

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Reasor S16514

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State of Kentucky Spencer County: Sct.

On this Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Huston, Thomas Newman, Stilwell Heady, Thomas Barker, George Collins, Jesse Crume, Humphrey May, James H Brown, William Burnett and Zachariah Terrell, who compose the County Court of Spencer County now sitting Michael Reasor a resident of the State of Kentucky and in the County of Spencer aforesaid aged seventy-two years on the 3rd day of February 1832, 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 1833. [Sic, June 7th, 1832]

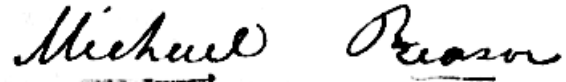
The aforesaid Michael Reasor states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. He states that he entered the service under Colonel Kenedy [probably Col. David Kennedy] who lived in Winchester in the State of Virginia that he was attached to Captain Gilkason's [perhaps Capt. Samuel Gilkerson's] Company whose Lieutenant's name was Godlow Herschell being a Dutchman and the name of the Ensign __ Jenkins he acted as Fifer to said Gilkason's Company. He states that he entered the service about the first of May in the year 1777 to the best of his recollection. He states that he quit the service in the early part of the year 1779 the precise time he does not recollect he obtained a discharge at the time he quit the service but has long since lost it, which would have shown the precise time. He states that he entered the service again in the year 1781 sometime in the Month of April. The names of the field Officers are as follows, General Mullenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg], and General De Marcus [Marquis de Lafayette] as was then called but now known by the name of General Lafayette, Major Purecher [?] who was Brigade Major, and Major Helm. The Captain's name was William Frost, Lieutenant's name __ Linsay [perhaps Abraham Lindsay] and Ensign Searburne. And that he left the service sometime in the first of September. He states that he was not in any actual engagements during his two tours of service. He states that he lived in the town of Winchester, Frederick County in the State of Virginia when he entered in the service under Captain Gilkason and Colonel Kenedy who were both residents of the same Town County & State. He states that he lived in the above named Town County & State when he entered the service in 1781 under General Muhlenberg General De Marcus (alias) Lafayette and other officers as above stated. He states that he was a volunteer in both instances in terms of service. That he was in no Battles, actually engaged.

He states in the first Tour he marched from Winchester to Frederick Town in the State of Maryland, from thence to Little York in the State of Pennsylvania, from Little York to Lancaster and from thence to Philadelphia at which last named place he was discharged. He states in the second Tour he marched from Winchester to Fredericksburg in Virginia and from thence to

Richmond in the same State, from thence to a place called Milton Swamp where he joined the main Army which was commanded by Generals Muhlenberg and De Marcus (alias) Lafayette, from thence he retreated before the Army of Lord Cornwallis to the waters of the Potomac River where we joined General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne] Army, after he joined Wayne's Army which was in the State of Virginia he marched for the purpose of coming in actual engagement with Cornwallis, Cornwallis retreated and we pursued him below Richmond and was there discharged. He states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can positively show his terms of service. He obtained discharges each time he left the service but has lost them many years since.

That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He the said Reasor 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/ Michael Reasor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Reasor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Michael Reasor".

[William Stout & Philip W. Taylor, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia militia.]