Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Read S35617 Transcribed by Will Graves f13VA 6/10/12

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Henry County

On the 12th day of November 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the State aforesaid, personally appeared Jno. Read aged sixty-three years; and being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Henry and that he was enlisted for two years at Williamsburg in the state of Virginia on or about the 1st day of April 1776 and served in the company commanded by Captain R. Taylor of the 1st Virginia Regiment that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the 1st day of April 1780 when he was honorably discharged from the service at Valley Forge by General C. Scott and in the battles of Long Bridge [battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775?] under the command of General Stephens [Edward Stevens] in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and in Mud Island Fort [Siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, October 10 – November 15, 1777] when the enemy besieged it and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; & that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge; other than that which is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Silas M. Noel, Ct. Judge

I do Certify that John Reed [sic] who on the 12th day of November 1818 applied to Silas M. Noel a Circuit Judge for the State of Kentucky for the purpose of having his Claim to a pension Certified by the said Judge enlisted as a soldier with me in the year of 1776 in the 1st Virginia Regiment & served the 2 years in said Regiment & during that time discharged his duty faithfully as a Soldier, after which time I had no further knowledge of him having myself been transferred to another Regiment.

S/ Rich'd Taylor [Richard Taylor]¹ formerly a Captain in the 1st Virginia Regiment

¹ Probably the same man as Richard **Taylor** S46514

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 12, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]