

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Reed R8674

Sarah

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 16th day of June 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Robert Neill, Samuel Phillips, & John B. Armstrong Esquires Justices appointed to hold the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Bedford County in the State aforesaid now sitting John Reed a resident of said County and State about sixty-eight years of age 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 the 7th of June 1832.

He states that he was born in Randolph County North Carolina on the waters of the Neuse River but the year and month he does not recollect. He states that he has no record of his age and to the best of his recollection never had any and all the information he ever had in regard to his age he received from his father.

He was living in Randolph County North Carolina when he first entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war -- he first volunteered in the service between the age of 16 & 17, for a term of 3 months under Captain John Knight who raised a company of volunteers at that time in Randolph County. Knight's company served as a minute man and were generally engaged during this term of service in scouting and ranging about in Randolph County after the Tories endeavoring to put a stop to their plundering and ravages. Knight's company was frequently along with Captain Edward Williams which was also a volunteer company performing like service with Knight. This applicant states that during this term of service his company had several skirmishes with the Tories, one of which was at Drowning Creek -- at the expiration of this 3 months tour of service he again volunteered for 3 months more under Captain Knight -- at the expiration of this term of service he again volunteered under said Knight and so continued to volunteer under him immediately after the close of each of these 3 months terms of service until he had served 18 months from the time he first entered -- during all these terms of service comprising 18 months he states that Knight's company was principally engaged in scouting ranging and subduing the Tories in Randolph and occasionally in Guilford County North Carolina -- and had a good many little engagements or skirmishes with them, but none of any importance -- he further states that during all these 3 months terms of service Colonel Belford was the Colonel in command of Captain Knight and Captain Williams's companies and probably others, but of this he is not certain, but just about the close of this applicant's last term of 3 months service which completed the 18 months above mentioned Colonel Belford was killed by the Tories --

This applicant states that at the expiration of the last mentioned 3 months term of service -- he again volunteered under the same Captain Knight and served under him 6 months before he

was discharged -- during this term of service nights company was still engaged in ranging and subduing the Tories in the County of Randolph and occasionally in Guilford -- part of this term this applicant was, among others, employed in guarding to courts which sat at the cross roads in Randolph County, against the Tories who were numerous and troublesome -- at the expiration of this term of service this applicant was discharged and never served anymore -- he states that after the death of Colonel Belford and during this last 6 months term Colonel Dougan [sic, Dugan] was his Colonel in command. He further states at the expiration of each and every term of his service he received a written discharge from his Captain. These discharges were by him returned to the board of war. This applicant states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services except the one whose affidavit is hereto annexed nor has he any documentary evidence of his services -- he states that to the best of his recollection he was 2 years or upwards in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war -- he also states that it was about 6 months after the battle of Yorktown and surrender of Lord Cornwallis that he was finally discharged from the service -- he further states that at the close of the war he continued in Randolph County North Carolina for about 12 years -- he then removed to Washington County Virginia from thence he moved removed to Blount County Tennessee from thence to Franklin County, and from thence to Rutherford County and lastly from thence to Bedford County Tennessee, where he has lived 10 years or more and still continues to reside -- this applicant states that he is well acquainted with David Tucker, Adam Dunlap, David Phillips, John Williams and many other reparable citizens of his neighborhood who will testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. This applicant further states that he was acquainted with no other officers of the Army during the revolutionary war than those whose names are mentioned in this declaration.

This applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clerk

S/ John Reed, R his mark

[fn p. 7:]

"John Reed was married to Sarah his wife July ye 31 day 1783"

[fn p. 14: on September 19, 1845 in Bedford County Tennessee, Sarah Reed, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Reed, a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the revolution; that her husband died November 17 1839; that she cannot recall the date of her marriage to John Reed but knows that it was prior to January one, 1794; that her husband died in Bedford County Tennessee; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 21: on 27 March 1854 in Henderson County Tennessee, William Reed, 59, son of Sarah and John Reed, filed an affidavit in support of the application of his mother under the 1838 for the pension due her.]

[facts in file: John Reed Mary July 31, 1783, place not stated, Sarah (sometimes called Sally) Bolen, daughter of David Bolen who died about 1805. The date and place of Sarah's birth and names of her parents are not shown except as stated. In 1840, she was aged 75 years and a resident of Bedford County Tennessee. She died there in 1845. The widow was survived by

children as follows Mary or Polly, who in 1840 was aged 56 years and the wife of a man by the name of Dunlap,; William Reed, who in 18 54 was 59 years and living in Henderson County, Tennessee; Jesse Reed; Elizabeth, who in 1854 was the wife of a man by the name of Price; reference is made to one other child in the file by the name of Samuel or Lamb read but he is not listed among those children who survived their mother; there are references in the file to Thomas C. Price and Adam Dunlap, but their relationships, if any, to the daughters of the veteran and his widow or not stated.]