Pension Application of Burdett Price Roach W1936
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of An Act for the Relief of Certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I Birdatt Price Roach of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and During the War, and Continued in its service, until its termination, at which period I was a private in Capt Churchill Light Dragoons in the first Regiment of the Virginia Line, and also declare that when I was discharged I authorized and empowered William Fuchare[?] to settle & collect all moneys that were due me from the United States that I suppose the said Wm. Fuchare Received a Certificate for the Reward of Eighty Dollars which (I expect) I was entitled to under a Resolve of Congress passed the 15 day of May 1778:

And I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of March 1827 on the Pension List of the United States Birdatt hisXmark Price Roach

[Certified by Charles Nichols (pension application S38264) and William Jones (R5727).]

Pittsylvania 3rd July 1828
Sir [Commissioner of Pensions] Inclosed I Transmit to you the Claim of Birdatt Price Roach; I expect you will find that at the time of his enlistment and during of the Revolutionary war he was known as Burdatt Price that being the name of his mother but since the War ended he has assumed the name of (I presume) his Father, but he is Identified by two soldiers who was with him in the Army, and saw him when he was Discharged, they are both on the Pension List, if you find his claim to be just and that he comes under the provissions of the act for the Relief of Certain Officers & Soldiers of the Armys of the Revolution approved 15 May 1828 pleaas Transmit to me as his attorney the amount that is due him, together with a Certificate that will enable him to get his pay for the future. Direct it to Liberty Hall Pitts’a. County Va. & oblige your most Ob’t. Tho Williams

NOTE: On 20 Apr 1849 Elizabeth Roach, “near ninety,” applied for a pension stating that she was married to Burdett Price Roach for 50 to 60 years until he died about 10 or 11 years before. Several depositions state that her maiden name was Elizabeth Mitchell. Their son, Joshua P. Roach, deposed in her behalf, stating that his father had died on 6 Feb 1839. With the application is a copy of the returns of marriages performed by M. Bates in 1795 and 1792:

In 1795
John Nash and Susan Mallicott
Harris Adams and Frances Chattin
Thomas Vilets and Betsey Lug
Burdett Roach and Elizabeth Mitchel
Tuckker Woodson and Anne Stotts —

In 1792
William Nelson and Elizabeth Taylor
Daniel Shelton and Martha Keatts
Richard Keatts & Elizabeth Waller
Ephraim Cotts[?] and Elizabeth Bolling
Isaac Stanley and Frances Nash
James Roach and Marry Barrott
John Holder and Martha Caldwell
Thomas Martin and Lewicy Cundiff
James Nowlin and Kany Marlow
Elijah Commings and Sally Astin