

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Reiley R8691

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State of Virginia, Warren County Sct.

On this 27th day of July 1837 personally appeared before me John Rust a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Warren in the State of Virginia, George Reiley, a resident of Warren County in the State of Virginia aged eighty 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That in the first or second week in the month of February 1781, he entered the Service, in the Revolutionary War, as a drafted militia man from the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia for a tour of three months, and was enrolled in Captain Turner Morehead's company, the Regiment to which Captain Turner Morehead's company was attached was commanded by Colonel Armistead Churchill, that he marched from the Court House of Fauquier County aforesaid to Fredericksburg Virginia thence to Williamsburg, from Williamsburg, he with others was detached under a Lieutenant's command, and marched to York County Virginia, at York Town, the troops were driven out, by General Arnold [Benedict Arnold], the troops crossed York River, and encamped at the Town of Glouster [Gloucester] after General Arnold left York Town, he with the troops aforesaid returned to York Town, thence to Richmond Virginia where he received a certificate of discharge for three months Service, that in this Tour he was in service as aforesaid three months – and discharged as aforesaid in May 1781 –

That between the first and tenth day of July in the year 1781, he again entered the service in the Revolutionary War, as a drafted Militia man from the County of Fauquier aforesaid, for a Tour of 3 months, under the command of Captain John Ball, marched from Fauquier Court House aforesaid, through Fredericksburg to Hanover Court House, thence to Richmond thence to James Town on James River, thence marched in various directions some times advancing and some times retreating, in this second Tour, the Regiment to which he was attached, was commanded by Colonel Elias Edmonds [also spelled Elias Edmunds] for this second Tour he received a Certificate of discharge dated, as he verily believes, from the 10th to the 15th day of October 1781 for three months service as aforesaid, – affiant will here state, that, fourteen days before the expiration of this last tour of Service, he was taken sick, and it was not likely that he would be able to render any more Service during the remainder of his Term then unexpired, in consequence of which, he applied to his Captain aforesaid to be discharged, a consultation was had with Colonel Edmonds upon the propriety of the discharge, it was determined (for causes unknown to this affiant) that a discharge at that time could not be granted, he then received a permit from Captain Ball, to leave the Regiment, and take whatever course he might think most advisable, with regard to his health, under this permit he made his way home, which was agreed to, and advised by Captain Ball aforesaid, after the discharge of the Company Captain Ball

returned home and delivered to this affiant and honorable discharge for three months service, his second Tour as aforesaid; – affiant cannot, be more precise as to the days of entering and leaving the Service aforesaid, but well knows that he did serve, three whole months in the first tour aforesaid and three whole months and his second Tour aforesaid with the exception of the fourteen days sickness as aforesaid and prays that no deduction be made from his Service on account [of] said fourteen days, affiant states as aforesaid, that he did receive two certificates, of his honorable discharge for two tours of service, three months each tour as aforesaid, which Certificates he hath not preserved, – affiant states, that he had determined, from the time he first heard, that Congress had passed a law, granting pensions to minute men for services in the Revolutionary War, that he would prefer his claim, but from age and bodily infirmity he hath been unable to travel, and there being no person in his neighborhood, who was in the habit of aiding applicants for pensions, and not until lately did he know that he could prove anything relative to his service are the reasons why he has deferred preparing his claim to a pension until the present time,

Affiant further states that he was attached to General Weedens [George Weedon's] command, both Terms aforesaid –

He 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.

S/ George Reiley, X his mark

The deposition of Mary Hill aged ninety-two years Testifies that she was well acquainted with George Reiley of Warren County Virginia that the said George Reiley is brother to this deponent, that she well recollects the said George Reiley was drafted from the County of Fauquier Virginia, for two tours militia duty in the Revolutionary War, that the last tour the said George Reiley on his return home, lay sick on the road, and had to be assisted home.

S/ Mary Hill, X her mark

[Attested in Page County Virginia December 7th, 1837]