

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land records relating to Owen Roberts BLWt2359-500

f59SC

Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

11/28/09: rev'd 5/3/24

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 2]

Report of the Secretary of War to the House of Representatives, dated 15th of February 1791
See "American State Papers," No. 1, Volume of "Claims" page 25 in which Report the Secretary States that, Owen Roberts, was a Colonel of the South Carolina Continental Regiment of Artillery, and that he was mortally wounded in the service of his Country on the 20th of June 1779 [Battle of Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]¹-- 7 years half pay, viz. \$4,200, was granted the 16th of April 1792 to Representatives of Colonel Owen Roberts, deceased, -- see same Volume as above Page 387.

[p 3]

It appears from a Report of the Secretary of War, dated 15th of February 1791 (American State Papers, Volume of Claims). That the late Owen Roberts, was a Colonel of the South Carolina Regiment of Artillery, and that, he was mortally wounded in the service of his Country on the 20th of June 1779.

It appears at page 387, Volume aforesaid, that on the 16th April 1792, a Certificate for \$4,200 issued for the "Seven years half pay" due in right of the aforesaid Col. Roberts, deceased, including interest commencing June 20th 1786 --

[p 57]

Honorable T. Ewing Sec. of the Interior
Sir/

Enclosed is the inquiries of a Gentleman who states that his Grand Father, Owen Roberts, who served by a vote of the Provincial Congress Major of the regular Forces, under Col. Christopher Gadsden of the 1st Regiment of Foot South Carolina June 2nd, 1775, and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Artillery, and was killed in the Attack on the British lines at Stono June 20th, 1779 -- if he is Entitled to Land or Pension as the heir? --

Next inquiry is in relation to his Father Richard Brooth Roberts [sic. Richard Brook Roberts],² who was an officer in the same Battle, and who received his Father's Sword at his death, with his request never to Sheath it until he saw his country free -- he Served through the

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² [Richard Brook Roberts R8866](#)

Revolutionary War – was retained in the Peace establishment as a Major and died in the Service January 19th, 1797 – neither of the widows or children have ever received any Pension or Land, with the following exception [“] about 3 years since – My sister and myself received from the State of South Carolina 500 Acres of Land, that was for their Grand Father’s Service.”

Any Information will be thankfully received
by Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
William H Brown,



42 Crosby Street
New York

March 26, 1840

[p 5]

State of New York Westchester County
Surrogates Office 17th of April 1845}

I certify that satisfactory evidence was adduced to me to prove that Lucius Q. C. Roberts, Owen M. Roberts and Frances Maria Hurd³ the wife of General N. M Hurd⁴ of the City of Albany are the Grand Children and only heirs at law in fact to Owen Roberts who was a Colonel in the South Carolina Regiment of Continental Regiment of Artillery who it is said was killed in battle in the 20th June 1779.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 17th day of April 1845
S/ Fredk J. Coffin, Surrogate

[p 11]

Northumberland Jany 15th 1844

Honorable C. Ellis [Chesselden Ellis]
Member of Congress – Sir

Excuse me for taking the liberty of requesting a favor from you, you will probably remember by making out some paper for you to send to your Brother relative to some claims I might have for services rendered by my Grand Father in the Revolution. As you are now in Washington you would do me a great favor by investigating the business for me. I will give you some information so as to get you on the track -- My Grand Father Owen M. Roberts of South Carolina entered the regular forces by appointment from the Provincial Congress June 2nd 1775 and obtained the rank about June 5th 1775 as Major of the first Regiment of foot he was killed in the attack on the British lines at Stone [sic, Stono] South Carolina then a Colonel of Artillery under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] June 20th 1779.

My Father Richard Brook Roberts served as an officer through the whole of the War. I think my Father received a whole of his pay -- but there is still a claim for lands on the part of Grand Father, which never has been received. I wish you would look it all over for me and oblige your old friend. If you should wish for any further information please drop me a line. I

³ Frances Carolina Constantia Maria Roberts

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/99301660/frances_carolina_constantia_maria_hurd

⁴ Jabez Nicholas Masters “Jabish” Hurd

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/161276566/jabez_nicholas_masters_hurd

resided on Bacon Hill Northumberland Saratoga County -- I remained up with the utmost respect

Your Obedient Servant

L. Q. C. Roberts



[p 9]

State of New York

County of Saratoga }

I, Lucius Q. C. Roberts an heir at law of Owen Roberts do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that Owen Roberts did enter the service in 1775, for the term of the war and served as a major in 1st Regiment of Infantry under command of Col. Gadson [sic, Christopher Gadsden] & afterwards as a Colonel in the Regiment No. 1st under the command of himself, of the Artillery line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid as Major & afterwards Colonel until the 20th June 1779.

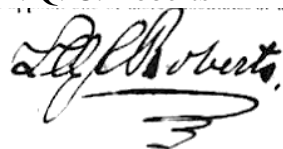
I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to said Roberts on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I, Lucius Q. C. Roberts aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint Chesselden Ellis⁵ of New York to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

Attest,

W. C. Tibbets

L. Q. C. Roberts



[attestation dated June 20, 1845]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Owen Roberts

pp 9

⁵ ELLIS, Chesselden, a Representative from New York; born in New Windsor, Vt., in 1808; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1823; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1829 and commenced practice in Waterford, N.Y.; elected prosecuting attorney of Saratoga County, N.Y., and served from April 25, 1837, until September 11, 1843; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1844 to the Twenty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Waterford; moved to New York City in 1845 and continued the practice of his profession until his death there on May 10, 1854; interment in Albany Cemetery, Albany, N.Y.

<https://bioguide.congress.gov/search/bio/E000131>

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Audited Account No. 6492

Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

5/4/24

[p 2: Printed form of indent No. 65 Book B dated April 11, 1777 for £3500 to Colonel Owen Roberts being for the principal amount of a loan made by him to the state.]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by the veteran who signature thereon appears as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Owen Roberts", enclosed in a rectangular box.

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 27 Book E dated October 22nd, 1777 to Colonel Owen Roberts for £1500 being for the principal amount of a loan made by him to the state.]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I Owen Roberts do hereby Assign the full Amount of the Principal & Interest now due & which shall be due on the Certificate within to Elizabeth Chalmers, Isaac Huger, & Joshua Ward, And Administratrix & Administrators of Lionel Chalmers their Administrators or Assigns having from said Elizabeth Chalmers, Isaac Huger & Joshua Ward received the full Value this 20th August 1778.

Witness

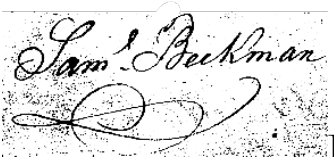
V. W. Hutchings

Owen Roberts

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Owen Roberts", enclosed in a rectangular box.

[p 7: Printed form of indent No. 760 Book B dated July 15, 1786 "delivered to the Estate of Owen Roberts deceased this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE, for the Sum of Eighty Eight pounds thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence half Penny Sterling in lieu of Twenty Indents granted to the Charlestown Insurance Company."]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing an endorsement by Samuel Beckman who signature thereon appears as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam^l Beckman", enclosed in a rectangular box.

[p 9]

A List of Officers of the Continental Army, who received from the State Auditor General, Settlements for depreciation of their pay, but who per Resolve of Congress of the 10th April 1780 were precluded from any claim on the United States on that Account.

Colonel Owen Roberts	killed 20 th June 79 [1779]	£	255	14	8
Lt. Col. Peter Horry	deranged 11 th February 80		675	15	11
Lt. Col. James Mayson	ditto 11 th February 80		173	9	11
Lt. Col. Barnard Elliot	died 28 th October 78		260	15	
Lt. Col. Isaac Motte	resigned 19 th September 78		262	6	7
Major Samuel Taylor	deranged 11 th February 80		434	12	6
Major Samuel Wise	killed 9 th of October 79		370	17	5
Major Charles Motte	ditto 9 th of October 79		295	3	4
Capt ⁿ . Lewis Daniel Martin	deranged 11 February 80		387	16	
“ Hugh Milling	ditto 11 February 80		342	1	5
“ Benjamin Brown	ditto 11 February 80		310	11	6
“ William Parsons	ditto 11 February 80		158	18	10
“ Thomas Maskall	died 1 July 78		116	1	9
“ Thomas Hall	resigned		275	4	8
Lieu ^t . Lewis Desausure [Desaussure]	killed 1 November 79		284	14	1
“ John Hennington	deduct. 11 th February 80		364	5	10
“ Robert Gaston	killed 16 November 79		230	1	10
“ Luke Mayson	died 1 April 80		320	2	11
“ William Adair	resigned 5 June 79		120	18	6
“ David Edmonds	died 1 st of August 78		94	12	2
“ Benjamin Hodges	died 18 th October 78		94	19	
“ Richard Jones	died 20 th July 79		231	5	
“ William Donnom	killed 9 th November 79		235	4	11
		£	6,295	13	9