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Pension application of Nathan Reed S31925

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The State of Alabama. County: County Court July Term 1832

On this 5th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before Franklin Solomon Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Nathan Reed a resident of. County and State aforesaid aged seventy 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 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 (viz.) About the first day of April in the year 1779 I was living in Jones County North Carolina now a part of East Tennessee & at the age of sixteen I volunteered my services to the United States and joined a militia company as a private the company was commanded by Captain Joseph Bullard. I cannot distinctly remember that there were any subaltern officers at any rate their names have totally escaped my memory. It was under the command of Colonel John Sevier & he designed & designated it as a company of Rangers the times requiring drafted & active movements. We were marched down through Jones County to a place known as Carter's station on Lick Creek less than 2 days march we remained at this place six months -- making it a center point we were ordered on frequent excursions through different parts of the County more or less remote for the purpose of guarding the frontiers & flying instantly to a place that might be distressed. But the country specially laid out for our company lay between Bays Mountain & Nolichucky River. All that we proved to be able to accomplish against the enemy while confined here was that we probably prevented their invasion at this point.

I think I can venture to say that it was in November or first of December after my return in the year 1779 -- I became a substitute for one Joseph Box I was now as a private soldier under command of Captain Amos Bird -- the subalterns I will not attempt to name for I cannot distinctly recollect. I do remember that John Sevier was our Colonel each time I was in the service (he has since been Governor of Tennessee & a Senator in Congress I believe --) we were marched to a place of rendezvous on French Broad River -- where the Army was assembled at rendezvous will mention as superior officers my distinct recollection of Major Tipton and Colonel Robinson -- from this place we were marched in a body to Bulls Town on Chickamauga Creek -- we destroyed large quantities of corn in our progress to hasten the conquest which the Indians had [indecipherable word] -- after this march of a distance of perhaps 150 or 200 miles through the nation being unable to get engaged with so large an Army we were thrown into smaller divisions for the purpose of scouring the face of the Country -- we consumed by fire from 6 to 10 of the Indian towns -- were in some small engagements & took a great many prisoners. This was a cunning a most [indecipherable word or words] & savage nation -- the

only means we had to overcome them was to watch closely for their small parties in ambush -- gone like the wind at a single fire. It was not my lot therefore to be engaged in any important battle but in many smaller contest & a great deal of laborious service & if I can by honest & honorable means I itself feel grateful to my country for being placed on her pension roll. I will state here that I never received a written discharge on the close of either expedition that I remember. The length of my last tour was 3 months to the best of my knowledge. There were no regular troops and quarter of the Country where I served I can therefore name none of the officers. I have no documentary evidence of my services. I will state that there is only one living witness to any part of my services whose testimony I can obtain -- he is now my neighbor & applies at the same time for a pension. I know that he served one tour & he knows that I did the same for we were together but only once, his name is Samuel Boydston¹ -- whose certificate I will give. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Nathan Reed

To the first interrogatory proposed according to the direction of the War Department answer I was born April the 13th in the year 1763 in what was at that time I believe called Guilford & since Randolph County North Carolina.

2nd my name is in my family Bible at home also in one wants owned by my father now in possession of my oldest brother in Jefferson County in this State.

3. When called into service I lived in Jones County North Carolina since made a part of Tennessee -- from that place I moved to Greenville and South Carolina thence to Jackson County in Georgia -- thence to Franklin County in West Tennessee thence to. County in this State where I have lived ever since.

4th. I was first a volunteer & served 6 months then a substitute & served 3 months as a private soldier of the militia each time.

5. There were no regular officers or soldiers that I am aware of in the part of the Country where I served & I was particularly acquainted with no other Regiment then Colonel Sevier's & the number of that it is impossible for me to recollect it is so long since.

6. I feel satisfied that I received nothing more than a verbal discharge on the last expedition & that at Chota town in the Cherokee nation where we exchange and exchange of prisoners took place between our Regiment & the Indians after a cessation of hostilities.

7th. I am generally known in my neighborhood & part of my County & refer the Department to (indecipherable word) & particularly to James Veasey and William Baird.

S/ Nathan Reed

Personally appeared in open court Samuel Boydston who being first duly sworn deposes & says that he was in the last campaign mentioned in the above declaration (viz.) and the winter of 1779 (& march) from Jones County North Carolina to French Broad in Cherokee nation thence to Bulls town on Chickamauga Creek etc. That Nathan Reed did serve during that campaign & that he believes he served as stated in his declaration throughout -- that he also recollects the officers mentioned & the division of the Army into scouting parties towards the close of the expedition.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court on the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Boydston

¹ FPA R1096

[James Veasey, a clergyman, and William Baird gave the standard supporting affidavit.]