

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Reeder R17331

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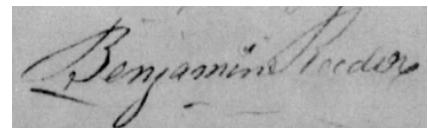
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State of Tennessee }  
Overton County } SS

on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August A.D. 1837 personally appeared Benjamine Reeder before me William S Hill a Justice of the peace for said County & State of Tennessee aged Seventy nine years from his best information which is the record handed him by his father, who from old age and bodily infirmity is unable to attend court and after first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the Service by first volenteering under Captain John Armstrong in the county of St Maryes [sic: St Marys] in the State of Maryland it then being the State and County wherein he resided and was attached to a Redgmt the number he cannot state but was commanded by Colonel Barns other officers names he he has forgotten ondy he knows that his own brother John Reeder was then Lieutenant of the Company he recollect it was about the first of July in the year 1779 that he first engaged in service for the term of six months and marched to diferent points and places and met with the enemy once at the bank of the River in the edge of St Marys in the state of Maryland and had a sevear engagement in which our side came off victorious then after the term of six months had elapsed he was verbally discharged and returned home to St Maryes County and remained out of Service for a considerable time by what arrangement he cannot state but his Brother John Reeder then had the command of the Company and was Captain of the Company

in the first of September 1781 and by some express was called to march toward Carolina and was attached to a Redgmt Commanded by Colonel Campbell but was in no particular engagement at that time the news of several engagements in which the Americans had came off victorious and not being needed in that part the company was ordered to return and guard the fronteers in the State of Maryland and was there engaged for several months.

But from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot sware procisely as to the procise length of his service but according to the best of his present recollection he served not less then the periodds mentioned below Viz in Capt Armstrongs Co as a private full six months then in Capt Reeders Company full three months and for such services he claims a pension, after the cessation of his service he returned home and lived in St Maryes County State of Maryland for 7 years thence removed to Prince William County State of Virginia and lived there for Twenty years thence to Overton County State of Tennessee where he has remained ever since and this is the first aplication this aplicant not knowing of any person by whom he can prove his service had concluded not to apply til lately being now quite helpless and needy and being informed that he may make his declaration in the present manner – he can prove by Josiah Conner who is the nearest clergyman to his present residence and by many other good Citizens of this County that he is a man of verasity and reputed and believed in the county where he livs to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that the same is not doubted by any person he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the presant and declairs that his name is not on the pension list of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written



NOTE: A paper in the file reads: “did not perform six months actual service in a regularly organized corps.” I could not identify any of the officers named by Reeder nor any severe engagement in Maryland.