

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Reeve S31924

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

On this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Josiah J Evans presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the District of Abbeville in the State aforesaid William Reeve a resident of the District of Abbeville in the State aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 the 7th 1832.

1st – That he entered the service of the United States in Prince William County State of Virginia in the year & summer of 1776 at the age of twenty years as a drafted Militia man under Captain James Ewell Lieutenant John Linton and Colonel Henry Lee who commanded the Regiment and was marched to the Potomac River two miles below Dumfries where Colonel Henry Lee caused a ditch & temporary redoubt to be thrown up to guard & shelter his troops from the fire of the British who then lay in the River & who moved down the River without giving battle after the departure of the British from this point, Colonel Lee's troops remained there three weeks & were then & there verbally discharged – 2nd. That subsequently in the fall of the year 1776 the applicant under the same Captain Ewell & Colonel Lee marched as a militia man under their command from Prince William to the Potomac River two miles below Dumfries to defend the country against the British then in the River – the British here again moved down the River & Colonel Lee's troops at this place remained 3 weeks & were again discharged to go home.

3rd The applicant entered the service the third time some time about the 1st of January 1777 as a volunteer in Farquhar [Fauquier] County State of Virginia under Captain James Scott Lieutenants William Kinchelow [William Kincheloe] – John Hadaway [John Hathaway] & Ensign James Hadaway [James Hathaway], marched from Fauquier County to the Potomac Nollins [Nolan's] Ferry, from thence to Frederick Town in Maryland, then to Philadelphia thence to the Baskins Ridge in Jersey above Brunswick thence to Quibble Town in the Jersey State, where Captain Scott's company were stationed under the command for a short time of Colonel Hollingsworth, & subsequently by Colonel Stricker of the German troops, under whose command the Company of Captain Scott ended there three months service being the period for which they volunteered. The applicant further says that the Fauquier volunteers were prevailed upon by General Washington's written letter to remain one week longer at the end of which time the troops conceiving themselves discharged by General Washington's letter set out for home. When General Starling [this may be a reference to Genl. William Alexander, Lord Sterling] sent a troop or squadron of horse to detain the Fauquier volunteers as his life guard, & were detained & kept at least three weeks longer, making the whole tour of the applicant service this time fully

four months & were then verbally discharged by General Starling – in this service the applicant was in a battle or skirmish with the British & Hessians between global town & Brunswick, no American troops were killed or wounded, one British corporal the applicant is certain was killed, says his name was Bennett & had the No. 77 on his buttons –

4th. The Applicant subsequently served three weeks during which time he acted as Lieutenant under a Captain Evans at Alexandria and performed service as a temporary guard, against the British who were lying off Alexandria. The applicant cannot recollect the month or year of this service and does not recollect of any Officer higher in grade than Captain Evans –

5th. The applicant further says that he again acted as Lieutenant under a Captain Valentine Payton [Valentine Peyton] as a guard on the Potomac River between Dumfries and Alexandria, & that he fully served three weeks & believes this last service to have been in the year in which Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] & this ended the service of the Applicant in the Revolutionary War in the defense of the United States making in whole seven months service which the applicant performed as above stated.

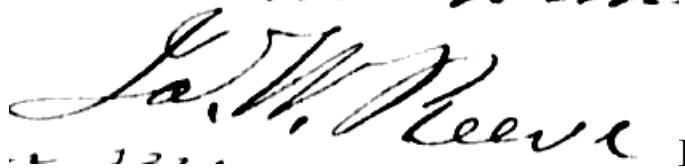
The applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Jas Wardlaw, Clk.

S/ William Reeve



[f p. 7: On June 20th, 1840 in DeKalb County Georgia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit payments from South Carolina to the Georgia agency having moved there to be taking care of by his son James W Reeve. His sermon signed a supporting affidavit



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months & 24 days in the Virginia service.]