

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Castle W25377

Charity Castle

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State of New-York, SS. [2 Apr 1818]

To the Hon. Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New-York, and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York, which is a Court of Record of the State of New-York.

The Declaration under Oath of Robert Castle formerly a Drummer engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary, War, now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the City and County of New-York, respectfully sheweth,

THAT the said Robert Castle enlisted sometime in the month of November 1776 in the 1st Virginia Reg't. under Captn. [William] Moseley comp'y. after joined said Reg't. and remained in the said Reg't. for upwards of six years when Deponant was taken Prisoner at the Siege of Charleston South Carolina [12 May 1780] and remained there for two years when Deponant made his escape in Halifax [Nova Scotia] and came to New York, Deponant also saith that he never received a Discharge in consequence of his being a Prisoner of war. Deponant also saith that he received a wound in the Head at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. Deponant also saith that he was at the taking of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] under the command of Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne.

And the declaration further sheweth, that the said Robert Castle is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the city of New-York, and is, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support

Therefore the said Robert Castle conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved 18th March, 1818, and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case made and provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, the said Robert Castle refers to his wound he received while in the said service also his testimony in the above case Robert hisXmark Castle
[William Curtis, pension application S43430, certified Castle's identity and service.]

[27 Sep 1828] For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Robert Castle of New York in the county of New York in the State of New York in the county of New York in the State of New York 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 Musician in Captain Moseleys Company, in the Fifth Regiment of the Virginia Line [see endnote]. And, I also declare, that I never received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778 for reasons set forth in the annexed affidavit.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.
Robert hisXmark Castle

New York } SS
City of New York }

Personally appeared before me Mordecai Myers a Public Notary of the State of New York duly

commissioned and sworn, dwelling in the City of New York, Robert Castle who being duly sworn does depose and say that he was a Musician in the First Virginia Regiment in a Company commanded by Captain Mosely during the Revolutionary War, and that he served in said Regiment and Company for Six years, as will appear by the Muster Rolls of said Regiment and Marched with it to South Carolina, and was taken prisoner at the Attack on Charleston and sent to Halifax where he remained a Prisoner untill Peace, and in consequence of his absence did not receive his commutation Money or Discharge but that he gave the necessary evidence of service and obtained a Pension under the Act of 1818 as will more fully appear by reference to the Pension Certificate annexed And this deponent further says that he was stricken from the Roll under the subsequent Act limiting the amount of property of Pensioners to One hundred Dollars and that his last payment as a pensioner was received the fourth day of March 1820. Sworn to before me this 27th day of September 1828 Robert hisXmark Castle

City County & State of New York Ss. Robert Castle now of the City of New York being duly sworn deposeth & saith That he was a drummer in the War of the Revolution. That he first enlisted in the first Virginia Regiment – the Company was commanded by Captain Moseley. This deponent served upwards of four years under his Command. That this deponent with the Compay & whole Regiment were captured at Charleston South Carolina. That prior to his being captured as aforesaid this deponent was with his Company under said Captain Mosely in the attack upon Stoney Point by Gen'l Wayne. This deponent was also in the battle of the White Plains [28 Oct 1776] & was there wounded in the head by a musket ball, the scar of which yet remains. This deponent further says that he served in the Continental line and obtained a pension under the act of 1818 – That he received three payments & then he was deprived of it, in consequence of owing [owning] a little house on lease ground. That he is now nearly seventy five years old – Will be that on Christmas next.

That this deponent now has no pay or pension whatsoever
Sworn this 23^d day of July 1832. Robert hisXmark Castle

City County & State of New York Ss.
William Curtis of the said City being duly sworn saith That he also served as a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the fifth Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. [William] Russell – that Captain Samuel Booker commanded the Company in which this deponent served. That this deponent knew the before named Robert Castle in the Army of the Revolution & saw him when a prisoner at Charleston as stated by him – this Deponent also being a prisoner. That the surrender was made by Gen'l [Benjamin] Lincoln to Sir Henry Clinton & this deponent saw said Castle often being detained a prisoner about fourteen moths. This deponent received his pension & will be seventy two years of age in September next. Sworn this 23^d day of July 1832 William hisXmark Curtis

I Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York do Certify that soon after the passing of the act of 1818 both the above named Robert Castle & William Curtis obtained their pension Certificates. That their names appear upon a book which I kept for the purpose – I then being Recorder of the City of New York, and assisted by Capt Keeler, who had served during the whole war & who took a deep interest in behalf of the revolutionary soldiers, and prepared their papers gratis. He is now dead – but I know personally that they are the same Individuals, and I presume their names will be found on the pension list in the War Department.
R Riker/ N York 23 July 1832

NOTES:

Remnants of the Fifth Virginia Regiment were combined into the First Virginia Regiment before being sent to Charleston.

On 24 Feb 1829 Robert Castle wrote to Richard Rush, Secretary of the Treasury, and to

Congressman C. C. Cambrelling, asking whether he was to receive a pension and requesting a response be sent to 151 Elizabeth St in New York.

On 29 Dec 1853 Charity Castle, 80, of Orange County NY, applied for a pension stating that as Charity Thompson she was married to Robert Castle by Rev. Seth Crowell in New York City on 13 Aug 1817, and her husband died on 12 May 1834. Sarah Valentine and Sarah M. Wait stated that the marriage was officiated by a Methodist minister at the home of William Thompson. On an application for bounty land dated 26 March 1855, Charity Castle was said to be 79 and a resident in the town of Goshen NY. A document in the file states that she died on 16 Aug 1855 before the land warrant was issued, and that she willed it to her brother, with whom she lived.