

McRoberts Bible Records, Revolutionary Service.

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BIBLE RECORDS
REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE

Copied from family data
found in Pension File, W-2225,
B.L.W.26888-160-55: James McRoberts
and Mary McRoberts, widow: (File
contains page taken from the
McRoberts family Bible)

JAMES McROBERTS was born May the 22nd. in the
year of our Lord, 1763
MARY McROBERTS was born March 22 in the year
of our Lord, 1776
CATHERINE McROBERTS was born April 14. in the
year of our Lord, 1794
CHARLOTTE McROBERTS was born May 9th in the
year of our Lord, 1796
SAMUEL McROBERTS was born February 8. in the
year of our Lord, 1799
THOMAS McROBERTS was born February 24. in the
year of our Lord, 1801
SARAH McROBERTS was born March 16. in the year
of our Lord, 1803
ELIZABETH McROBERTS was born April 3. in the
year of our Lord, 1805
JAMES McROBERTS was born July 19. in the year
of our Lord, 1807
ANNA McROBERTS was born April 4. in the year
of our Lord, 1811
MARY McROBERTS was born March 11. in the year
of our Lord, 1814
JOBIAH McROBERTS was born June 12. in the year
of our Lord, 1816

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JAMES McROBERTS, of Harrisonville, Monroe County,
Illinois, in his application for pension August 30, 1828,
made affidavit that he "enlisted in the Continental Army
of the Revolution for and during the war, and continued
until its termination, as a Private in Captain Eleazer
Williamson's Company, in Colonel David Williamson's Regi-
ment, of the Virginia Line." Having lost his discharge,
an affidavit of HENRY LEVINS was submitted, as having
served with him. "the only person to my knowledge now
living".

On June 3, 1833, JAMES McROBERTS, of Monroe Co., ILL.
aged 70 years, stated that he was enrolled in Capt. Derrick

Hogelin's Company of Militia, in month of June, 1779.

"In August our Captain was ordered to furnish a certain number of men for a tour of duty and I was drawn among others to guard Andrew Ramsay Fort, situated on Buffalo Creek for one month as a private, in Capt. Hogelin's Company, and was then relieved by another attachment.

"The second tour of duty I served under Capt. Joseph Ogle at a fort at a place called West Liberty in the State of Virginia near the Ohio River for one month. In the fall of the year, about the middle of September, 1781, volunteered in Company of Volunteers commanded by Col. David Williamson, and ordered by Col. Gibson then residing in Pittsburgh, and marched to some Indian towns, where six prisoners of the Delaware tribe were taken. Returned on the last of October or first of November. In February 1782, volunteered in Capt. Williams Company, and marched to the Indian towns of Tuskarora, a branch of the Miami. Killed seventy or eighty Indians of Delaware and Mingo tribes. Destroyed three of their villages and returned the first of April.

"During all of these campaigns, I furnished my own horse, gun and ammunition.

"On Easter Sunday 1782, the Indians came into the settlement and killed two men and one old lady, wounded one other person, and on Monday following we were ordered to pursue them, which we did across the Ohio three or four days and then abandoned the pursuit. We were out ten days."

In answer to questions of the Court, he stated that he was BORN in 1769; that he was living in PENNSYLVANIA at the time of enlistment, WASHINGTON COUNTY, on the waters of the Ohio River until the year 1786, when he removed to the Territory of ILLINOIS, "to the county where he now resides".

"Our County was called on by requisition of government for their quota of men, and I volunteered rather than stand a draft.

"From the time I was enrolled in the Militia and subject to military duty, I was held in readiness with horse, gun, ammunition and provisions, to march at a minute's warning, and always went in pursuit of Indians on horseback, except the time I was stationed at the forts, and so continued until the close of the war."

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Two witnesses as to veracity and character were Rev. Peter Rogers, a clergyman of the Baptist Church of Waterloo, Monroe County, and John Ryan, resident of and treasurer of the County.

On April 3, 1834, JAMES McROBERTS made affidavit that he "served on tour of duty under command of Lieutenant Conrad Strop, and was marched from Coxes Fort at the mouth of Buffalow to West Liberty and Wheeling, a tour of thirty days, which tour was not mentioned in the original declaration, besides several other times two or three days at a time, when the neighborhood would be alarmed by Indians."

The name of JAMES McROBERTS, a Private in the Army of the Revolution, was placed on the Pension Roll on the 28th day of April, 1834.

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On the 21st of March, 1850, MARY McROBERTS, of Waterloo, Monroe County, Illinois, aged about 73 years, 11 months, stated that JAMES McROBERTS was a Pensioner, that his certificate of pension was dated 28th of April, 1834, recorded in Pension Office in Book E, Vol. 8, Page 63; that she was married to James McRoberts about the 25th day of May, 1792, and that James McRoberts DIED 10th February, 1844; she submitted page taken from their family Bible as proof of their marriage and births of their children.

The following was presented as proof of marriage:

COPY OF MARRIAGE BOND,
JAMES McROBERTS and MARY HARRIS,
May 24, 1792

"JAMES McROBERTS and GEORGE SCHWIMMER, of the County of Tennessee and Territory of the United States, south of the River Ohio, acknowledge ourselves, our heirs, etc. jointly and severally bound by these presents unto William Blount, Governor of said Territory, in the sum of Five Hundred pounds, current money, and to be paid to his own excellency, his successors in office, or their assigns; the payment of which is to be void on condition that there shall not hereafter appear any lawful reason why the sforesaid JAMES McROBERTS and MARY HARRIS should not be joined together in "helly" matrimony.

"Witness our hands and seals this 24th day of May, 1792.

(Signed) James McRoberts
G. L. Schwimmer."

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MATTHIAS F. HORINE and DANIEL LAUVERS appeared as corroborating witnesses before Bradley Rust, Justice of Peace for Monroe County, on January 22, 1856.

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MARY McROBERTS received her pension at Springfield, Illinois, for six years prior to February 19, 1856. Made application also for bounty land. Certificate of Pension for \$20.00 per annum, was issued 24 July, 1850. Date of death of widow not shown.

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