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South Carolina Revolutionary War Service Application S.14259

Samuel Reed of Gwinnett County, Georgia 27 May 1833.

Transcribed by Linda Sparks Starr

[Original records are located in the National Archives, Washington D. C. I didn't request the entire packet and only transcribed the most relevant portions from those papers received. The declarations are true to the original except for highlighting. Linda Sparks Starr 2004.]

Georgia } Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of
Gwinnett County } said County personally appeared Samuel Reed who
has made the annexed declaration & who resides in Said County And after being
duly Sworn Saith that from his old age & the consequent decay of his Memory he
cannot state positively as to the date he first entired the Service of the United
States in the revolution but is mighty Certain that it was **before the declaration
of independence & to the best of his recollection it was the latter part of the
year 1775.** he then resided in Abbeville District & State of South Carolina &
entered the Service as a volunteer in **Capt Hugh Wardlaws Company** and
under the Command & for the Service as stated in the Said declaration -- that he
was not Commissioned but was by the Company **elected Lieutenant** and was
recognized as such & Served in that capacity as Such after three months expired
he was discharged by Capt Wardlaw by order of Genl Williamson -- the
discharge was a verbal one after this **in the Year 1776** he being Still a volunteer
for defense of American liberty wherever his Services might be necessary was
called again into Service in his capacity of Lieutenant in the Same Company &
under the Same officers was engaged for sometime in **building a fort in
Abbeville District** aforesaid & was then **marched against the Cherokee
Indians** into Cherokee Nation which then was where river forms the upper parts
of South Carolina & Georgia Sacked Several of their towns dispensed those
who had collected into bodies then returned to the Abbeville fort which they had
been building remained there Some time -- and was Continued in the Service till
1780 in the following order & under the following Service --**in the year 1777 they
marched against the bodies of Tories Indians & British in 1778 & 1779 &
1780 Similar Service was rendered** it is impossible for him to recollect the date
of the various skirmishes he was engaged in with those enemies but during these
years he was always in Service except when he was authorized to return home &
remain a Short time by his Superior officers & when his Services was not
immediately required -- that he belonged to the Commands stated in his
declaration **Sept in 1778 Capt Wilson** to [blurred] of Captain Wardlaw's
Company as then stated ---

And that the **whole of his Services was rendered in South Carolina North
Carolina & Georgia** -- as well as he can now recollect -- after he returned from
the Cherokee Service above mentioned he was Marched to **Beech Island & was**

Stationed on the Georgia side of Savannah river to Guard the river below Augusta Georgia after remaining there Some time returned to Abbeville remained there till the **news of the fall of Charleston** was received after which Genl Williamson capitulated & he was turned lose -- himself & many others plus those under Genl Pickens & **Marched to North Carolina & Joined Genls Green & Morgan** -- afterward, returned to South Carolina & thro that state & Crossed Savannah river at the Cherokee ford in pursuit of parties of Tories & was in that **part of Georgia which now forms Elbert Franklin Madison & Oglethorpe Cos** returned to South Carolina **was in the Siege of Ninety Six** -- that the Services one time as stated in his declaration and that his whole service leaving out the times that he was on home permission was Six Years -- that Since making his declaration he has ascertained that William Wardlaw Can prove a portion of his

Service. That **he was born the 26 day of January 1749 in Lancaster County & state of Pennsylvania** -- that he has a record of his age which is on a blank [blurred] his family Bible & now in his possession -- that he **removed from Lancaster Pennsylvania to Rowan County N. Carolina from there to Abbeville Dist S. Carolina at the age of thirteen** -- was a resident there until the year **1800 then moved to Pendleton Dist SC** from **thence to Georgia** & now still resides in Said State & County of Gwinnett -- that he never received a Commission altho he acted as lieutenant all the time mentioned the Commissioning officers was very irregular & his [blurred] this was the reason he never rec'd a written Commission.

John L. Wilson A Clergyman & Thomas W. Alexander, John Mills Esq --- William Mathies Esq -- Archel R. Smith Esqr & Many others of his neighborhood to whom he is well Known Can testify to his Character for Veracity & their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the revolution -- and for Such Service he Claims a pension.

/s/ Saml Reed

Sworn to & Subscribed
Before me this 27 May 1833
John Mills JP

Georgia } I do certify that Samuel Reed who has taken the
Gwinnett County } above affidavit is a Gentleman of the most
unblemished moral and obliging reputation & is entitled to full credit on his oath &
I believe he rendered the Services mentioned

Given under my hand this 27 May 1833
John Mills J P

The State of Alabama } Orphans Court Regular Term
S Clair County }
Began and held in the Town of Ashville on the first Monday in March it being the
fifth day of the month

Be it known that before me James Hogan Judge of the County Court in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared **John Chenault and made oath in due form of law that he is the Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Reed** a Revolutionary Pensioner who **departed this life on the fifth day of February 1843** and who is identical person who was a pensioner and is now dead and to whom a Certificate of Pension was issued of which the following is a true Copy

War Department Revolutionary Claims

I Certify that in Conformity with the law of the United States of the 7th June 1832 **Samuel Reed of the State of Alabama** who was a private in the War of the Revolution is **entitled to receive Twenty Dollars per Annum** during his natural life Commencing on the 4th of March 1831 and payable Semiannually on the 4th of March and 4th of September in every year.

Given at the War office of the United States this twenty Seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

{Seal}

John C. Spencer

Secretary of War

Examined and Countersigned J. L. Edward Commissioner of Pensions 31944 **Payment to be made at Mobile** by James [blurred] Esq agent for paying pensioners in the agency of Mobile Recorded in Pension office in Book 2 vol. 8, Page 106 by D. Brown Clerk, that the Deceased pensioner **resided in S Clair County in the State of Alabama for the Space of three or 4 years before his death.**

Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this 4th day of March
1844 P. Rowan J P

John Chenault

James Rogers
Judge of CC

[Additional information given within letter dated March 1, 1938 from the Executive Assistant to the Administrator]

You are furnished herein the record of **Samuel Reed, the only soldier of that name or similar spelling, who served in the South Carolina troops**, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office, the data for which were obtained from the papers filed in his claim for pension, S.14259.

Samuel Reed, the son of George, was born January 26, 1749, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and at the age of thirteen, moved to Rowan County, North Carolina, then to Abbeville District, South Carolina. The name of his mother is not shown.

In 1775, while residing in said Abbeville District, Samuel Reed was elected lieutenant of a company of militia, served as such officer in Captain Hugh Wardlaw's Company, Colonel George Reed's (soldier's father) South Carolina Regiment, and was at the siege of Ninety Six, length of service, three months; in 1776, Samuel Reed again entered the service and from that year until the close of the war, served on various tours, his entire service amounting to over six years, as lieutenant in Captains Hugh Wardlaw's and Wilson's Companies, Colonel George Reed's South Carolina Regiment, was in the battles at Car[r]s Fort, Kettle Creek, at the second siege of Ninety Six and in many skirmishes with the Tories and Indians.

After the Revolution, he continued to reside in South Carolina, until **1800 or 1806, when he moved to the state of Georgia.** He was allowed pension on his **application executed September 25, 1832, while residing in Gwinnett County, Georgia.** ... Samuel Reed stated that he **'lost his companion' in [184]0,** after which he **moved to Saint Clair County, Alabama,** to re[blurred] his children, names of wife and children are not given.

He died February 3, 1843, place not stated.

Samuel Reed
Certificate No. 31944
Issued April 27, 1842
Rate, \$20.00 per month (sic)
Commenced March 4, 1831
Act of June 7, 1832
Alabama Agency.

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