

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Ezekiel Reynolds S2013  
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[State of Tennessee, Bedford County]

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally Appeared in open Court before the worshipful Samuel Phillips, John B. Armstrong and John E. Neill Esquires gentlemen Justices of the Peace – appointed to hold the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Redford in the State of Tennessee now sitting; Ezekiel Reynolds a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy two years five months and 14 days; 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 the seventh 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States and Served as herein Stated To wit – That he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted Soldier in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina, Sometime in the Spring of the year 1776 he thinks in April, and was attached to Captain Samuel Dyer's Company and his Lieutenant's name was William Adkins, and was marched from Surry Court house, to the Town of Salisbury in Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina. And from that [place] to Camden in South Carolina, where he states he remained for some time, during which time, he was frequently on scouting parties in Search of Tories, until his term of three months Service expired, when he was discharged in writing, Signed by Samuel Dyer his Captain and he then returned home. He states that shortly after he returned home, the Tories were embodying in various places through the County where he lived. Deponent states that he then volunteered for two months under Captain Francis who commanded a company of Mounted men he thinks it was in September in the year 1776 and was marched after joining him to a place near the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River, and on the next morning, had an engagement with a band of Tories under the command of one Colonel Hezekiah Wright, where he states the Americans, only about seventy six in number (privates) besides the officers, and defeated about three hundred fifty Tories who it was thought were on their way to King's Mountain to join Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson], he states that they got their information from a Mulatto man by the name of John Morgan who they tucked up and whipped until he informed Captain Francis where the Tories were, where they would cross the Yadkin River he states he was marched from that to King's Mountain and was in the engagement at that place, he recollects Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Colonel William Shepherd and Major Joseph Winston and Major Suttan and he saith he was under Captain James Shepherd on that day, and from that place he was marched the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the battle as one of the guard with the British prisoners to Moravian Town, in what is now called Stokes County in North Carolina and that there the prisoners were received by another guard, and marched as he was told into Virginia – he says he was marched back then up the Country and was engaged in reconnoitering through the Counties of Surry, Wilkes and Rowan until his term of Service expired, and was then discharged at the Town of Richmond the County Seat of Surry County. He further States that afterwards he volunteered in the Company of Mounted men commanded by Captain James Freeman, the Lieutenant's name was William Adkins and that the aforesaid Company was employed for some time in annoying the British, first, the night after they

crossed the Yadkin River on their march to Hillsboro we fired on their picket guard and after that at or near Haw River we fired on them again, he says the company he was in followed on till the British entered Hillsboro, and at that place on the night previous to the British leaving Hillsboro the American volunteers and militia kept a pretty constant firing of rifles and muskets at the British the whole night, he says there company was ordered then to march against a supposed band of Tories in Chatham County, North Carolina, but could not find them, they were then marched from one place to another until after the battle of Guilford when they marched into Orange County where they took two prisoners from a cave five or six miles below Hillsborough, one by the name of Solomon Stokeham, a deserter from the Maryland line of Regulars as he understood the other was the name of William Crabtree a Tory and delivered them over to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] near Salisbury; and then returned home and was dismissed after serving about two months; And after that he thinks some time after the Battle of Guilford in 1781, he was called on as one of the nine months men, and was attached to Captain Thompson Glenn's company, and was marched to Salisbury and remained there for some time, until after the Surrender of Cornwallace [sic, Lord Cornwallis] – and was marched from Salisbury to a little Town called Pinetree in the State of South Carolina, and remained there for some time but how long he does not recollect, and was then marched back to Salisbury North Carolina, and after remaining there for some time was marched to Richmond Surry County North Carolina and received a discharge for nine months Service. The Colonel commandant was Robert Lanier and the Major's name was Joel Lewis – making in all, a term of Service of one year and eight months. He hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll, of any Agency in the United States. That he has no documentary evidence at this time and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

#### INTERROGATORIES by the Court

Interrogatory 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born.

Answer: I was born in Hertford County in the State of North Carolina, on the McHerren [sic, Meherrin] river on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1760.

Interrogatory 2<sup>nd</sup>: Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it.

Answer: I have a record of my age at my dwelling house in this County.

Interrogatory 3<sup>rd</sup>: Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. Answer: I lived in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina, when I was called into Service of the United States; and remained until the close of the Revolution in the same County, and remained there after the War, until the year 1795 when I removed to Washington County Virginia, and in 1809 I removed to Wilson County in the State of Tennessee and from that I removed to the County of Bedford in 1811 & where I have lived ever since – and where I now live.

Interrogatory 4<sup>th</sup>: How were you called into Service, were you drafted, or were you a volunteer, or were you a Substitute and if it Substitute for whom.

Answer: I was drafted the first and last tours, of duty and the three other tours I was a volunteer.

Interrogatory 5<sup>th</sup>: State the names of Some of the Officers of the Regular Army who were with you; or the troops where you Served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your Service.

Answer: I recollect Colonel John Armstrong, General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], Colonel Robert Lanier, Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] of the regular Army & Colonel Joseph Williams, and Colonel William Shepherd of the militia. I also recollect Colonel Washington and Colonel Lee – I saw a great many Regiments of regulars and militia but they are names or numbers if I ever heard them I have forgotten; I also saw a Major Butler who it was said was a regular officer – And I believe I have given as near as I can the general circumstances of my Service in the foregoing declaration.

Interrogatory: Did you ever receive discharge and if so, where is it.

Answer: I did receive four discharges but what has become of them I cannot tell.)

Interrogatory 7<sup>th</sup>: State the names of Some persons, to whom you are Known in your present neighborhood who can certify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: The R. M. Bream a Clergyman residing in this County about seven or eight miles from me, Colonel K. L. Anderson, James Shaw, Richard Lane, and Andrew Mayfield.

Sworn to in open Court the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832.

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

S/ Ezekiel Reynolds, X his mark

[Melchizedek Brame, a clergyman, and Kenneth L. Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

An amendment to the declaration of Ezekiel Reynolds made at August Term 1832 of Bedford County Court in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, an acting Justice of the peace for Bedford County in the State of Tennessee Ezekiel Reynolds who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service in the war of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below and in the following grades (to wit) that he served on his first tour [tour ]of duty mentioned in the declaration above alluded to as a private Soldier drafted not less than 3 months; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> tour of duty mentioned in said declaration, he served as a private Soldier and mounted gunmen; not less than 2 months, and that on his 3<sup>rd</sup> tour of duty he served as a mounted gunman and private Soldier as stated in the declaration above alluded to, not less than 3 months; and the 4<sup>th</sup> tour mentioned in said declaration, he served as a drafted Soldier for a term not less than 9 months making in all a term of actual Service of not less than seventeen months in the war of the Revolution for which he claims a pension.

Deponent further states that from the great length of time since the war, old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear to the precise periods of the war when he served; and finds by reference to History that he was in the and heir all as to the time the battle of King's Mountain took place; but he declares most positively he was a volunteer in the Service of the United States, at that time and was in the battle of King's Mountain, against the British and Tories under the command of Ferguson. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833.

S/ George Davidson, JP

S/ Ezekiel Reynolds, X his mark