

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben or Rubin Stone S32539

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Transcribed and annotated by Marilyn Meador

[Reuben Stone was born in S Carolina about 1755, and died in Madison County Alabama Feb 9, 1849. His grave near New Market, in Madison County Alabama, is marked with a bronze marker from the DAR. A plaque in the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville lists him as one of the County's Revolutionary War veterans.]

[I have transcribed the following from the actual pension record. The first page is hard to read, with some words missing, but later pages are still clear. My notes are in brackets.]

STATE of SOUTH CAROLINA

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that in -----uance of an Act of the General Assembly ----- State called the twenty-eight day ---
-- March, in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and ---an----- nance
of the State aforesaid, passed the tw ----- day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four,
for the purpose of sec ----- nting Land within this State to the ----- ers and Soldiers as therein set
forth, We have ----- nd by these presents do grant unto Reben Stone His ----- and assigns, a
Plantation or Tract of Land containing Two Hundred ----- acres, Situated in the -----of Ninety-
six on a ----- of Fergusons Creek, ----- [the description here is very difficult to make out] --- having
such shape ----- Marks as are represented by a plat here ----- gether with all Woods, Trees,
Waters, Water-courses, Profits, Commodities, A ----- nd Hereditaments whatsoever thereunto
belonging, To Have and to Hold the said ----- Two Hundred Acres of Land, and all and singular
other the ----- ereby granted unto the said Reuben Stone his Heirs -----ssigns, for ever, in free and
common -----.

Given under the Great Seal of the State.

Witness His Excellency Thomas Pinckney, Esq., Commander in Chief over the said State of Carolina,
on the Seventh Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven and in the Eleventh Year
of the Independence of the ----- America.

(Bounty)

Reuben Stone's Grant for 200 Acres

Secretary's office } Recorded Grant Book BBBB page 446 and examined by Peter Freman Secretary

Next page: a surveyor's map showing the location of 200 acres of land for Reuben Stone, certified 19
January 1787.

Next page: Alabama 25.780

Reuben Stone, of Madison Co in the State of Alabama, who was a ----- in the Company -----
commanded by Captain ----- of the Company commanded by Col Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in
the So Carolina -----.

Inscribed of the roll of Alabama at the rate of 80 Dollars ----- cents per annum to commence on the 4th
day of March, 1834.

Certificate of pension signed the 5th day of January, 1834, and sent to Hen. C. Clay -----.

Arrears to the 4th of September 1833 - 200.00.

Semi-ann. allowance ending 4th March 1834 - 40.00

Revolutionary Claim, --- June 7, 1832

Recorded by J.J. Grayer [?] , Clerk

Book C, Vol. 78, Page 51.

State of Alabama

In the County Court of Madison County held at Huntsville on the 20th day of August 1833 the hon. Samuel Chapman, Judge thereof presiding _____ Reuben Stone, of said county, personally appeared in open court, and being 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 the 7th day of June 1832:.....

My mother had a record of my age in her prayer book, which is lost or destroyed – not in my power to produce. From it and the traditions in my family I was born in Fauquier County, Virginia in the year 1755, & am now in my 78th year.

At about my 18th year I removed with my father's family into Lawrence County [sic, Laurens County] or District of South Carolina. Between the years 1773 & 1777 I volunteered from that county and joined Captain Benjamin Raney's company of the men raised to defend the country against the hostile Cherokee Indians. I joined for six months; five of which I certainly served & was ----- either on the frontiers or on marches into the Indian country. For this I claim allowance on my pension only if entitled. It was a service before the Revolution; & my toils & sufferings at least were sufficient; but I am not informed whether Congress has allowed for such service.

On the 5th of August 1777 Col Sumpter was raising a regiment of horse – was in Lawrence County aforementioned & Thomas Childress, yielding to the zeal inspired by that patriot & for the moment forgetful of the calls of a sick family, his wife having a permanent and distressing disease, enlisted under Sumpter for three years. I pitied his family [&] proposed myself as his substitute & was accepted and joined Sumpter in the same county on the day or the day afterward. The Legislature of So Carolina, however, as I understood, refused to sanction Sumpter's regiment as one of horse, at which he resigned; the regiment was reduced to one of infantry & I was put under Captain Ridgebow in Col Wm Henderson's regiment. Under this enlistment I served two years & 9 months at least – was not always under Ridgebow – part of the period under Capt Baker; but mostly under Col Henderson. I was at the attack he made upon the British whilst they occupied Savannah; at which Gen'l Moultrie commanded us & was assisted by Count De Estrang & the French. I was also in the attack of the British at Stono, where I think Moultrie commanded us. After being marched to Charleston & stationed there for a time Gen'l Howe of the American Army, as was understood, proposed the capture of St. Augustine in Florida. I was detailed for that expedition & put under him & was marched by the way of Fort Barnton on the Altemahaw & thence across the St. Marys to Fort Onion [could be "Union"] in Florida; but the troops became disaffected to Howe, on account of his name & real or supposed kindred to Lord Howe of the British army; & in consequence my regiment returned to Charleston, believing, as they all did, that it was intended to deliver them to the enemy. I remained in Charleston until it was invested by the enemy & compelled after the siege of the place to surrender. Gen'l Lincoln commanded at the siege. I was among the prisoners taken by the British & included in the surrender – but not long after found opportunity of escape & succeeded. I returned to Lawrence County - & my term having expired I did not rejoin the army. My sufferings in the march through a wilderness country to Florida & back to Charleston was very severe; & that was the only expedition I which I met privations beyond the actual peril of life in battle. I am advised however that a minute detail of the countless incidents I experienced (many of which now yearly pass from recollection) need not here be given. I have stated my officers &

the chief affairs & expeditions in which I was engaged. My regiment was at first counted as No. 6 & afterward was divided Sullivan's Island & I fell into was called the first regiment of the line. My whole service was three years two months – five months, as before stated, anterior to & two years nine months during the Revolution. It was indeed more I think, but I state it at that. I got no discharge in writing. I have no documentary evidence of my enlistment & service. Whether rolls were returned by the Captains who commanded me I know not. There is no one living & known to me by whom I can prove my enlistment except by James Childress, (or as he calls it, Childers) who is the son of the above named Thomas Childers, whose affidavit will follow. I lived in Lawrence County S.C. until 1808, when I removed to Madison County of Alabama aforesaid, where I have since dwelt & now reside. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or subsidy except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the army of Alabama or of any state.

Sworn and subscribed to me on the 20th of August 1833 [signed by Clerk and by Reuben Stone-his mark]

[April 1850, Thomas McCrary, administrator for the estate of Reuben Stone, appeared before the pension commissioner in Huntsville, Alabama, to declare that the pensioner was deceased.]

State of Alabama, County of Madison:

I John M. Oley [?] Judge of the Probate Court of said County, and as such, Clerk of said Court, holden at Huntsville, in and for such County, do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited to said Court that Reuben Stone was a Pensioner of the United States at the rate of Eighty dollars per annum, was a resident of the County of Madison in the State of Alabama, and died in the County of Madison in the State of Alabama in the year Eighteen hundred and forty-nine on the ninth day of February – that he left no widow. [signed May 13, 1850]