

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Roberts W8561

Frances

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS

On this 31st day of January 1840 personally appeared before me William S Helm a Justice of the peace in and for Shelby County State of Kentucky France and in s Roberts a resident of Kentucky in the County of Shelby aged seventy-two years according to her best recollection who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her 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 she is the widow of Joseph Roberts who was a private in the Army of the revolution in the Virginia State line – that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Roberts being a resident of Culpeper County State of Virginia did enlist in the service of the United States as a private in the year __this declarant cannot state in whose company he served but will state that the said Joseph Roberts was a brother of Captain Benjamin Roberts that they served it at the same time, together in the Regiment commanded by General George R Clarke [George Rogers Clark] – that said Joseph Roberts marched in the said Company & Regiment from the State of Virginia to the Western country that after having served out his time fully and faithfully as she was always informed he was discharged and returned to Virginia this declarant well referred the Department to the records which she hopes will furnish satisfactory evidence of the service of her late husband the said Joseph Roberts she would further state that she was married to the said Joseph Roberts on the 28th day of April 1785 in Culpeper County State of Virginia according to her best recollection that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Roberts died on the 24th day of August 1823 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. She would further state that a copy of the date of her marriage and also of the birth of her children is now in her possession. The Book in which they were originally recorded having been of the children.

S/ Frances Roberts, X her mark

The amended declaration of Frances Roberts made on the 13th day of November 1840 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 – This affiant being first duly sworn deposes and saith – That she was born in Culpeper County Virginia and is now seventy-three years of age and was married to Joseph Roberts when she was about sixteen years of age in the same County of her birth. That she is old now and cannot recollect dates exactly & her records are not at hand – She further states that her name before marriage was Frances Triplett – That her husband the said Joseph Roberts Deceased, entered the service of the United States in the state of Virginia and in the said County of Culpeper she thinks under Captain John E who was afterwards promoted to Colonel. She states that her husband the said Joseph Roberts

served she thinks three years if not more in the State of Virginia, and afterwards in Kentucky. He was mustered into service under his brother Captain Benjamin Roberts & marched to Kentucky and served in Clark's campaign against the Indians, but how much more he served in Kentucky besides this last mentioned campaign she cannot say. And after he had been in Kentucky, he was marched back to Virginia under the same Captain and discharged. And further she saith not –
S/ Frances Roberts, X her mark

Shelby County to wit

The deposition of Major Bland W Ballard¹ who being 1st duly sworn deposeseth and saith I became acquainted with Joseph Roberts early in the spring of 1780 – he was then a soldier under Captain Ben Roberts & remained as such during the War of the Revolution – Joseph Roberts was my messmate. We were both soldiers under Captain Benjamin Roberts – he was then a single man – but moved to this County about the year 1797 or 1798 – and brought with him then Frances Roberts as his wife, who is still living in this County and is known as his widow – they always passed as man & wife – I never heard it doubted that they were but lawfully married – I was not at their marriage they moved here in this County as stated above and lived a neighbor to may 430 years or more.

S/ Bland W. Ballard



[f p. 43: On July 14, 1840, Philip F Roberts gave testimony in Owen County Kentucky that he is the son of Joseph and Frances Roberts; that the record of his mother's marriage and the births of her children was removed by one of her sons; one of her sons moved to Indiana another to Tennessee and they do not know what has become of the family record.



State of Kentucky Owen County: Sct.

The affidavit of William Roberts taken in Owenton Owen County Kentucky on the 11th of March 1840. This affiant who being first duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that he is now forty-four years of age. That he is a son of Captain Benjamin Roberts who was a Captain in the Army of the revolution in the Virginia state line and that he was well acquainted with Joseph Roberts who was a brother to the aforesaid Benjamin Roberts – that the said Joseph Roberts was reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution in his lifetime, that he this affiant has heard the said Joseph Roberts speak of having rendered service and has also heard his father the said Benjamin Roberts speak of his brother as having served in the revolution – This affiant will further state that the said Joseph Roberts has been dead for some years but cannot speak with certainty as to the time but according to his best recollection believes it was about the year 1823 that from his earliest recollection he was acquainted with said Joseph Roberts and Frances Roberts his wife – that his widow the said Frances Roberts is still living and has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the said Joseph Roberts as this affiant is informed and

¹ [Bland W. Ballard W20655](#)

verily believes.

S/ William Roberts

State of Kentucky Owen County Sct.

The affidavit of Willis Roberts taken in Owen County Kentucky on the 24th day of March 1840 – This affiant who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is now forty-four years of age – that he is a son of John Roberts who was an officer in the Army of the revolution in the Virginia State line and would further state that he was well acquainted with Joseph Roberts who was a brother to Captain Benjamin Roberts and to the said John Roberts – That he is informed and believes the said Joseph Roberts served in the Army of the revolution – that the said Joseph Roberts has been dead for some years that he cannot state with any certainty as to the time but is informed and believes that it was about the time stated to wit, in or about the year 1823 and would further state that he was acquainted with Frances Roberts wife of the said Joseph Roberts – That he is informed and believes she is still living and has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the said Joseph Roberts.

S/ Willis Roberts

State of Kentucky Gallatin County Sct.

The affidavit of Mrs. Mary Slaughter taken in Warsaw Gallatin County Kentucky on the 10 day of March 1840

This affiant who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that she is now in her eighty eighth year – that she is the widow of Colonel George Slaughter² who was an officer in the Army of the revolution in the Virginia state line and in General George Rogers Clark's Regiment – and that she is a pensioner of the United States under the act of the 4th of July 1836 – that she draws a pension of \$600 per annum And would further state that she was well acquainted with Joseph Roberts and Frances Triplett in Culpeper County State of Virginia that the said Joseph Roberts was a brother of Benjamin Roberts and William Roberts who were officers of the revolution in the Virginia State Line – that she this affiant lived in Culpeper County State of Virginia, was married in said County of Culpeper and State of Virginia and that in the year 1780 this affiant came to the Western country as well as she now recollects – and will further state that she was always informed and believes that the said Joseph Roberts and Frances Triplett were married a few years after this affiant came to the Western country to wit about the year 1785 in Culpeper County State of Virginia – that the said Joseph Roberts and Frances his wife removed to Kentucky about 8 or 10 years after she understood and believes they were married that they lived together as man and wife until the death of said Joseph Roberts which took place about the year 1823 as this affiant is informed and believes and would further state that she is informed and believes that his widow is still living and has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the said Joseph Roberts, and that the said Roberts was reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution – and further saith not.

S/ Mary Slaughter, X her mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

² [George Slaughter W8729](#)