

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Roberts<sup>1</sup> W8560 Christena f89VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 7/5/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. 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. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

The Commonwealth of Kentucky Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 7th day of October 1819 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared Edward Roberts aged sixty five years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident of the County of Montgomery; and that he was enlisted for two years at or near Fort Pleasant in the state of Virginia on or about the 20th day of August 1776 by one Ensign Richard Route [Richard Routt] and served in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood, & Lieutenant Colonel John Nevill [John Neville] in the Continental Army – that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the 10th day of October 1778 when he was honorably discharged from the service at Robison Farm in the state of New York; that he was in service the said two years and fifty days – and was in the battles of Crouches Mills [perhaps a reference to the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, September 3, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and some Skirmishes – at the White Horse [probably a reference to the Battle of the Clouds near White Horse Tavern, Chester County PA, 16 Sep 1777] and other places – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has since his discharge to Richmond & has not seen it, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

James Johnson<sup>2</sup> states on his oath that he served with the above named Edward Roberts, and that they were messmates during the whole time of 2 years, and he knows of his own knowledge that the above statement made by said Roberts is true – and that he was honorably discharged. He further states that said Robert's is poor.

Powell Priest states that he is a near neighbor of Edward Roberts & has been for a long time, that he is an honest [indecipherable word] man but is no [now] to [too] old as not to have able to labor, for several years, that his property is of small value having a horse or 2 some few

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt34856-160-55

<sup>2</sup> FPA S36636

cattle and hogs & she in all worth he supposes \$150 or \$200. He has besides a small tract of land of less than ordinary value, it being poor & hilly – the above witnesses are credible  
[Attested by Eli Shortridges, Judge]

[f p. 25]

I do certify that Edward Roberts served two years (in the revolutionary war) in the regular service in Captain Stephen Ashby's Company of the Twelfth Virginia Regiment and was engaged in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth besides several skirmishes.

Given under my hand this last day of August 1831

S/ James Johnson, X his mark

[f p. 7: On July 31, 1844 in Clinton County Ohio, Christena Roberts, 79, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Edward Roberts, a revolutionary war pensioner; she states that prior to the Revolutionary War her husband lived in the County of Montgomery Maryland where he continued to live until after July 4, 1776; that after the commencement of the war Edward Roberts and her brother Frederick Bray enlisted as privates in the Virginia line; that they were gone from home about 2 years and 2 months; after his return from service, Edward Roberts continued to reside in Montgomery County Maryland until September or October 1785 when she was lawfully married to him by the Reverend Job Parker a Presbyterian Minister; that she and her husband continued to reside about 7 years in Montgomery County Maryland; they then removed to Kentucky in 1792 and settled near Lexington where they remained about 18 months; from thence they were removed to a place called Jessamine Creek when they resided about 18 months; from thence they removed to Montgomery County in the state of Kentucky where her husband applied for his pension under the 1818 act; he received a pension but it was discontinued on some pretense or allegation that her husband was the owner of more property than was permitted by the Act of 1818; that her husband submitted to the decision of the Department until August 1830; he then removed to Clinton County Ohio where he made application for restoration of his name to the pension roll; that her husband died June 17, 1832 before receiving a renewal of his pension; that she and her husband had 13 children; that she now resides with the youngest of their children Frederick Roberts. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: family record:

1<sup>st</sup> Elisabeth Roberts Daughter of Edward Roberts and Christenah his Wife was born December 22, 1785

2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Roberts was born July 16, 1787

3<sup>rd</sup> William Roberts was born January 27, 1788

4<sup>th</sup> John Roberts was born November 24, 1789

5<sup>th</sup> Ann Roberts was born February 22, 1791

6<sup>th</sup> Jane Roberts was born April 10 day 1794

7<sup>th</sup> Polly Roberts was born July 22 day 1796

8<sup>th</sup> Edward Roberts was born October 30th day 1798

9<sup>th</sup> Chapman Roberts was born December 27th day 1801

10<sup>th</sup> Nathan Roberts was born the 11th Day of December 1803

11<sup>th</sup> James Roberts was born September 15 day 1805

12<sup>th</sup> Darcas [Dorcus?] Roberts was born 15th of October 1807

Frederick Roberts was born February 7th 1811]

[f p. 15: On May 28, 1855 in Clinton County Ohio, the widow, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Edward Roberts. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 7, 1819, for service as a private one year and 10 months in the Virginia Continental line. It is alleged that his pension was suspended because he owned too much property to qualify under the 1820 act. It is also alleged that he subsequently reapplied for the reinstatement of his pension, but I did not find any subsequent application filed by the veteran. However, his estate was granted a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending June 17, 1832 when he died. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]