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JOHN ROOKER  
ANNA ROOKER

W. 4786

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Sct. Pen. Agent, payt resumed, May 8, 1838 can W. K. Clowney

Set to Hon. W. K. Clowney & cert cir 8 May, 1838.

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Duplicate certificate issued 22 February 1839 and sent to W. K. Clowney, house of Representatives.

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Letter to 3rd auditor 27 May 1839. Paid at the treasury under the act of the 6th April 1838 from 4 Sept 1834 to 4 Sept 1838 Agt. Notified 10 June 1839.

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Paid as above from 4 march to 4 Sept 1839. Agt. notified 9 June 1840.

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Paid as above from 4 Sept. 1839 to 22nd June 1840. Agt. Notified 12 May 1841.

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Dead. Let 28 July 1842 to J. A. BROWNE let to same 28 Sept. 1842
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South Carolina

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JOHN ROOKER of York District in the state of South Carolina who was a private in the Comp. Commanded by Captain DENTON of the Regt. commanded by Col. LONG in the S. Carolina militia for 13 mo.

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Inscribed on the Roll of South Carolina at the rate of 43 dollars 33 cents per annum. To commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 2nd day of February 1833 and sent to Hon. W. T. Nuckolls, house of Reps.

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Arrears to 4th Sep., 1832 \$64.99
semi-annual allowance ending 4 March 1833 \$21.66
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\$86.65

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832 }

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North Carolina 7194

Anna Rooker

Widow of **JOHN ROOKER**, NC  
who was a private  
in the Revolution for 13 months

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Inscribed on the roll at the rate of \$43 dollars 33 cents per annum, to  
commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1843.  
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Certificate of Pension issued the second day of August 1845 and sent to **JAMES  
ROBERTS**, Swangstown, NC  
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[Act of March 3, 1843.]  
recorded in Book A Vol. 2 Page 160 17 June 1844

Reports  
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Act 38  
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" 23 " " " explanation

**War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786**

John Rooker  
Applicant  
for a pension

February 17, 1833

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State of South Carolina ]  
York District ]

On this 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before me **WILLIAM D. Martin** a Judge of the court of Sessions and common pleas now sitting **JOHN ROOKER** aged 77 born in Northumberland County northern neck of Virginia the 12th of March 1755 came to North Carolina Bute County, now Warren and Franklin Counties 1774 & in March 1776, enlisted as a volunteer under Captain **JAMES DENTON** of the aforesaid County and joined the Halifax Troops under the command of Colonel **LONG** a tour after the Tories that rose on Drowning Creek and Cape Fear River marching to join the British troops on the coast not landed but were defeated before they reached the British at Moore's Creek by Colonel Caswell and our horse company under the command of Colonel Eaton our foot company did not reach till the defeat but took a number of Prisoners and their baggage wagons running away from the defeat then marched home to the place of rendezvous and were disbanded. The same year August 1776 volunteered for 6 months to go to Kentucky to guard the Inhabitants from the ravages of the Indians was in that Service till March 1777 and on the seventh day of that month enlisted as a volunteer under Colonel **DANIEL BOONE** and served 7 months and then we had a reinforcement of 100 men under the command of Colonel Hogan of Virginia and then was discharged and returned to North Carolina Bute County, now Warren and Franklin, removed to South Carolina York District December 6th 1790 where I have ever since resided. I never had any written discharge from my service, that he was on duty altogether about 14 months. He has no written or documentary evidence of his service nor can he procure the evidence of any person here that he knows of to prove his services. He refers to Benjamin Chambers the Judge of the Court of Ordinary for York District and to Bartlett Meacham to prove his character for veracity & their belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this 16th of October 1832 in open Court

J. Rooker

A. McWhorter, C. C. C. Pleas

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We Bartlett Meacham & Benjamin Chambers and R. Y. Russell, a clergyman residing in the state and district aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **JOHN ROOKER**, now a minister of the gospel in the baptist church, the applicant that we believe him to be seventy-seven years of age - that he is reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier in the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed in the day and year above written.

Bartlett Meacham  
Benjamin Chambers  
R. Y. Russell

A. McWhorter, QM

I, **WILLIAM D.** Martin, a judge as aforesaid hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatees prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. I further certify that it appears that are residents of the district and state aforesaid and are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit - and I further certify that it satisfactorily appears that R. Y. Russell, who has signed the above certificate, is a clergyman. Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1832.

William D. Martin  
Presiding Judge

I, Andrew McWhorter, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of **JOHN ROOKER** for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and in the fifty seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

A. McWhorter, C. C. C. Pleas

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State of North Carolina }  
Lincoln County }

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1845, personally appeared before W. **REEVES**, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, **ANNA ROOKER** a resident of North Carolina in the county of Lincoln. Aged 86 years: who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838, entitled, an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That She is the widow of **JOHN ROOKER** who was a private in the war of the revolution and was a pensioner under the act of Congress, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832 and was inscribed on the pension list of the South Carolina Agency at the rate of \$43 dollars and 33 cents per annum. She further declares that she was married to the said **JOHN ROOKER** sometime in the year seventeen hundred and eighty and that her husband, aforesaid **JOHN ROOKER**, died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1840. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz. At the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before.

**ANNA ROOKER** {X her mark}

W. **REEVES**, JP

State of North Carolina }  
Lincoln County }

Personally appeared before me, **JAMES QUINN**, one of the acting justices of the peace for said county, Willis **REEVES** and made oath in due form of law and saith he knew that the manuscript from which the accompanying Essay of the life, letters for the age, birth and marriage of **JOHN ROOKER** was done by himself and in his own hand writing.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1845.

W. **REEVES**

**JAMES QUINN**, JP



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State of North Carolina }  
Lincoln County }

I, W. **REEVES**, the magistrate before whom the foregoing declaration of **ANNA ROOKER** was made, do certify that she, the claimant, is not able to attend the court from age and bodily infirmity. This 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1845.

W. **REEVES**, JP

North Carolina }  
Lincoln County }

Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions, June Term, 1845.

I, C. L. Hunter, clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Lincoln County, certify that Willis **REEVES** & **JAMES QUINN** are acting justices of the peace for the County aforesaid & that full faith & credit should be given to their official acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of office - the foregoing declaration was submitted to court & approved.

C. L. Hunter, Clerk of Lincoln County Court

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AN ESSAY

on the

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD,

DEDICATED TO, AND A LEGACY FOR,

THE

BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST,

ON SUGAR CREEK, Y. D., S. C.

By their long standing Pastor,

1. **JOHN ROOKER,**

now in the 85<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

By free and sovereign grace,  
Exclusive of all creative merit;  
Or condemnation must surely be the case,  
Whate'er good works you may inherit - J. Rooker.

CHARLESTON:  
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1839

PREFACE.

I shall here give a very short sketch of my life, and then the reason of my publishing the following treatise.

I was born the morning of the 12th of March, A. D. 1755, in Northumberland county, in the Northern Neck of Virginia; my father was a full blooded Irishman, although American born; my mother's father was of the Welsh descent, by the name of DAVIS; her mother was of the English descent, by the name of HAMMOND, among the first settlers of Virginia. I remained in Northumberland and Richmond counties until February, 1774, then came to Bule county, (now Warren,) in North Carolina, and served two years in the capacity of a teacher of reading, writing, and arithmetic. In ,March, 1776, went a volunteer soldier in the American army, against the Scotch Tories, which were defeated. In August following. went a volunteer soldier to Kentucky, and warred against the Indians until October, 1777, then returned to Warren county, North Carolina, bought a wagon and team, drove them two years and sold them. On the 20th of April, 1780, married ANNA HAWKINS, daughter of John Hawkins, Esq. On the first day of September, 1782, joined the Baptist church in Warren county. North Carolina, and in April, 1783, began to preach. November, 1790, came to South Carolina, York district. In 1792, the first day of May. the Baptist church of Christ. called the Sugar Creek Church, was constituted by ABRAHAM MARSHALL. of Columbia county, Georgia, consisting of thirteen members and on the same day five more joined, by a declaration of their faith in Christ Jesus. With them (so long as they lived.) I continued a member and a pastor, and with the rest ever since.

We were settled in the midst of a Presbyterian congregation, by whom we were much persecuted, although their minister. Dr. McRee [JAMES MCREE], ever treated me with politeness and friendship, whose urbanity is well known.

For the honor of God, and His cause, I have written the following Essay and for the instruction and comfort of His faithful people., that they may not be seduced by the abounding errors, superstition, bigotry. and delusive fallacy of the Papists, Unitarians, Universalists, Armenians, and Antinomians.

My earnest prayer is, that God may bless my feeble efforts for His declarative glory – the establishing of His people in truth – and I am fully rewarded. And to His great name shall be the praise and glory everlasting – Amen.

ESSAY, &c.

Be STILL and KNOW THAT I AM God – Psalm xlvi. 10.

The existence of God is clearly manifested by the works of Creation. Providence. and the Sacred Volume. How beautifully is His transcendent glory described in the 19th Psalm, where the concave surrounding the earth with its shining orbs, never varying from its annual and diurnal rotations, loudly declares the omnipotence and providence of Jehovah. The Psalmist, in the 8th Psalm, breaks forth in astonishment. and says, .. "How excellent is thy name in all the earth." His name is declared in his communicable attributes. Wisdom, Power, Justice, Holiness, Truth, Mercy, and Love. His power displayed at the Red Sea, when Moses bade Israel to stand still and see the salvation of God. God's power and providence in feeding Israel with manna through the wilderness forty years; also, His providence at Mount Sinai, where Jehovah condescended to be with Moses forty days and forty nights, giving him the moral, ceremonial, and judicial laws, for the government of the Jews, until Shilo, or the blessed Jesus, came. Exodus 19, and 20th chapter. Again. what a display of God's providence and omnipotence in shielding His chosen tribes by a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, for shade and light in all their meanderings in the barren sands in Arabia, under a vertical sun. Again, an astonishing display of His almighty power and providence at the river Jordan. in stopping its impetuous current, and causing it to stand as a heap, until all the host of Israel crossed over, dry shod, on the borders of the promise land. Once more, His sovereign power in causing the walls of Jericho to fall prostrate at the sound of ram's horns, shewing that He could work by such instruments.

What an astonishing display of the wisdom and power of Jehovah, in the formation of this earth on which we sojourn, with all things pertaining to it, with wonder and amazement, as far as our limited views will admit. We behold a beautiful variety of mountains and valleys, groves, rivers, and plains, a fertile soil clad with trees, shrubs, plants, and herbage, of various forms, sizes, and virtues—some for timber, some for regaling the senses, and some for medicine, some aromatic and odoriferous, some emetic, others cathartic, &c. &c. – all in a small plat of ground.

How surprising to behold the feathered tribes in their different size, hues, and qualities, cutting the air, and flying from sprig to sprig, with their vernal melodies and notes. "filth wonder we behold the fountains, rivers, lakes, seas, and oceans, in their windings – particularly the great mystery of the flux of the sea in its ebbing and flowing regularly every twelve hours, wherein are found innumerable animals of various sizes, hues, and forms, with their firm, scaly, and shelly coats – from the enormous whale down to the diminutive minnow – all of which, with the whole creation, is ascribed to the second person of the adorable Trinity.

From various passages of the Holy Scriptures this Almighty Sovereign is a triune God, composed of three persons, (or offices,) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, co-equal, co-eternal, and co-essential. The doctrine of the Trinity is a mysterious doctrine, which we could know nothing of were it not for the revelation in the Scriptures of revealed truth

– but it is thus revealed – secret things belong to God – but things revealed belong to us and our children.

It is impossible for finite beings (and such are we,) to comprehend infinitude, and (God is infinite, as in Isaiah 9 and 6 – “Unto us a child is born – a son is given – and the government shall be upon his shoulders. He shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.”

John 1 and 1, 2, 3 – and 1 John 5 and 7. “There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, and these three are one.”

Christ’s human soul was the first created being – for it is said “He is the beginning of the creation of God.” As it is further said “He shall have the preeminence in all things.” He was the first that arose from the dead. All of which proves Him to be the mighty God, the everlasting Father, &c. &c.

This mighty God bears the appellation of Jehovah, self-existing, (the incommunicable name of God,) which the ancient Hebrews held in such reverence, they did not pronounce it, but, instead of it, read the word Adonai.

It denotes the eternal existence of God, and it is explained in Rev. 1, 4, and 8, and 4, and 8, and 11, and 17.

Jehovah-Jireh, “The Lord will see or provide.” Gen. 22, and 14.  
Jehovah-Nissi, “The Lord my banner.” Exod. 17 and 15.  
Jehovah-Rophi, “The Lord healeth.” Exod. 15 and 26.  
Jehovah-Shalom, “The Lord send peace.” Jud. 6 and 24.  
Jehovah-Shammah, “The Lord is there.” Ezek. 48 and 35.  
Jehovah-Tzidekenu, “The Lord our righteousness.” Jer. 23 and 6.

All these titles belong, and must be ascribed to the second person in the adorable Trinity. Jehovah - Jesus, who is co-eternal, co-essential, and equal, with the first person in the Trinity – His heavenly Father – and fully adequate to covenant with Him for the redemption of his chosen people.

In the redemption covenant, the Father gave the Son a select people, called the elect of God, with every necessary to bring them to a knowledge of their interest in this covenant in due time. A so, a body of human nature. pure and holy for the immaculate soul, to enter into, with all the fullness of the God-head, bodily; having all power in heaven and in earth.

The Son, on his part, agreed to become surety for the definite people given Him; to take on Him human nature, (as above,) to magnify the law and make it honorable by fulfilling the precepts, and paying the penalty. by which He became the end of the law for righteousness to all that believe on Him.

The Holy Ghost, the third person in the Trinity, Prepares and brings the elect to a knowledge of their interest in the blessed covenant of redemption. which is clearly shown by the following passages of the Holy Scriptures. Gen. 12, 1, 2, 3, and Gen. 17 and 11. “And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.” Rom. 4 and 11. “Now

he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had, yet being uncircumcised." This, we learn from Moses and Paul, who knew better than we do, that circumcision was not a covenant at all; but a token and sign of the covenant of redemption, for a sign is not the thing signified. Gen. 9, from the 8th verse down to the 17<sup>th</sup> verse. When God showed Noah the token of His covenant by a rainbow in the cloud.

Exod. 34 and 28 it And he (Moses) was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread nor drink water: and he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant: the ten commandments. And I said, I will never break my covenant with you." 1 Kings 19 and 10 .. "And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant." 2 Kings 13 and 23. "And the Lord was gracious unto them; and had compassion on them. and had respect unto them; because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." I Chron. 16 and 15. "Be ye mindful always of his covenant." Psalm 25 and 14 "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will shew them His covenant, He will, ever be mindful of his covenant." Isa. 42 and 6. "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness; I will hold thy hand; I will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles." Isa. 54 and 10. "For the mountains shall depart. and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." Isa. 54 and 9 "For this is as the waters of Noah unto thee; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee." Isa. 56 and 4. "For thus saith the Lord to the eunuchs that keep my Sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant, even unto them will I give in my house, and Within my walls, a place and a name, better than of sons and of daughters; I Will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off." Isa. 59, 20 and 21. "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord, my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth. shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever." Jer. 31, 32, and 33. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Jacob. and with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out at the land of Egypt. which my covenant. they break. Although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord; but this shall be the covenant I will make with the house of Jacob. after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Here we have a clear distinction between the abrogated covenant of works, and that of redemption by faith in Christ. Zech. 9, 11. "As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water." Here, God the Father, speaking to God the Son, agrees according to promise, in the everlasting covenant, to send forth (or bring out) the people given to him in the covenant: agreeing with Psalm 110 and 3 "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." " For all power in heaven and in earth was committed into his hands," as in Matt. 28 and 18. Psalm 40 and 2, David sheweth the deplorable situation sinners are in, by a horrible

pit; and that it is the power of God that extricates them, and not their own efforts.

The author of the epistle to the Hebrews clearly shews, in beautiful contrast, the vast disparity between the two covenants – that of circumcision, and that of redemption – from the beginning to the end of the 10th chapter, showing the insufficiency of the one, viz., circumcision, and the full sufficiency of the other: for Christ's atonement made a complete salvation for all believers. The first made nothing perfect, but the second, by one offering, forever perfects them that are sanctified, or set apart thereby.

The Triune Sovereign of the universe, after He had formed the earth and all things pertaining thereto, except man, said, "Let us" (in our united capacity as one God,) "make man in our image, after our likeness." Gen. 1 and 26. There we learn man was made in the image and likeness of God. Then he surely was innocent, holy, and harmless: and God gave him dominion over all animate and inanimate beings, to call them by what appellation he saw proper, and placed him in a very eligible situation, in the fertile and fruitful garden in Eden, where he might regale himself with all the delicacies and fruits thereof. except one tree only – giving him sufficient warning of the dreadful consequences of disobedience, even death, (temporal.) God also gave him a meet or fit, i. e., a suitable companion, to render him more completely happy, in which state or situation man could have sweet communion with his Creator, and his spouse, and was in amity with the whole creation; his mind was serene, tranquil, and calm. There was no fear, horror, or dread, upon him. There was peace, harmony, and union, with all animate creation, in their primitive rectitude. But, alas! alas! man by his disobedience fell from his primeval state of glory and became wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked, and horror and dread fell on his mind. He saw himself naked and endeavored to clothe himself with fig leaves, and hide himself from the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God.

Adam, by rebellion, was thrust out of the most eligible spot of this terraqueous globe to till a sterile field of thorns, thistles, &c., and to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow. His mind at enmity with and against the best of beings, with whom in rectitude he had sweet communion. His degenerate offspring became haters of God and of one another, like a set of gladiators, thirsting for, and brewing their hands in, each other's blood. Or like a company of maniacs, raving and dancing in their chains. The beasts also, became ferocious, and devoured one another. Alas! what an awful change on all this lower creation. It would be entirely irrational to suppose that man is now still in his primitive state. (as some deluded men do believe.) for it would be inconsistent with the nature of a good and gracious God to push such a set of dissipated beings into existence. Yet Jehovah, who is ever mindful of his covenant, condescends to look with compassion on his degenerate creature man, and gave him a gracious promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the beguiling serpent's head.

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity which God sends to reprove (or convince) the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, enlightening the dark understanding, subduing the perverse and stubborn will, and draw the obdurate affections from things earthly, sensual, (and what is

worse,) devilish. and set them on things heavenly and divine. by clearly shewing them that they are sinners under the curse and condemnation of God's righteous law, which causes them to retract their wicked ways and renounce their former conduct, and betake themselves to religious duties and solitude, with a determination resolving to do something to satisfy the demands of God's holy law, in order to screen themselves from His stern justice, and recommend them to favor and friendship of God. But, alas! they ere long discover the innate evils of their hearts. which are desperately wicked and deceitful above all things, 'and full of the depravity and' corruption of their fallen nature, which causes them almost to despair of ever being saved. Their actual sins, or evil practices, they can suppress, (except thoughts.) but to change their nature, or hearts, is entirely out of their power, which discovery brings them low at the feet of Jesus, and causes them to cry for mercy. They cannot see how a just and immutable God can save them. They read, without holiness no man can or shall see the Lord; and Without faith it is impossible to please Him; and would go into keen despair, Was it not for the everlasting arm underneath. In such extremity, or almost hopelessness. God is pleased to give the soul to see that Jesus Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every soul that believeth, and that He can be just, and the justifier of them that believe in Jesus, who has. by his active and passive obedience brought in a righteousness. consummate to the demands of justice. The soul having this View will lie at the feet of sovereign mercy, and cry. Lord, save or I perish. The devil and all his emissaries, (wicked men.) cannot. drag or drive such a soul, so enlightened, from the feet of the blessed Jesus. God will, at an unexpected moment, (to the soul) enable it by faith to believe and rest on the blessed hope set before it. and feel an inexpressible love to God, shed abroad in the heart, and greatly rejoice in his benign salvation. Such a soul may exclaim with the apostle Peter 1 and 1, 8 and 9. "Believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory; receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." Isa. 12 and 1. "O Lord, I will praise thee, though thou wast angry with me, thy anger is turned away, and thou comforts me. Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song. He also is become my salvation" Again, Isa. 6 and 10 "He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation: He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. Also, with the poet –



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"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear;  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear."

With the poet Hart -

"I'm rich, my Lord hath made me so;  
Nor would I greater riches know."

The soul being brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, shall persevere unto the end, as clearly appears in John and Jude, and many other scriptures. John 6 and 37, 38, 39 and 40, and chapters 10, 17, &c. Job 17 and 9. "The righteous shall hold on his way." Job 13 and 15. "Though he slay me yet will I trust in him." Psalm 11 and 3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" 2 Tim. 2 and 19. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure: having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his" Psalm 87 and 1. "His foundation is in the holy mountains." Prov. 10 and 25. "As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation." Isa. 45 and 17. "But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not, be ashamed nor confounded, world without end." In verse 25, - "In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory." John 6, 37. "All that the Father which giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." Verse 44. "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day." Verse 54. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and, I will raise, him up at the last day." Verse 65. "And he said, therefore said I unto you. that no man can come unto me except it were given unto him of my father." Prov. 24, 13. and 14. "My son, eat thou honey because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: so shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off." Here the wise king of Israel makes a comparison between the natural and supernatural palate. It is well known that honey has a very agreeable taste - so wisdom, (which means Christ,) has to the believing souls, and their expectation is eternal glory, and has God's promise that it shall not be cut off. David says, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." So the apostle, if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious, &c. Also, the prophet Isaiah 43 and 2. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Soba for thee." This was literally seen when Israel passed through the Red Sea and the river of Jordan. Also, the three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshech, and Abednego, in the fiery furnace; so all God's chosen people; though they pass the floods of affliction and persecution, and all the fire of temptation, they shall safely come through, for a faithful God hath promised it. Prov. 24 and 16. "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." Micah 7 and 8. "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy, when I fall, I shall arise; when I set in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me." John 6 and 37. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and them that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." In this chapter the Lord hath declared four times, that he will raise up all that the Father gave him in the everlasting covenant between them, which clearly proves

the doctrine of unconditional election and final perseverance of all his chosen people. John 10, 26, 27, 28, and 29. "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice. and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father that gave them me is greater than all, and none is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." 30th verse." I and my Father are one." Rom. 8 and 1. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Gal 4 and 6. "And, because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the spirit of his son unto your hearts, crying, Abbe, Father." Heb. 6, and 17, 18, 19, and 20. "Wherein God willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." Here we have God's oath and promise, both immutable; firmer than the heavens above, or the earth beneath, for the security and consolation of God's dear chosen and spiritual Israel.

Heb. 10 and 89. "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe, to the saving of the soul."

Thus, according to my judgment, (and I think the judgment of, every judicious and scripture reading person.) I have, from scripture and sound logic, proved the sovereignty of the Triune God. His everlasting covenant of redemption for his elect in Christ Jesus, the depravity of fallen man, his recovery through grace by effectual calling, and final perseverance unto eternal glory and endless felicity.

HYMN.

1. What makes mistaken men afraid  
of sov'reign grace to preach?  
The reason is, (if truth be said,)  
Because they are too rich.

2. Why so offensive in their eyes  
Doth God's election seem?  
Because they think themselves so wise,  
That they have chosen him.

3. Of perseverance why so loth,  
are some to speak of hear?  
Because, as masters over sloth,  
They vow to persevere.

4. Whence is imputed righteousness,  
A point so little known?  
Because men think they all possess

Some righteousness their own.

5. Not so the needy helpless soul  
Prefers his humble pray'r;  
He looks to him that works the whole,  
And seeks his treasure there.

6. His language is, "Let me my God,  
"On sovereign grace rely:  
"and own 'tis free, because bestowed  
"On one so vile as I.

7. "Election! 'tis a word divine;  
"For, Lord, I plainly see,  
"Had not thy choice prevented mine,  
"I ne'er had chosen thee.

8. "For perseverance, strength I've none,  
"But would on this depend,  
"That Jesus having lov'd his own,  
"He lov'd them to the end.

9. "Empty and bare I come to thee,  
"For righteousness divine:  
"O may thy matchless merits be,  
"By imputation, mine!"

10. Thus differ these, yet hoping each  
To make salvation sure:  
Now most men would approve the rich,  
But Christ has blest the poor.

Dearly beloved brethren – Having given you the cardinal doctrines of the gospel, I will now admonish you to read the Holy Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments, with care and earnest prayer go God; to give you seeing eyes, hearing ears, and obedient spirits to his heavenly counsels; that you may be able to admonish on another to love and to good works, ever endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the of bond of peace, and to maintain good works for necessary uses, that God may be glorified, and you have a conscience void of offense. Look well to the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel by St. Matthew; the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the epistle to the Romans; the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of the Epistle to the Hebrews; the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians; and the 4<sup>th</sup> to the Galatians; together with all the Epistles. There you may be taught how to demean yourselves in every station of life that God in his providence may place you.

Be careful to keep a strict gospel discipline in the church. When discipline is neglected, churches decline and become like the Laodecean church, with many others, and thereby have their candlestick removed, and become extinct, which is a doleful thing. Be careful to give due attention to your church covenant engagements, in all your leisure time from lawful secular concerns' be closely engaged in prayer, reading, and meditation; be careful to see that proper

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attention be paid to your minister and the poor in the Church; live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you; resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw high to you; us all diligence to make your calling sure. Add to your faith, virtue; to virtue, knowledge; to knowledge, temperance; to temperance, patience; to patience, godliness; to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. If these things be in you and abound, ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May God of his infinite mercy, enable you so to do, that you may have evidences bright for immortal glory. And may He bless my feeble labor for your furtherance in the divine life, and His praise and glory is the sincere prayer of your aged servant,

J. ROOKER.

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1839

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John Rooker  
S.C.

13 mo.  
Admit. Pri.  
13 Mo.  
\$43.33

**War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786**

Born in VA  
Served from NC & ... SC

WIDOW, &c.

File No. 4786  
Anna Rooker  
Wid.  
John Rooker  
Pvt. Rev. War  
Act: March 8, '43, June 17<sup>th</sup> '44  
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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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John Rooker

Born March 12, 1755, Northern Neck, Northumberland Co. VA, went 1774 to Bute Co. NC (now Warren & Franklin Co). Enlisted March 1776, Capt. **JAMES DENTON** in command Colonel **LONG** for a tour after Tories on Cape Fear River but did not make Moore's Creek before the battle but captured some of the fleeing enemy west from Granville Co. NC from August 1776. XXX as guard to Settlers in KY against Indians then for March 1777 served 7 months under Captain **DANIEL BOONE** & when discharged returned to NC.

In 1790 removed to York District SC where since residing.

He married 1780 Anna Hawkins.

He died June 24, 1840

She on June 1845 of Lincoln Co. NC, aged 86 years.

He was pastor of church on Sugar Creek, York Co.

Began preaching 1783.

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North Carolina 9521

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**ANNA ROOKER** widow of **JOHN ROOKER** who was a pensioner under the Act of June 1832 and who died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1840 of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina who was a private in the company commanded by Captain **DENTON** of the Regiment commanded by Colonel **LONG** in South Carolina for militia for 13 months.

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Inscribed on the roll of North Carolina at the rate of 43 dollars and 33 cents per annum, to commence on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1840 to 4 March 1841.

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Certificate of Pension issued the second day of August, 1845 and sent to **JAMES ROBERTS**, Swangstown, NC.

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Total Amount \$24.51

[Act July 7, 1838.]

Recorded by G. C. Ames, Clerk,

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War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786

South Carolina  
York District  
17<sup>th</sup> October, 1837

Sir,

Enclosed you will see a suspension of my pension which I did know any thong of until may last as I had an agent in the village who done my business; & of whom I bought my necessaries; he sent my this account & the enclosed letter from my Attorney in Charleston.

I have not drawn anything since the 4<sup>th</sup> day of last month three years.

I had my house burnt & near by every thing in it last March twelve months; all my pension papers burnt in it.

Be so good, sir, as to write me the cause of suspension & c. And oblige your humble servant.

J. Rooker

P. S. Direct to  
Spring Hill Post Office  
York District  
South Carolina

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Second Comptroller's Office  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1841

Sir:

Under the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," the widow of **JOHN ROOKER**, deceased, a Pensioner on the roll of the S. Carolina Agency, at the rate of 43 dollars and 35 cents per annum, under the law of the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1839 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1842.

ALBION K. PARRIS

Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions, Present

War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Second Comptroller's Office  
May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1839

Sir:

Under the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," **JOHN ROOKER** a Pensioner on the roll of the S. Carolina Agency, at the rate of 43 dollars and 33 cents per annum, under the law of the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1834 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1838, 4 years.

ALBION K. PARRIS

Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions, Present

War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786

Yorkville, SC  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1842

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.

Sir, at the request of Mrs. ANNA ROOKER, the widow of JOHN ROOKER, deceased, who was a revolutionary pensioner on the Charleston Rolls I write for the purpose of knowing whether she can obtain a pension - her marriage she is unable to prove except by her own affidavit she can prove by respectable persons living in her neighborhood that she and the deceased JOHN ROOKER (who was a minister of the Gospel) lived together as man and wife from 35 to 40 years - the original certificate to JOHN ROOKER has been surrendered - if the above will be sufficient evidence to place her on the pension roll will you, sir, be good enough to send me a form of application with instructions how to proceed and if necessary send a copy of the original certificate.

I am very respectfully,

J. A. Browne

War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786

Swangstown, North Carolina  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1845

Sir,

I herewith enclose and forward the declaration of **ANNA ROOKER**, widow of **JOHN ROOKER**, deceased, claiming a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1838, and for proof of date of marriage the accompanying essay, written out by **JOHN ROOKER** himself. We rely on the dates set forth in the preface of the accompanying essay to establish the date of marriage between **JOHN ROOKER** and Anna, his wife. The present claimant - the claimant and widow, **ANNA ROOKER**, requested me to ask the return of the above referred essay if practicable.

Sir, I am respectfully yours,

James Roberts

Mr. **J. L. EDWARDS**  
Washington City  
DC

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James Roberts, Esq.

Swangston, N.C.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Second Comptroller's Office  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1840

Sir:

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ALBION K. PARRIS

Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions, Present

War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786

State of South Carolina }  
York District }

To the Honorable Secretary of War as required by the Commissioner of Pensions, I, **JOHN ROOKER** do hereby certify that, in the year 1776 a large number of Tories did embodied themselves to aid the British forces to land on North Carolina; to prevent which, the citizens of Halifax & Bute County's in North Carolina (or a number of them) did meet at Bute Court House (Bute County since divided, making Franklin & Warren) where several Captains companies were made by volunteers, who went against said Tories under Colonel Nicholas **LONG** and I enlisted or volunteered under Captain **JAMES DENTON** of said Regiment & marched down the country against said Tories, who were commanded by one McLeod who was defeated by the Whigs before Colonel **LONG**'s Regiment reached the Battle ground on Moore's Creek: but we, Colonel **LONG**'s Regiment, met a number of said Tories & baggage wagons & took them, & sent the Tories to the Barracks high up in Virginia; which service, if I recollect right, was about one month. The following summer the Indians in Kentucky commenced hostilities on the inhabitants, & one **WILLIAM COOPER** was sent and express to Granville County in North Carolina where I then resided, for a force to assist the white inhabitants of Kentucky; where I volunteered for 6 months, & went to Kentucky against the hostile Indians; &, after the expiration of that term, I volunteered under Colonel **DANIEL BOONE**, (**WILLIAM** Hayes Captain) Colonel **DANIEL BOONE** was authorized by the Virginia legislature to enlist all the young men he could until said legislature could send him a sufficient force. I served under Colonel **BOONE** against hostile Indians 7 months, when Colonel Hogan arrived from Virginia with 100 men to defend the white inhabitants; when I & the balance of the volunteers were discharged by Colonel **DANIEL BOONE**, & I with others returned to North Carolina.

I do further certify, that I know of no living person by whom I can prove the above statement, for I am now 83 years of age, & I presume all my old associates are deceased.

York District }  
South Carolina }

Personally appeared before me **JOSHUA P. SMITH** (one of the acting justices of the peace) **JOHN ROOKER** and made oath in due form and says that the above is a true Statement to the best of his knowledge - Sworn to and subscribed before me.

**JOSHUA P. SMITH**, JP  
J. Rooker

**JAMES M. Thomas**, V. D. M.



War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786

State of South Carolina  
York District

On this twenty fourth day of December 1838 before me came the subscriber, a justice of the peace for the said district of York, personally appeared **JOHN ROOKER**, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain **DENTON** in the Regiment commanded by Colonel **LONG** and was afterwards attached to the company commanded Captain Hays in the regiment commanded by Colonel **BOONE** in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the state of South Carolina, that he received a certificate of the fact, under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War. Which certificate, he forwarded to the Secretary of War (to the best of his recollection, on or about the fall season of the year 1833) and as an evidence that it was received, he was afterwards paid a pension for two years.

J. Rooker

Sworn and subscribed to before }  
me the day and year aforesaid }

**JOSHUA P. SMITH, JP**

State of South Carolina }  
York District }

On this 24<sup>th</sup> December 1838 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said District. Personally appeared **JOHN SPRINGS**, who on his oath declares that he well knows **JOHN ROOKER** to be the same person described in the above affidavit. That he has known him upwards of forty years (knows nothing of the service rendered), believes him to be about 84 years of age, and believes him to be a man of great veracity for truth, and that his declarations are entitled to full credit.

John Springs

Sworn to and subscribed to }  
before me day & year aforesaid }

**JOSHUA P. SMITH, JP**

War, Rev, Pension, JOHN ROOKER, W4786

District of York and }  
State of South Carolina }

I, the subscriber, a justice of the peace for the said District of York to hereby certify that I have known the above deponents, **JOHN SPRINGS** and **JOHN ROOKER** for the last twenty years and know and believe they both have the reputation of being men of veracity and truth and their declarations are entitled to full credit.

**JOSHUA P. SMITH, JP**

State of South Carolina }  
York District }

I, **JAMES** Kuykendal, clerk of the court of York District certify that **J. P. SMITH** is a magistrate above, and that the foregoing certificate purporting to be his is genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal of office & subscribed name this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1839.

**JAMES** Kuykendal, clerk of the court of York District

{seal of the Clerk of Court}

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