

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hezekiah Roberts W9631

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[f p. 63]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Nicholas County

The deposition of Nehemiah Roberts being of full age deposeth and saith that Hezekiah Roberts was an enlisted soldier and served 3 years in the revolution war as a private soldier in Captain William Fields Company in the 12th Regiment Virginia line and further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ Nehemiah Roberts, X his mark

The foregoing deposition was taken, sworn to and subscribed before me one of the Commonwealth Justices for Nicholas County Kentucky this 19 day of August 1819
S/ Thos. Davidson, JP

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State of Indiana Dearborn County: Sct.

Before me Charles L. Brasher one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally came Francis Cheek of said County and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Hezekiah Roberts for forty years and upwards, and did not see the said Roberts enlist but, that he was told by his Captain William Fields that he had enlisted the said Roberts for three years and that he saw him in the Regular service of the United States under the command of the aforesaid Captain William Fields in the revolutionary war in the Virginia line as a private Soldier in what Regiment he knows not and further this deponent saith that he saw the said Roberts after he was in the service a few days, start on a march and did not see him again for some better than three years and then saw him after he was dismissed from the Army – and that he verily believes that he served in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier three years. Further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 4th day of November A.D. 1819

S/ Charles L Brasher, JP

S/ Francis Cheek

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Schedule

One cow and calf, eight or ten hogs, one yearling heifer, one bed and bedding, one cupboard, an [indecipherable word] and furniture, one bed stand, one table, cooking utensils, one plow, four hoes, one loom, two wheels, one [indecipherable word], one rifle gun amounting in value to \$90.50.

S/ Hezekiah Roberts, X his mark

Sworn to in open court June the 8th 1821

S/ John F. Dufour, C. S. C. C.

State of Indiana Switzerland County: Switzerland Circuit Court: On this 8th day of June 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County aforesaid Hezekiah Roberts aged sixty years who being 1st 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 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Roberts enlisted for the term of three years on the first day of March in the year 1777 to the best of his recollection in the company commanded by Captain William Fields who was afterwards broke. In the Virginia line of the late Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in that Corps until said Fields was broke. Then he was put under command of Captain Bray* [marginal note: *Bressie]. Then he was put under Captain James Mooly+ [marginal note: + Moody]. That he was as near as he can recollect attached to Muhlenberg's Brigade he thinks in the 2nd Regiment but not certain –

That he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] at Powles hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779].

And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the depositions of Francis Cheek and Nehemiah Roberts –

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 – I am by occupation a Farmer but have been unable to labor for 16 years by reason of a Lane hand. My family consists of a wife Agnes Roberts aged 50 [?] years much afflicted with Rheumatism My daughter Rebecca Roberts age 16 in good health. My son Hezekiah Roberts aged 13 years in good health, My son Moses Roberts aged 12 years in good health.

S/ Hezekiah Roberts, X his mark

[f p. 11: On June 29, 1852 in Switzerland County Indiana, William Roberts, 66, and John Roberts, 64, both residents of said County and state filed a claim stating they are the children of Hezekiah and Agnes Roberts; that their father was a private in the Virginia Continental line in the war of the revolution; that they believe that he continued in the service for 3 years and some months; that their father died in Switzerland County Indiana February 23, 1826 leaving Agnes Roberts his widow; that Agnes Roberts died in Switzerland County Indiana September 23, 1848 aged about 74 years; that her name prior to her marriage was Agnes Robinson; that their parents were married in Culpeper County Virginia about the year 1783; that they have no family record of their parents marriage but from the age of their eldest child they must have been married sometime early in the year 1783; that they have often heard their father speak of his service on the frontier under Captain Kendrick; that the names and ages of the children that survived the death of the Agnes Roberts are as follows: William Roberts, aged 66; John Roberts aged 64; Mrs. Rebecca McCay aged about 42; & Hezekiah Roberts has since died leaving one child to wit Moses Parry Roberts.]

[f p. 7: On April 28, 1854 in Switzerland County Indiana, William Roberts gave testimony that he is one of the children of Hezekiah and Agnes Roberts both deceased; that his father served in the revolutionary war; that his parents were married in either Culpepper or Hanover or Loudoun County Virginia; that his father lived in Culpeper County & his mother in Hanover County; that he is the oldest of their children excepting one who died in infancy; that his parents married in the year 1783; that he has no family record of the marriage of his parents or the births of their children; that he is now 66 years of age having been born in 1788; that he was married in Hamilton County Ohio in 1810 at the age of 22; that he held a commission as Ensign under Jonathan Meigs, Governor of Ohio in the 3rd Regiment, his commission being dated January 13, 1811; that he makes this application on behalf of himself and all of the other surviving children of his parents to which John Roberts and Rebecca McKay for the purpose of obtaining the pension due from the government on account of the services of his father in the revolution. He also states that his uncle Nehemiah Roberts drew a pension before his death.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

] [f p. 16: copy of the marriage license issued September 6, 1810 for the marriage of William Roberts to Patsy Shepherd.]

[f p. 65:the original of the commission issued by Jonathan Meigs to William Roberts commissioning him as an Ensign in the 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment 1st brigade and 1st division of militia of the state of Ohio during the war of 1812.]

[Note: I did not see in this file that the veteran was ever granted a pension. Veteran's widow's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]