

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hamilton Reynolds R8711

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State of Tennessee McNairy County: On this 7th day of December in the year of our Lord 1840, personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of McNairy County State aforesaid, now sitting, Hamilton Reynolds a resident of McNairy County and State of Tennessee aged seventy-nine 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 he was born on the 3rd day of October 1761 on Pedee River Anson County State of North Carolina. My family continued to reside here until I was about 8 years of age when we moved (as I have often heard my father say) from Anson County, to Orange County State of North Carolina, here we lived about 4 years, when we moved to Montgomery County in the same State, here we lived for some time, and then moved to Wilkes County State of Georgia, here he resided until he entered the service of the United States, which he did as a volunteer soldier sometime in the spring or summer of 1779 in Wilkes County State of Georgia under Captain John Clark. Our Company alone marched to the Creek nation of Indians and destroyed their crops &c when we marched back to Wilkes County. I served in this tour 15 days. So soon as I reached Wilkes County on my return from the Creek nation, Colonel Pickens was raising volunteers. I immediately entered the service again as a volunteer soldier under Captain John Autery. We immediately struck a march for Colonel Pickens Army which was then in Wilkes County. As soon as we joined him, the Army under Colonel Pickens marched against Captain Boyd, who commanded a Company of Tories. We overtook him at a place called Kettle Creek, here we had a Battle. We killed, captured or dispersed the whole, from here we marched to General Lincolns encampment on the Carolina side of the Savannah River at Black Swamp nearly opposite to Augusta, here we remained until the French fleet arrived. Then we joined General Lincoln and marched towards Savannah, which was in the possession of the British, and sometime in the fall he thinks October an attack was made on the battery under General Lincoln after losing a large number of our soldiers we was compelled to retreat -- here I quit the Army having served Early in the spring until in the fall following he thinks not less than 9 months but he is positive he served 8 months, he received a Discharge signed by his Captain war his Colonel he does not now recollect, not thinking it would ever be of any service to him he took no care of it: so it is now lost or destroyed, he further states that he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, he further states that he is a very infirm man not able to get about; and that shortly after the passage of the law of the 7th of June 1832 this applicant became acquainted with Maclin Cross who agreed to draw his Declaration, he was then residing in Hardin County Tennessee, so that the next court after said Cross promised to draw his Declaration, he attended the Court in Savannah Hardin

County Tennessee, for the purpose of having the same drawn, that said Cross did not attend Court, so I returned home, and shortly thereafter moved to McNairy County where I now reside. I moved to McNairy among strangers, and being so infirm I could not get out to procure any person who had been acquainted with me, so that I could make an application before this time, and could not now procure any person, but for my neighbors sending after them for me. This applicant has been a long time well acquainted with John Black of Hardin County Tennessee and also with Jeremiah Adams of McNairy Tennessee persons of respectability who can testify as to my general character for veracity, and their belief in the neighborhood's belief generally of my being a soldier of the Revolution. I continued to reside in Wilkes County State of Georgia after the Revolution for some time, from there I moved to Pendleton District South Carolina here I continued to reside until the year 1815 when I moved to Giles County Tennessee I lived there about 11 years then I moved to Hardin County Tennessee where I lived about 10 years then I moved to McNairy County Tennessee where he now resides. 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.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born on the 3rd day of October 1761

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have a record of my age in my family Bible taken from my father's Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Of these questions all fully answered in the body of my Declaration

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I served as a volunteer the whole time I was out

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

This question is fully answered in the body of my Declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

This question is fully answered in the body of my Declaration

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I have been well acquainted with John Black of Hardin County Tennessee for a number of years I have also been well acquainted with Jeremiah Adams of my present neighborhood for several years who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief in the neighborhood's belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Hamilton Reynolds, R his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. R. Adams, JP

[John Black and Jeremiah Adams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[The veteran's claim was rejected and for said the prove the requisite period of service.]