

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Reed R8671

Margaret Reed

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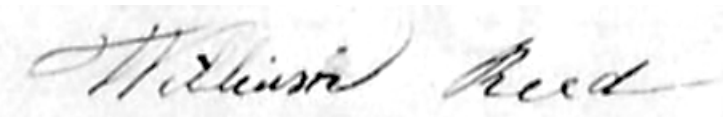
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State of North Carolina __ County: Superior Court Spring Term 1852

On this 20th day of April A.D. 1852, personally appeared in open Court before me John L. Bailey -- Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity in and for the County and State aforesaid, William Reed a resident of Gaston County, North Carolina, aged 66 years, 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 acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832, and July 7th 1838, That he is the son of Robert Reed deceased who was a soldier of the Revolution, and served his country faithfully upon divers occasions, that he had frequently heard his Father state that he belonged to the North Carolina Militia, and was under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in his march against the Tories at Ramsour's Mill [Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780] in Lincoln County North Carolina June 1780, but the battle was over before they reached there, that he also was in the detachment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel Robert Irvin and Major Davie [William Richardson Davie] at the battle of the Hanging Rock August 1780 in [August 6, 1780]¹ -- when he was badly wounded in the thigh, which rendered him unfit for service for some time, That he has none of his Father's discharges and does not know what became of them, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove the services of his said Father, he therefore relies upon the certificate of the Comptroller of the aforesaid State, which is herewith presented. He further declares that his father the said Robert Reed and his mother Margaret Reed were married on the __ day of about __ A.D. 1784 and that his Father the said Robert Reed died on the 3rd day of December A.D. 1838, leaving Margaret Reed his widow, and deponent's mother, surviving him, who also died on the 25th day of October A.D. 1841, leaving surviving her the following named children, viz.: William, James, George, Jane & Christian Reed who are the only surviving children of the above said Robert and Margaret Reed. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Reed



[James D. Hall, a clergyman, and Richard Rankin gave a supporting affidavit.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

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State of North Carolina Gaston County

It is hereby certified that satisfactory proof has been exhibited before the undersigned Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid, in open Court, by the affidavits of Isaac Thompson, Jacob Rhyne and James H. Read who all persons entitled to credit, that William Read [sic], Jane Moore, James Read, George A. Read, Cristin McGee all the only surviving children of Robert Read deceased who was a soldier of the Revolution, in the United States service and we also are satisfied by the affidavits of James W. Read Junior that the said Robert Read died on the 3rd day of December A.D. 1838 and that the widow of said Read viz. Margaret Read died on the 25th of October 1841. In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this 21st day of September A.D. 1852

S/ Graham Mauny, JP

S/ Isaac J. Thompson

S/ J. Holland, JP

S/ Jacob Rhyne

S/ J. G. Lewis, JP

S/ Jas. W. Reid

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Be it known that on this 19th day of October A.D. 1853 personally appeared before me David Henderson one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County John Hipp a citizen of said County aged eighty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he was well acquainted with Robert Reed the father of William and knows that he was a Revolutionary soldier. I have seen him frequently at shooting matches in the neighborhood, and he always upon such occasion used to an old rifle which he said he carried in the Revolutionary war, and lay many a night with it between his legs.

Deponent's Father Stephen Hipp, served with said Robert Reed in the Revolution and deponent has often heard his said Father speak of serving in the said war with Robert Reed. Deponent does not pretend to say he saw said Robert Reed in the service, nor did he ever see old Colonel Billy Polk in the service yet he was acquainted with both the man and knows that both served in said war, and both were recognized by the same community as compatriots, deponent knew many Revolutionary Soldiers who served in the war with Robert Reed who could prove his services if they were now living but they are all dead, and deponent does not know of a single Revolutionary soldier now living. Deponent never heard of any other Robert Reed being in the Revolution and he has no doubt he is the same man whose name appears upon the Revolutionary Muster rolls of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the 19th day of October 1853 before me

S/ John Hipp

S/ David Henderson, JP

State of North Carolina Gaston County

Be it known that on this 20th day of September A.D. 1853 -- personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William Rankin² a resident of Gaston County North Carolina aged 92 years, who after being first duly sworn according to law, depose and saith, that he was a soldier of the Revolution for which service he now draws a pension from the United States. That he was not acquainted with Robert Reed during the Revolution, but became acquainted with him some time after the close of the war, and resided not far distant from him until his death. That he has had frequent conversations with him

² [William Rankin S7342](#)

about his services in the war, he was always recognized by the community as a Revolutionary Soldier, and deponent believes that said read did serve his country in said war.

That deponent never heard of any other Robert Reed having served in the Revolutionary War, and he verily believes that the Robert Reed whose name appears on the Books of the Comptroller's office of North Carolina as having received certain pavements for Revolutionary services, was the identical Robert Reed herein referenced to, and that said Robert Reed was the Father of the present applicant William Reed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written or me.

S/ Q. M. Hanna, JP

S/ William Rankin, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 25th day of October 1853 Silas Todd a resident of said County personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace and after being duly sworn according to law says that he is about sixty years old was born and raised in said County and lived a near neighbor Robert Reed whose heirs are now applying for a pension for his Revolutionary Services, that he has often heard said Reed talking of his services, and says that he was wounded at the Hanging Rock Battle by a ball passing through his thigh, and also that his brother-in-law ___ Montgomery was shot through the head and fell at his side, both falling about the same time. Deponent has also heard old William Todd who died in 1829 aged about ninety years, also Adam Todd died about eight years since, aged about ninety-three years, also old John McLure, General George Graham and many other aged persons of the Revolution now in their graves recognized said Robert Reed as one of their Compatriots, and when any two or three of those old man would meet together at any neighborhood gathering they were sure to talk of their services in the Revolution, and deponent has often upon such occasions heard them talking about the Hanging Rock Battle and about Robert Reed being wounded there and Montgomery being killed & both falling about the same time and very near together.

Deponent does not know from his personal knowledge that Robert Reed was in said war and was wounded but he believes it as firmly as he believes any other event of the Revolution, that there can be no mistake about it, Robert Reed must have served in the Revolution, and faithfully too, or he never would have been so recognized by those old man above named. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above named.

Test: S/ Samuel A Davis, JP

S/ Silas Todd

[image 716 from the Ancestry.com version]

North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Susanna Alexander of Mecklenburg County North Carolina aged ninety-six years, maketh oath that she was well acquainted with Robert Reed who was a soldier of the Revolution. She remembers very well when the said Robert Reed entered the service the first time. She was at his Father's house when he was about to leave home for the war. A younger brother of his named David Reed was anxious to go with him, but his father and mother (this Deponent's Uncle and Aunt) refused to let him go. And Robert Reed went along. He was not gone a great while before he was brought back to Charlotte wounded, having been shot through the thigh.

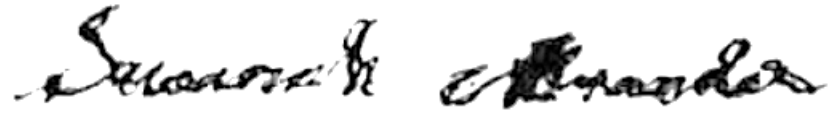
She further states that when called upon before for her affidavit in this case,³ she was

³ I didn't find any prior deposition or affidavit given by this witness in this file.

taken by surprise, and had no time to reflect. And the above facts did not occur to her at the time.

Sworn and subscribed this 25th day of February A.D. 1856

S/ Susanna Alexander

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susanna Alexander". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

my Grandmother sign the above with her own hand

S/ Robt W. Faire [Robert W. Faire]

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