

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Reed S11280

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State of Kentucky and County Oldham: Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Oldham John Reed a resident of the County of Oldham and State of Kentucky aged seventy-five 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States from the best of his recollection in the year 1775 with Captain Richard Taylor; and served in the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers:

Colonel John Greene. Major Croghan [William Croghan], & Captain Richard Taylor, that he enlisted for two years and was in the Battle at Long Bridge [otherwise known as the Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775] near to Norfolk, and at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and at the siege at Mud Island Fort [September 26-November 16th, 1777], and in a skirmish with the British at Trenton, and that he received his discharge at Valley Forge from General Charles Scott, and that shortly after his 1st enlistment expired he enlisted and [sic, in?] the Virginia State Line under Captain Jack Roberts and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Frank Taylor [Frances Taylor], and that he was kept most of his time employed to guard the prisoners surrendered by General Burgoyne – and that after his second term expired, he served two months in the militia of Virginia, as a substitute for James Reed – and that he lived in Culpeper County Virginia when he enlisted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John X Reed

State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

I hereby certify this day Herman Bowmar Esquire personally appeared before me Samuel Berry a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County and made the following statement as his deposition in behalf of John Reed of Oldham County. The said Deponent saith that he is now in the sixty third year of his age and has been acquainted with the said John Reed ever since about the year 1790. The said Reed removed from Virginia in or about the said year 1790 and had married a cousin of this deponent's from which circumstance the deponent became intimate with him from that time and is Deponent boarded with and resided with the said Reed all the summer of the year 1791. And from his this Deponent's first acquaintance with the said Reed he was reputed by all his acquaintances that had removed from Virginia and the mere numbers to have

been him a Soldier of the American Revolution, & as this Deponent understood in the regular service for during the War. While this Deponent resided with said Reed he then lived in Woodford County, in 1791 this Deponent recollects that Thomas Lillard Esquire now deceased then of Mercer County, told this Deponent that he in part of said War had been in the same mess with said Reed. The said Lillard for probity and personal credit was inferior to no man, also Mr. Robert Baker told this Deponent he had been a messmate with said Reed in the Revolutionary War as this Deponent understood a part of the time of said War and he said Reed upon this Deponent mentioning what said Lillard & said Baker had said, told this Deponent he had messed with both of them in the said war. This Deponent further saith that in and about 1790 and 1791 and afterwards the said Reed had often told this Deponent anecdotes, circumstances and events which he witnessed in said War and Service. And this deponent further states, that for truth and honesty and personal goodness the Character of the said Reed has always been excellent and so remains as this Deponent is informed and believes. The said Reed is illiterate. Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1832.

S/ Herman Bowmar



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

The [Library of Virginia](#) online digital collection relating to bounty land claims contains the following documents relating to this veteran:

State of Kentucky Henry County Sct.

John H Reed appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he enlisted in the State of Virginia in the Town of Williamsburg about the year 1777 for the period of three years in the Company commanded by Captain Richard Taylor of the 1st Virginia Regiment on Continental line commanded by Colonel John Green; and that he continued to serve in said Corps until the end of said period at which time he was honorably discharged in Valley Forge Station by General Scott and that he afterwards enlisted in Captain Roberts' Company commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor and served eighteen months and was then honorably discharged by Lieutenant James Purvis – and that through the course of time he has lost both discharges, and that he has never received his Land bounty for said service.

S/ John H Reed, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of June 1821

S/ David Farley, JP

Kentucky Harrison County Sct.

Peter McClure appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with the within named John H Reed and knows that said Reed enlisted for three years in the 1st Virginia Regiment and served out that Period and was honorably discharged as said Reed has stated in his Affidavit within and that this is the same John H Reed and he believes said Read to be an honest man.

S/ Peter McClure, X his mark