

### **Pension Application for Aaron Roberts**

W.2349 (Widow: Elizabeth)

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section of the Act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836.

State of ;New Jersey, Morris County SS

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1839, personally appeared before the Superior Court of common Pleas of said County; Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, a Resident of Windham Township in said County & State aged 81 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

I am the widow of Aaron Roberts, who was, as I believe, a private of Militia of the State of New Jersey, in the war of the revolution, & who performed militia service in term of said war, from its beginning to it's end, as I verily believe.

I have often heard him tell of his services, his officer, his hardships &c in time of the war, but many particulars have escaped my recollection.

I have often heard him tell of his expedition to Canada, which I believe was among his first militia, duties in said war. I believe he belonged to the New York line in that expedition & served in Captain Wynkoop's company one year from sometime in the year 1775.

The only persons known to me to be now living who served with him in that occasion, one David Lyon of Essex & Robert Young of Morris County. When my husband unlisted for that service, he lived in Essex County & David Lyon & he were acquaintances & both enlisted in the same company in the fall of 1775. This was before our marriage & I must refer the Pension Commissioner to the depositions of said Lyon & Youngs & others who knew him in support of my claim for a pension.

I was born in Essex County N. Jersey & resided there till after the war broke out & my husband myself &b one child from Newark to Morris County. My brother Joseph Hedden was made prisoner in his bed, by the tories & refugees in dead of winter & driven before them barefooted, over snow & ice with no covering except this night clothes, into New York city & there was thrown into prison, where he died in consequence of being so frozen.

In the same night, the academy, which stood on the Common & where the guard was stationed, was stationed, was burned down & [?] stationed there made prisoners by the Tories & driven off to New York. My husband, was I believe was In the battles of Monmouth, [Aquachanark?], Springfield &b many skirmishes which I have forgotten. Major Hays, Col. VanCourtland, Col. Seely & General Winds, were among his officers. One of his first calls to Militia duty after our marriage was to Elizabethtown when the British burnt the barracks there. When Springfield was burnt by the enemy we had been married nearly two years & then lived in Morris County. I could see from our dwelling, the smoke of the burning village & heard the guns plainly & felt much anxiety for my husbands fate. He was engaged in performing military service a great part of his time, sometimes a volunteer & at others, by orders his company officers.

I as married to said Aaron Roberts, on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1778, by Revd Mr. Chapman, then minister of the Presbyterian Church in Orange, Essex County. I am told that that there is no parish record of marriages of that time, in that church & I believe it is true.

I have in my possession a [?] family bible, in which is a family record kept my my said husband, containing the date of my own & my husband's birth, our marriage, the births of our children, deaths-&c. The original record is taken out of said bible & is that which accompanies this declaration & is a true & faithful record of the events which it records.

Beside my husband's years service in the expedition against Canada he performed a great many tours of militia service every year thereafter till the war ended. From my own knowledge of them, it is impossible for me to specify them as to date, frequency, nor in which they were performed, or the commanding officers of the several tours. I can conscientiously declares, that I verily believe he faithfully performed more than two years service from 1775 to 1782 inclusive & for the particular details of these services, I would most respectfully refer the commissioner of pension to such testimony as I have been able to obtain from their surviving comrades who remain.

My husband was born as I believe, in Morris County, when his father David Roberts lived & was an apprentice to the Court—making business in Newark, where I lived when the war broke out & here I first became acquainted with him & here he enlisted as I believe for the Canadian Service.

My husband the aforesaid Aaron Roberts, died at his residence in Morris County on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, Domini 1815 & I have remained his widow to her present period, as will more fully appear by reverence to the testimony hereunto annexed. Sworn & subscribed at Morristown, the date first mentioned before me.  
(Signed) Elizabeth Roberts

Edward Condict, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Morris.

#### Marriages.

Aaron Roberts was married to Elizabeth Hedden October 28<sup>th</sup> AD 1778.

Tryphena Roberts was married to John Clark March 28<sup>th</sup> 1802.

Chilion Robarts as married to Phebe Russell [?] 3d 1812.

Mary Roberts was married to Peter [?] June 26<sup>th</sup> 1813.

#### Births.

Aaron Robarts was born August 19 AD 1755.

Elizabeth Roberts was born March 7 AD 1758.

Born to us, Abigail Robarts July 21 AD 1779.

Mary Robarts was born September 13 AD 1780.

Tryphena Robarts was born March 31 AD 1782.

Sarah Robarts was born June twentieth AD 1784.

Mahlon Robarts was born October 17, AD 1786.

Abigail Robarts was born May 19 AD 1788.  
Chilion Robarts was born March 18, AD 1790.  
Mary Robarts was born March 27 AD 1792.  
Eliza Robarts was born July 19 AD 1795.  
Lydia Robarts was born July 26, AD 1798.  
Jane Robarts was born April 26, AD 1801.