

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Roberts S18188
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State of South Carolina, Horry District

On the 5th day he of November in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in Open Court, John Roberts, before me Josiah J. Evans, one of the Circuit Judges of the said State and Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the district of Horry and State aforesaid aged Eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832: -- That he was born September 19th, 1752 in Craven County, now All Saints Parish in the District and State aforesaid, that in the spring of 1776 he volunteered as a private in the Militia Service and joined the Company of Captain Samuel Dwight then stationed on the sea shore near a place called Little River, that he was employed in guarding the sea Coast – that he was appointed a Sergeant in said Company, and in this capacity he served one year, but being relieved every week his actual service was but six months. That one Captain Dunn succeeded Captain Dwight in command and that he continued in his Company as a volunteer, for three months – That whilst he was engaged in guarding the Sea Coast a boat from the Enemy's shipping came on shore & carried off some Negroes during the night. That in the year 1778 he served as a private in Captain Daniel Murrell's Company three months on the same duty: that in 1779 he served in the Company of one Captain Price who succeeded Captain Dunn, but how long, from the lapse of time & loss of memory he is unable to say: That the company in which he served was attached as he understood to the Regiment of Col., afterwards General, Francis Marion. That on the 1st May 1780 he entered the Company of Captain Daniel Murrell, as a private & volunteer, and was marched to Georgetown, & remained there till the fall of Charleston 12th May 1780. That he was then discharged and returned home. That on the 15th of October 1780 he was ordered out and as a volunteer joined the Regiment of Marion on the Little Pee Dee [River], as a private, that the Army shortly after his joining it marched to the fork of Black River, and there we surprised a detachment of the Tories commanded by one Colonel Tyne and completely defeated them, that we took 27 prisoners, killed three, & took about 100 horses, and about 100 stand of arms. None of our men were killed. That in the month of November we marched for Georgetown, and at a place called White's bridge we had a skirmish with the Tories commanded by one Major Lewis (called Otter Skin Lewis) [Benjamin Lewis] who was killed; we took three prisoners & one horse, but lost two of our men; after that our Army marched to be Great Pee Dee & I was discharged on the 21st day of November. That on the first of January 1781 he was ordered out, & as a private joined the Main Army of Marion at a place called Snow's Island on big Pee Dee; that from thence he marched with a detachment of the Army under the command of Colonel Peter Horry to Waccamaw Neck, where we fell in with a detachment of British Cavalry with whom we had a skirmish which resulted in our taking two prisoners & killing two horses, without any loss on our part. That in February he was discharged & returned home having served on this tour one month. That in the month of April of 1781 he was ordered to march in the Company of Captain Daniel Murrell to joined the Main Army of Marion. That on the 21st of that month while at a

place called Bear Bluff on the Waccamaw River, our company was surprised by a large body of Tories, that he was, while fighting them, shot through the body and disabled ever after. That he was ordered out at this time served one month – that he knew & served with Major Warden, Captain Withers, Captain Gee, and Captain Thomas Waters. His companions in arms now living with whom he served are Josias Sessions¹ & James Stanaland.² That after he was wounded (after having taken a fair shot at a Tory) he received a written discharge from Major John Warden, which is herewith forwarded. That he has always resided in All Saints Parish in the District and State aforesaid. That he is confident he was in actual service not less than two years, although he can only give a certain account of service amounting to sixteen & one half months. He has a record of his age in a family Bible.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

S/ John Roberts

S/ S. M. Stevenson, CCP

Josias Sessions & James Stanaland Appeared before me in open Court and being duly sworn according to law state that they know John Roberts who hath subscribed the foregoing Declaration, and believe all the facts therein stated to be perfectly true: that they had a personal knowledge of the fact that he was a Soldier of the Revolution that they served in the Service with the said Roberts though not the whole time, but believes he served the whole time as stated by him. Deponents are positive the said Roberts served at least 2 years. They know that he was a faithful & true Soldier, and have never heard his patriotism questioned, doubted or denied; and that he is of the age he represents himself to be. Deponents as well as the said Roberts have resided in Horry District from there boyhood to the present time.

Sworn to before me in open Court this 5th November 1834

S/ S. M. Stevenson

S/ Josias Sessions

S/ James Stanaland

[Benjamin Holt, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This May Certify that John Roberts is discharged from all Militia duty as unable by a woman he has received from the Tories. Given under my hand this 6th day of January 1782

S/ Jno Warden, Major

1 [Josias Sessions S18202](#) S18202

2 [James Stanaland S18215](#)