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Pension Application of John Reed S35044

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State of Maryland sct

On this 28th day of August 1818 before me the subscriber, Chief Judge of the sixth judicial district of Maryland, personally appeared John Reed aged about seventy four years resident in Harford County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “an act to provide for certain personas engaged in the land and naval service of the united States in the revolutionary war, That he the said John Reed enlisted in they year 1775 in Harford County in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Bowyer of the first Maryland Regiment; that he continued to served in the said corps, or in the service of the united States until the end of the war when he was discharged from service at Annapolis State of Maryland that he was in the battles of Long Island [27 Aug 1776], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Trenton [26 Dec 1776] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York[19 Oct 1781]; and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn before Walter Dorsey

Auditors Office Annapolis March 22, 1819

I hereby certify that it appears from the Muster Rolls remaining in the Auditors office that John Read enlisted as a private in the first Maryland Regiment on the 10th day of December 1776 and was discharged on the 27th December 1779

Thos. Karney Aud'r State Md

United States of America/ Maryland Harford County Sct

On this 5th day of September 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record that is to say Harford County Court John Reed 2nd aged seventy years resident in Harford County aforesaid in said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows, That he was enlisted in Harford County Maryland by Capt. [Edward] Praul, in the year 1777 for and during the war first mustered under Capt. Praul ordered to Baltimore under Capt Price and Joined the 1st Maryland Regiment and from thence ordered to Philadelphia and then to New York, and from thence ordered to long Island in which engagement I fought under Prawl until I was taken Prisoner and remained a Prisoner about three months before I was exchanged, after I returned I Joined my Reg't. near west point and after the siege at west point [see endnote] I was ordered on to South Carolina to the Quarter House at which place I was encamped and then ordered to Camden at which place I fought and received a wound [Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill on 25 Apr 1781] and after I got well Joined my Reg't. at Camden and remained there until the british drove us away and after that I was continually on scouting parties until I was ordered on to Annapolis Md. at which place I was Honourably discharged by the order of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and I lost my discharge that he hath been placed on the Revolutionary pension list of the Maryland agency as will more fully appear by his pension Certificate bearing date the 3rd day of April 1819 and numbered on the back 8914, 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, Schedule referred to viz. one Bucket 25 cents that he hath no trade and lives at the Harford County Alms House That he has no family and were it not for his pension aforesaid it would not be in his power to support himself, as he has for the last seven years been supported by the County as he is old and unable to work
John hisXmark Reed 2nd

NOTE: Reed's 1820 declaration is inconsistent with his 1818 declaration and with history. There was no siege of West Point NY. Continental troops were not at Quarter House near Dorchester SC until late in 1781. At the first battle at Camden the Americans were driven away immediately, and at the second battle at Hobkirk Hill the Americans remained nearby until the British left.