

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Brook Roberts¹ R8866 Everada Catherine Sophia f22SC

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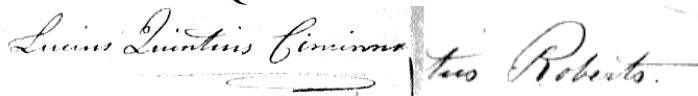
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State of New York City and County of New York

On this 23rd day of May 1850, personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the City and County above mentioned, Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Roberts who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Roberts son and joint heir at law of Richard Brook Roberts, who served as a Captain to the close of the War of the Revolution, and was subsequently promoted to the Rate of a Major and died in the service on the 19th day of January 1797 at Burlington, in the State of New Jersey where he was interred with Military Honors.

Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Roberts, further declares on oath, that his Father Richard Brook Roberts and Everada Catherine Sophia van Braam were joined in marriage at Charleston South Carolina to the best of his knowledge and believed in the year 1786. And that the said Everada Catherine Sophia Roberts his Mother died, at Still Water Saratoga County in the State of New York on the 3rd day of February 1816, and that Frances Maria Hurd of Albany and the present claimant above named Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Roberts, are the only children of the said Richard Brook Roberts and Everada Catherine Sophia Roberts now her surviving -- Sworn before me the 23rd of May 1850

S/ Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Roberts

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

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Honorable T. Ewing Sec. of the Interior
Sir

Accompanying this letter is the claim for the Pension due and owing to the heirs of the Widow of "Richard Brook Roberts" who was subsequently to the close of the Revolutionary War promoted from a Captaincy to the Rank of Major --

Major Roberts died at Burlington New Jersey in the service on the 19th day of January

¹ BLWt 1869-300 Capt. Issued April 20, 1790 No Papers. The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the offices of the War Department along with the papers filed there were destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed. Further, pension and bounty land papers generated between the fire of 1800 and 1814 were lost when the British burned Washington DC on August 14, 1814.

1797, and his widow, Evarada Catherine Sophia van Braam died at Still Water Saratoga County New York on the 3rd day of February 1816 and both Father and Mother interred at Burlington, N. J. Consequently there will be due the two heirs, the Pension for 19 years and 15 Days –

The Pension due to them, as the heirs of their Grand Mother, the Widow of Col. Owen Roberts,² who was Killed in the Attack on the British line at Stono³ on the 20th of June 1779, is deferred until an accurate account of the present day of her Death is ascertained from Charleston South Carolina –

The Witnesses who supports the oath of identity of Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Roberts (a Member of the Cincinnati Society) are of such respectability as only to be named Sarah S Baker a Mother-in-law of His Excellency Governor Fish of this State and the other Louisa Squires of equal respectability –

Mr. Roberts states that neither of the Widows of Col. Owen Roberts nor of his Son Richard Brook Roberts (Major) ever received any remuneration from the Government, nor did their heirs, with the exception of five hundred Acres of land granted by the state of South Carolina to their officers and that was for the Services of their Grand father Col. Roberts, however, there is an astonishing discrepancy in Mr. Roberts and the statement of the 10th ultimo from the pension office,⁴ but, as the present claim is for the Pension due to their Mother after the death of their father Mr. Roberts request that he may be favored with the remittance at as early a period as possible and it will confer an additional obligation on

Honorable Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

David Samuel Browne

42 Crosby St.

New York

PS. Mr. Roberts' Vouchers are on file since he obtained the five hundred acres of land in the month of June 1845 –

The attention of the Government will be Solicited to the Sums & land said to have been given to the heirs of Col. Owen Roberts and Major Richard Brook Roberts

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Pension Office

June 4th, 1850

Sir

Your letter to the Secretary of the Interior together with the papers which accompanied it in relation to the Claim of the Heirs of Richard Brook Roberts and of his widow Everada C. S. Roberts deceased have been referred to this Office, these papers have been examined and placed with rejected Cases under the act 14 July 1836.

There is no law which gives pensions to Children on account of their fathers' revolutionary Services. In cases where there are arrears of pension due to officers or soldiers or to their widows at the time of their death such arrears are paid to their Children, but nothing more.

It appears from the papers now presented that Major Roberts died in 1797 and that his widow's death took place [in] 1816. At the period of their deaths there was no law in place which allowed pensions either to the officers or soldiers or to their widows, who served in the

² [Owen Roberts BLWt2359-500](#)

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

⁴ There is no copy of any such document now in this file

Revolutionary War, they could therefore have acquired no right themselves. Consequently their Child could derive none from them.

We know of nothing do Major Roberts or his widow or to their Children from the General Government. There Claim to a pension is rejected there being no law in force which [undeciphered word] for such a Case.

[No sign of a signature but this doubtless came from the then Pension Commissioner, J L Edwards]

David Samuel Brown Esquire
42 Crosby St. NY

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Richard Brook Roberts
Audited Account No. 6439A

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Head Quarters at Purysburg 19th of March 1779

A Muster Roll of Captain Rd. Bk. Robert's [sic] Company of the South Carolina Continental Corps of Artillery, Commanded by Colln. Owen Robert's [sic]

Commissioned Officers Names	Rank	Date of their Commission	Remarks
Richard Bk. Roberts	Captain	4 th June 1777	Present
John Gorget [John Frances Gorget] ⁶	Capt. Lieut.	30 th of May 1778	Do
Frederick von Plater [Philip Frederick Van Plater]	1 st Lieut.	28 of October 1778	do

Rank	Non Commissioned & Private Names	Date of Inlistment	Time in Service	Remarks
Serjeants	John Smith	1 June 1777	3 years	absent on Guard
	Brice Mathews	24 Nov. 17??	3 years	present
Corporals	Joseph Hull	25 Jun 1778	the war	do
	John Sessions	29 June 1778	3 years	on Detachment
	Edward Conner	29 June 1778	3 years	Present
Gunners	Robert Goodall	17 Sept. 1777	the war	do
	Benjamin Williams	2 June 1777	3 years	do
	Alexander McMullan	8 Feby. 1779	16 Months	do
	Aaron Baroth [?]	3 June 1777	3 years	absent on Duty
Matrosses	David Cunningham	3 June 1777	3 years	Present
[Matross]	John Diver [?]	14 July 1778	3 years	do

⁵ 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.

⁶ [John Francis Gorget SC3267](#)

	Joseph Johnson	2 June 1777	the war	do
	John Causey	5 Sept. 1778	3 years	do
	John Murrow	16 July 1778	3 years	do
	Samuel White	25 Sept. 1777	the war	do
	Jacob Paul	2 June 1777	the war	do
	John Porter [?]	19 June 1777	the war	do
	Aquilla Long	18 July 1778	3 years	Sick in Fix Hospital
	John Colby	10 August 1778	the war	Present
	James Roe	22 July 1778	the war	do
	Lewis Conyorck		the war	Sick Fix Hospital
	Charles Maciver [Charles McIver?]	2 August 1778	3 years	Present
	James Hughes	1 June 1778	3 years	do
	John Conner		the war	do
	Nicholas Gloson		the war	do
	James Lewis		3 years	do
	Michael Lewis	19 Sept. 1778	the war	do
	Isaac Garrick	16 Feby 1779	16 Months	do
	William Maley [?]		3 years	do
	James Causey	3 Sept. 1778	3 years	do
	Dennis Chilique [?]		the war	Deserted
	Joseph Antonio [?]	17 Sept. 1778	the war	do
	Samuel Hicksman	21 July 1778	3 years	on Detachment
	Robert William	28 May 1778	the war	do
	Hill Hewet	2 June 1777	3 years	do
	Nicholas Prince	3d August 1778	3 years	absent on Duty
	Samuel Jeffs	16 July 1778	the war	Sick in Genl. Hospital
drummer	William Read	21 Sept. 1777	the war	Sick in Fix Hospital
Fifer	William Flemming		the war	Present

R. B. Roberts Capt Artillery



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I do swear that the within Muster Role, is a true State of the Company without fraud to the United States or to any individual thereof, according to the best of my knowledge.

Sworn before me this 19th March 1779

[illegible]

R. B. Roberts Capt. Artillery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Capt. Shilling".

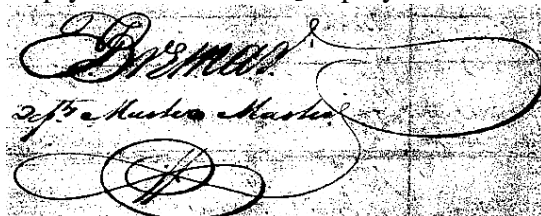
State of South Carolina

Head Quarters, Purrysburg } Then mustered as Certified by

19th March 1779

F. Bremar [Francis Bremar]⁷

Depty Muster Mashel [Deputy Muster Marshal]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deputy Muster Marshal".

⁷ [Francis Bremar W1708](#)