

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Odell R20175

PA VA

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution Approved on the 15th day of May 1828.

I Ruben Odell of the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the continental army of the United States for the Term of three years, under Capt Langdon [Jonathan Langdon, company raised in Dunmore (Shenandoah) County VA) who was attached to the 12th Virginia Regt. commanded by Colonel James Wood which Regt. was attached to Genl. Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade. I continued in the service until the expiration of my term of enlistment when I again enlisted for and during the War under Capt. Ames of the artillery who was attached to Colonel Porters Regit. of Artillery [Andrew Porter, 4th Continental Regiment of Artillery] and continued in the army until the close of the war and was discharged when under the command of Capt Ames as a private in said company. I was in the engagement at the Battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] under the command of Col. Wood and at the taking of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] under the command of Genl Wane [sic: Anthony Wayne] and again at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] under the command of Col. Wood Scotts Brigade &c

I never receive my certificate for the reward of eighty Dollars to which I am told I was entitled under the resolve of Congress passed the 15th day of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

Given under my hand this 9th day of Sept. 1829.

Reuben hisXmark Odell

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,/ 14 December 1839

Reuben Odell of [blank] in the county of Bedford in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for an during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Ames's company, in Col Porter regiment of the arty. Pa. line; and that he did not receive a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pension since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing The claimant states that his first enlistment was in Col Woods Regiment Va. line for 3 years.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By Order of the Secretary./ F A. Dickins.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,/ THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,/ 16th December 1829

It further appears that Reuben Odell is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3^d March 1826

The name of Reuben Odell cannot be found among those of Colo. Porter's Artillery (of the Pennsylvania line) to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars, were issued.

Peter Hagner Aud

War Dept. B'y L'd [Bounty Land] Office/ Jan'y 20th 1830

The name of Reuben Odell does not appear on the Records of the Pennsylvania line, on file in this office, among those entitled to Bounty Land of the U. States, or to whom a Warrant has issued Wm. Gordon

NOTE: A payroll for the company of Capt. Jonathan Langdon for the period 31 March - 30 Jun3 1777 lists "Reuben Odell in his Excell's guard," apparently meaning that he was serving as one of Gen. George Washington's Life Guard.