

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Reed (Read) R8650

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State of Virginia County of Floyd: SS

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices for Floyd County in open Court now sitting Andrew Read resident of said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States and served as hereinafter stated – That he is 83 years of age last April – He enlisted in the County of Bedford now Franklin under Captain William Leftwich, Calaway [probably Lieutenant Colonel James Callaway] was our Colonel Jonathan Richardson was our Lieutenant. We were marched to the Lead Mines to guard them. He does not recollect the year or time that he served in this tour. He was there disbanded and never served personally afterwards, but was sick & hired a substitute. He has no papers to show his discharge – He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any Territory whatever – sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Andrew Read, C his mark

[George Read and John Duncan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia County of Floyd: to wit

On this 26 day of March personally [appeared] before Jacob Helms a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid at the house of the Declarant in the said County Andrew Reed a resident of the said County in the State of Virginia aged 84 years & eleven months & unable by reason of age & bodily infirmity to attend in open Court who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he entered as a volunteer in the Army of the United States early in the month of June in the year of our Lord 1776 in Captain William Leftwich's Company of Colonel Calaway's [probably Lieutenant Colonel James Callaway] Regiment & served until the 25th of December following. Jonathan Richardson was the Lieutenant of the company when it was first organized & marched on the herein after mentioned service, but Captain Leftwich left the lead mines early in the fall where the Company was then stationed & also many of the men returned with him – after which those who remained, among whom was this Declarant were under the command of Lieutenant Jonathan Richardson, & this Declarant served under him until the said 25th of December. This Declarant therefore avers that he served not less than 6 months for which period only he claims a pension. This Declarant further avers that at the time of his volunteering he resided in that part of the then County of Bedford which is now Franklin in the State of Virginia,

– That he marched thence by the usual & direct route to the lead mines in what is at present Wythe County in the same State – That the Company in which he served was called, went, & remained there for the purpose of protecting the said mines & the settlements around them from the hostile incursions of the Indians, but during the period which this Declarant served no battles were fought with them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or Territory whatever.

In answer to the first Interrogatory the Declarant states that he was born on the 20th of April in the year 1750 – not far from Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania.

To the 2nd Question he answers – That he has no record of his age.

To the 3rd That he was living in the upper end of Bedford, now Franklin County, Virginia, when he entered the service & when he removed from there it was to the place where he now resides.

To the 4th That he entered the service as a volunteer

To the 5th That no regular or Continental Officers or troops were in the service where or near to where he was engaged – nor any troops of any sort except this one Company of Captain Leftwich's, which belonged as above stated to Colonel Calloway's Regiment – That in the year 1776 intelligence was received that the settlement at the Led Mines was in danger from the Indians & Captain Leftwich was authorized to raise a company of volunteers for the purpose of marching to & protecting it – That he did raise a company, one of whom was this Declarant.

To the 6 Questioned, he answers – That he never received any other than a herbal discharge which was given by Lieutenant Commandant Richardson.

To the 7th Question he answers – That besides George Reed & John Duncan whose certificates are sent with the imperfect declaration which this Declarant has heretofore made & of which this is made as an amendment, he will mention is old neighbor Charles Simmons, as one well acquainted with he is, this Declarant's character for veracity & aware of his revolutionary services; for he remained several days at the now old man's house on his way from the service above detailed.

Sworn to & subscribed this 26 day of March in the year 1835 –

S/ Andrew Read, X his mark

[f p. 5: On December 24, 1853 in Floyd County Virginia, Michael Reed, son and heir of Andrew Reed, filed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to pursue the claim his father made. He signed this document with his mark.]