

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Reading S17038

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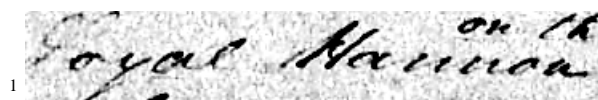
State of Missouri County of Pike: SS

On this 23rd day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court being the County Court and the court of record for said County of Pike now sitting George Reading a resident of Buffalo Township in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one years in December 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit

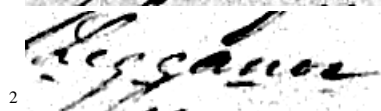
Sometime in the month of September in the year 1777 in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Pennsylvania he enrolled himself in a company of militia commanded by Captain __ Knox of the said County and was stationed on a Creek in said County called Loyal Hannon [? Loyalhanna]¹ on the road from Pittsburgh to Bedford where the Company of Troops commanded by the said Knox was engaged during part of that Fall in the building a Fort which he believes was called Legganor [? Ligonier]² and for the building of this Fort the company received some pay from government during that fall (1777) he served as stated three months when he returned to his home.

Afterwards in the month of April in the year 1778 the Indians became troublesome and having killed several persons in the neighborhood he again enrolled himself in a Company of Militia commanded by a Captain __ Shannon [probably Samuel Shannon], Robert McDowel Lieutenant and Robert Carlisle Ensign and was again stationed at the Fort called Legganer and engaged during that summer in building additions to said Fort for the better accommodations of the soldiers and the families driven to the place by the Indians where the company remained until the next November making a Term of seven months during which period he was under arms almost continually & in November he was permitted to return to his home the Indians having absented themselves from that section of Country.

Afterwards in the month of April or May in the year 1779 the Indians again became



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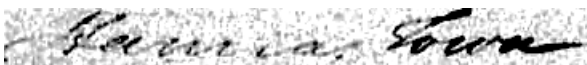
I strongly suspect that the veteran was referring to the construction of a stockade at Fort Ligonier. The stockade was called Fort Preservation. See the wonderful article posted <http://www.usgwarchives.net/pa/1pa/1picts/frontierforts/ff28partII.html> [viewed 6/11/12] and links.

troublesome and he again enrolled himself in a company of militia commanded by Captain Shannon, Robert McDowell Lieutenant and Robert Carlisle Ensign and was again called to the Fort called Legganor as aforesaid and stationed there to guard the place the women & children and property of the inhabitants of the neighborhood, where he remained until the month of November being a Term of seven months during this service the men were permitted to raise some corn and during that summer there Ensign Robert Carlisle was killed by the Indians during this last period of service the men commanded as aforesaid received from the Comptroller Robert Hanna stationed at Hanna's Town [? Harris Town?]³ some small part of their provisions and but for the supplies received from that place Fort Leggonour would of necessity have been abandoned during this service the Company done every night duty standing guard &c at the Fort and were considered to be in great danger all summer.

He does not remember the names of any field officers about that place nor does he remember whether there was any there or by what authority Captain Shannon commanded the man, he remembers however that the company received a part of its support from the public store house at Harris town [?] as aforesaid. In the spring of the year 1780 he with his Father & the balance of his family removed to what is now Kentucky and settled at Sturges [?]⁴ Station near the present City of Louisville where they remained until the next fall when they removed into the interior of Kentucky to John Crows station being the place upon which Danville is now situated and in the month of June 1781 to the best of his recollection he was drafted into a company of militia commanded by a man whose name he does not now remember the company was marched immediately to the Falls of the Ohio where General Clark [George Rogers Clark] was in command and was building a Fort at that place and it was for that purpose the Company to which he was attached was called to that place. The company was engaged in that labor about three weeks and were permitted to return home afterwards during the year 1782 he attached himself to troops commanded by Colonel Logan [Benjamin Logan] at Bryants Station [Bryan's Station] in Kentucky at that place and time there was in command Colonel Trigg [Colonel Stephen Trigg] & Colonel Todd [perhaps Colonel John Todd] and he was engaged in sundry scouting parties after the Indians in the neighborhood of Bryants Station the names of the other officers about that place at that time he does not remember nor the length of his services he well remembers that he was attached to the command of Colonel Logan at the time the dead were buried that were killed at the Battle of the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782].

And afterwards in the month of October 1782 he was drafted into a company of militia commanded by Captain Kirkham [perhaps Captain Samuel Kirkham] the names of the other Company officers he does not recollect the Company of Kirkham was attached to the command of Colonel Logan and in a day or two, Colonel Logan marched his troops to the Ohio River at the mouth of Licking where the Army crossed the Ohio River the Army he believes the word destined to the Shawnee villages, he thinks that at the Ohio River General Clark took the command, and it being necessary to leave some men to guard the boats &c he with a number of others were left for that purpose say the number of 40 or 50 men he knew nothing further of the movements of the Army until their return this last service was for thirty days when the troops were discharged and returned home.

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He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service –

And in answer to the interrogatories put to him by the Court he answers that he was born in the Township of Amwell⁵ in the State of New Jersey on the 8th day of December 1761.

He has a record of his age in the family Bible of his father which is now in his possession.

He was living in the County of Westmoreland in Pennsylvania when he 1st entered the service afterwards in Kentucky when called into the service as set forth in his Declaration. Since the revolutionary war I continued to live in Kentucky until September 1826 when I moved to Pike County Missouri where I now live.

I was called into the service as a militia man. I was sometimes drafted and sometimes volunteered. I never was a Substitute.

There was no regular troops near the place where I served at any time the general circumstances of my services are set forth in my Declaration.

I never received a written discharge from any officer or other person.

John McCune and James Finley all persons to whom I am known and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services.

There is no clergyman in my neighborhood whose certificate I can procure as evidence in support of my Declaration.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or if any only on the agency of the State of Pennsylvania or Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ George Reading

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Reading". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

[John McCune and James Finley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months & 21 days in the Pennsylvania and Virginia service.]

⁵ Amwell Township existed in Hunterdon County New Jersey from 1708 to 1846