

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Stark W7592

Sally Graham<sup>1</sup>

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State of North Carolina Halifax County

On the 15th day of February 1847 Personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, Edward Graham a resident of the aforesaid County, aged about Fifty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That he the said Edward Graham resident as aforesaid and his sister Catharine Faucett who is a resident of the County of Northampton and State aforesaid on the legal heirs of Sally Graham – and the only children she had which survived her – that he frequently heard his mother state the following circumstances – viz.

That the name of her first husband was Robert Stark that he the said Stark was a soldier in the Revolutionary war that he went from the County of Greensville in the State of Virginia – that he served both in North Carolina and Virginia. She would sometimes say "at the North" That he was much of the time while in the Army under Colonel William Washington that he belonged to a company of Cavalry and received a wound in some battle. That after the war, Colonel Washington called to see her husband & proposed to him to go and live with him, the Colonel which Stark declined – a short time afterwards he died – and Colonel Washington came to see her and said if she would go home with him she never should suffer. The said Edward further declares that he received no education – that his mother had no family record and that if there was any County, Parish, Church or family record made either of the marriage of his mother and Robert Stark or the death of said Stark he has not been able to hear of it – and he has used all the means his limited circumstances & Capacity enable him, in order to collect all the evidence he was advised was material in the case. He also declares that the only means he has of proving the time at which Robert Stark died is by the evidence of Captain John Robinson which may be seen in his testimony – to which he would add that he had always understood from his mother that Mr. Stark died not long after their marriage. He therefore declares that he supposes said Starke must have died in the year 1783. He further declares that his mother lived till the 3rd day of November 1843 on which day she died.

Sworn to & subscribed to before me this 15th day of February 1847

S/ Richard B Parker, JP

S/ Edward Graham, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> Former widow

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 4th day of July 1783, in the name of Robert Starke, as a Soldier of Cavalry for £84.5.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Towers and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

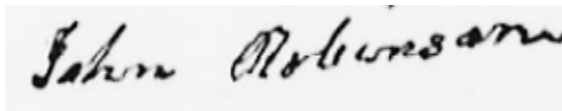
Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
11th day of February 1847.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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State of Virginia Greensville County: Personally appeared before me Daniel Robinson one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County John Robinson and [undeciphered word] being first duly sworn makes the following statement. That Robert Stark was united to Sally Sexton about the year 1781 or 1782 as I witnessed the performance of the marriage ceremony between the said Stark and the said Sally Sexton, And that I also saw said Stark a short time after the battle of Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781]<sup>2</sup> North Carolina and said Stark was wounded very badly and from the best information I have no doubt that it was in said battle, and also from the best information I have no doubt that said Stark served some time at the North under Colonel William Washington, Sworn and subscribed to before made this 5th day of December 1846.

S/ John Robinson

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

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State of Virginia Greensville County: Personally appeared before me Thomas Johnson one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Robinson of the aforesaid County who being duly sworn saith I knew Robert Stark – and saw him soon after the Battle at Guilford Court House or some other battle in North Carolina – he came home badly wounded by a cut of a sword which cut he said he received in said battle. The correctness of which statement I then believed and still believe. From information received during the war which I then believed and still believe to be correct said Robert Stark was under Colonel William Washington a considerable portion of the time he was in the Army – and I am satisfied said Stark was in the Army at least twelve months if not two years. In the year 1781 or 1782 I went to the residence of Samuel Sexton where I've found a considerable number of neighbors assembled, upon my arrival I was informed that Robert Stark & Sally Sexton had just been married. The said Robert & Sally lived together thereafter as man and wife and I have no doubt they were legally married – Robert Stark died soon after the war terminated – My age is about 82 years.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the 11th day of February 1847

S/ Thomas Johnson, JP

S/ John Robinson

[p 5: Marriage bond dated October 7, 1786 issued in Greensville County Virginia to George

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

Graham and Mark Sexton conditioned upon the marriage of George Graham to Sarah Stark widow.]

[p 18: On August 30, 1848 Rebecca Moody, 88, gave testimony in Northampton County North Carolina by that she remembers Robert Stark well; that Robert Stark and her father enlisted together as light horsemen in the revolution; that they were gone a long time in the service and returned to her father's house; that Stark had several scars he had received while away in the Army; that she has forgotten their captain's name; that while Stark and her father were at their house in Greensville County Virginia a party of British came into the neighborhood and Stark and others took guns and went out and had a fight with them in which Stark received a cut upon his head; that Stark returned to her father's house and her mother dressed his wounds; that she was also acquainted with Sally Sexton when they were girls together and lived within a quarter of a mile of each other; that Robert Stark and Sally Sexton were married and 2 or 3 [years? weeks? days?] thereafter Stark died and his widow married a man named George Graham. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran's former widow was granted a pension of \$100 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and ending November 3, 1843.]

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Addendum to Robert Stark W7592

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Starke, Robert.]

I John Robinson of Virginia and County of Greensville do hereby Certify that I was acquainted with Robert Stark and I believe that he enlisted for three years and served the same or more in the Virginia line given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831 [signed] John Robinson