

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Reed (Read) S33548
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Hon. John Davis Boston 9th April 1818
Judge District Court

This may Certify that I William Reed, now residing in Randolph County of Norfolk State of Massachusetts, do Certify & declare that I came in to the United States in the year 1770 & Enlisted in the Merryland line under Capt Campbel [Campbell] in the Seventh Regiment Commanded by Col. [John] Gunby & was in the service three years, serv'd faithfully all that time & was wounded in the Battle at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] – was in the Battles at Gilford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Black Storks [sic: Battle of Blackstock's Plantation, 20 Nov 1780; see endnote], am now very Poor & stand in need of relief – have been endeavouring these number of years to be placed on the Pension list of Invalids but being so far from Merryland & the Seat of Government & so poor that I have not been in a situation to accomplish it

William hisXmark Reed

Boston 9th April 1818

This may Certify that the above nam'd Wm Reed lived with me three or four years since the American Revolution & always appeared to be an Honest Regular man & frequently related to me the above stated facts – also shew'd me his wounds he s'd he rec'd in the Army & which are visible at this Day on different parts of his Body – his right hand render'd nearly useless from a sword wound, a severe cut on the right Cheek, also another on the top of his Head further think him to be entitled from his Poverty to be plac'd on the Pension List

[signed] Richard Faron

The within named William Reed now more particularly on oath declares that he cannot recollect the year and day on which he first enlisted in the Army, but he recollects that he enlisted in what was called the three years service, in which service he continued as within stated until the close of that service and then he was honorably discharged – after which he again enlisted in the same Company & Regiment to serve during the war, & he faithfully did his duty as a private in said company until the end of the war, when he was honorably discharged at White Plains. Both of my discharges are lost.
[17 July 1819]

William hisXmark Reed

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, Sept'r. 17th 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that William Reed enlisted as a Private in the seventh Maryland Regiment, on the Fifth day of May 1778 and was on the 16th Aug't 1780 Missing [see endnote]

Thos. Karney Aud. S. M.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NORFOLK, SS.–CIRCUIT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, SPECIAL SESSION, JULY 17, 1820.

On this eighteenth day of July 1820 personally appeared, in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a Record of its proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, William Reed aged sixty six years, resident in Canton in said County, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: I enlisted in the fore part of the revolutionary War first for three years in Capt. Cammels company in Col. Gunbes Regiment in the first Brigade in the Maryland line, the time of my first enlistment I cannot remember. I afterward enlisted in the same Company and Regiment during the War, at the close of the war I received a regular discharge which I have lost or mislaid, for which service I received a pension certificate dated the twenty ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred & nineteen numbered 15487

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

William Reed X his mark

Schedule of the property of William Reed, a pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress of the 18th day of March AD 1818

Real Estate none

Personal Estate/ One old chest & four old chairs value \$1.50

My occupation is day laborer, my state of health is poor and by reason of lameness in my right leg I am unable to support myself; I have a wife aged sixty five years her state of health is very poor, besides I have one son 15 years of age who assists a little for our support for the present, and I am now in debt for necessaries twenty dollars and have no means of support but what is above stated.

William Reed X his mark

NOTES:

It is not expected that a Maryland Continental soldier would have been in the Battle of Blackstock’s among militiamen from Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

The date 16 Aug 1780 when William Reed was missing was the date of the Battle of Camden SC, when many Maryland Continental troops were wounded and taken prisoner.