

Charles Roberts Court of Claims Records

Charles Roberts application for Head Right

The State of Texas

Robertson County

In the Court of Claims. To the Hm. Edward Clark, Commissioner of the Court of Claims in and for the State of Texas, The petition of James Johnston formerly of Falls, now Robertson County aforesaid, respectfully herewith; that he is the attorney in fact for Charles Roberts of Walker County in said State, as will mindfully appear by the accompanying power of attorney from said Charles Roberts to your petitioner filed herewith which power is duly authenticated.

Your petitioner further shows that the said Charles Roberts is the heir at law of his father Charles Roberts dec'd. Your petitioner further shows that Charles Roberts dec'd was a man of family in the year 1835; that in that year to the best of the petitioners information he emigrated to Texas; and that he settled in Texas before the 2nd of March 1836, when the Declaration of Independence was made; that he did not leave the country, nor did he seek to avoid a participation in the struggle for the liberties of Texas; still so far as the petitioner is informed he never belonged to the army being advanced in years and his sons belonging to the army.

Your petitioner further shows that the said Charles Roberts dec'd has drawn 1280 acres but is still entitled to the remainder of one League & Labor= 3325 acres by the law providing for each emigrant with family who should become a citizen, one League & Labor.

The emigration of the said Charles Roberts dec'd, will be proven by Robert O. Lusk and Richard Smith both of Leon County , who will also prove that the said Charles Roberts dec'd did not leave the country during the struggle for independence and that he did not assist the enemy and that he did not receive his quantum of land; to which witnesses interrogation are here with filed.

Your petitioner therefore prays that certificates issued to him for the aforesaid 3325 acres deed to Charles Roberts dec'd.

In consideration of the premises your petitioner defer to your honors' opinion, and as in duly bound will ever pray ye.

J.C.C. Brettell attorney for

James Johnston

Charles Roberts vs

The State of Texas

In Court of Claims, Travis County
Texas 1858

Answers of Richard Smith

Witness for applicant,

1. Answer to the first interrogatory.

I was acquainted with one Charles Roberts who is now dead. I was acquainted with him in the year 1837, Shelby County, I think it was then, it is now Shelby. I was acquainted with said Roberts from 1837 till near the time of his death.

2. Answer to 2nd interrogatory.

He was a man of family.

3. Answer to 3rd interrogatory.

The first clause of this I answered in the 1st interrogatory, I became acquainted with him by living in the same neighborhood and by moving with him over two hundred miles.

4. Answer to the 4th interrogatory.

I don't think he was ever a soldier.

5. Answer to the 5th interrogatory.

I don't know if he ever obtained any land from Texas.

6. Said Roberts has three sons living that I know namely,

Charles, Fred, Elias.

7. Answer to the 7th interrogatory.

I don't know that I know anything more that I have stated, that would have any bearing on the case.

8. Answer to the 8th interrogatory.

He was looked upon as a good old man, and limited in circumstances.

9. Answer to the 9th interrogatory.

I think he would have been entitled to 1280 acres from the time I knew him, though he may have been in Texas some time before I knew him.

Richard Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of November 1858

To all of which I certify under hand and my office seal at office in Centerville this 20th day of November 1858.

Henry d Patrick

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There is but one witness, he first knew him in '37

Dismissed, J.S.

See Ld Office Certf. Voucher 2753

Evidence not satisfactory, witness think too much.

c/c 6994

Filed Aug., 21, 1858

J.C.C. Brittell

R. No. 709

Charles Roberts Bounty 320 acres, Requested & applied Jan 17, 1859.

Sent to Blucher-by mail Jan 28, 1859.

Clark

c/c 6994

Filed by F.A. Blucher August 6, 1858