighborhood of Fredericksburg Va. That thence he marched to the Raccoon Ford on Rapidan river Orange County Va. Where he joined the army Commanded by General Wayne and the Marquis de la Fayette. That thence he was detailed to guard a magazine in the County of Louisa. His company proceeding to James Town Va. After he served his three months he was discharged. In July of the same year that he was drafted again in Charlotte County Va. marched under John Colier Capt, Forgets, his Lieut, marched through Petersburg, remained a while near James Town Va. where he crossed James River marched through Williamsburg Va. to York Town and assisted in capturing Lord Cornwallis ~~Lord Cornwallis~~ and Army about which time his three months service expired and he was then discharged and he lost his discharges.

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 any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

James (his mark) Roach

We William Dove senior, John Haden Sr, and John Neal residing in the County of Pittsylvania do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Roach who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. that we believe him to be 70 years of age, that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

William Dove, John Haden, John (his mark) Neal

And the said County do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatives prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the Court further certifies that it at

State of Virginia

On this seventeenth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine personally appeared before me Walter Coles one of the justices of the county of Pittsylvania state of Virginia. Mary Roach a resident of said County aged about seventy seven or eight, who being duly sworn

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according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 29th of July 1848.

That James Roach of the county of Pittsylvania was a soldier of the revolution and received a pension for his services. The evidence of those services upon which his pension was granted being on file in the War department is referred to establish her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Roach in the month of August in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two by the Rev'd Mathew Bates. That her husband the aforesaid James Roach died next May will be three years ago, that is in the month of May eighteen hundred and forty six. The day not recollected. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 2nd day of January eighteen hundred viz at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made application for a pension. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before.

Mary (her mark) Roach

Walter Coles Justice of the County of Pittsylvania

State of Virginia County of Pittsylvania

On this 9th day of April AD 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Mary Roach the wife of James Roach dead a revolutionary soldier aged 81 years a resident of the said state and county aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares she is the widow of James Roach deceased who was a soldier of the revolutionary war and that her said husband received a pension during his lifetime and that since the death of her said husband she has received a pension of \$20 per annum and that her name is on the pension roll and she further states that she has never applied for or received any land and that she is still a widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855.

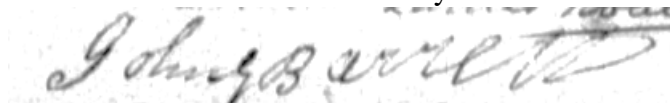
Mary (her mark) Roach

Witness Wm L Pannell

Added by Will Graves

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

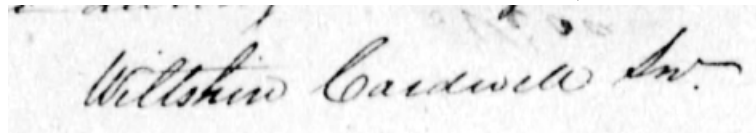
[fn p. 20: On April 20, 1849 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, John G Barrett gave testimony that he was at the marriage of James Roach to his sister Mary Barrett when he was a small boy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John G Barrett". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

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I Wiltshire Cardwell² do hereby certify that I served two tours of three months each, with James Roach in the Revolution I do not recollect the time precisely. We joined the Army commanded by Lafayette & Wayne at Raccoon Ford on the Rapidan [River] from thence we pursued the enemy down to James Town and had an action after which we were discharged. In four weeks afterwards we were again called upon and marched to York Town and were there during the Siege.

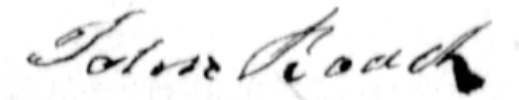
S/ Wiltshire Cardwell, Snr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wiltshire Cardwell Snr." The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

I, Captain John Roach do hereby certify that James Roach my Brother marched twice into the service in the Revolution. I do not recollect how long he served.

As witness my hand

S/ John Roach

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Roach". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

² FPA W6632