

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Reid S36872

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State of Kentucky Montgomery County SS

On this 13th day of November 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges for the State aforesaid personally appeared Alexander Reid aged about sixty-four or five years who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement & 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 & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he is a resident of Estill County & State of Kentucky & that he was enlisted for three years at Greenbrier County in the State of Virginia in the spring of the year 1776 as well as he now recollects, by one Captain Matthew Arbuckle and served in the company commanded by said Captain Arbuckle of the 12th Regiment Virginia line on Continental establishment; That shortly after his enlistment he was marched to Fort Pitt, and from thence to Fort Randolph at the mouth of the Kanhawa [Kanawha] River, where he remained until he was sent to Germantown, under Captain Andrew Wallace of the same Regiment to wit 12th Virginia line and on the 4th day after he had joined his Regiment he fought & was in the Battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] where he received a slight wound – He continued to serve out his three years – & then enlisted during the war under his said Captain Andrew Wallace & shortly afterwards was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], = & was in several skirmishes – as well as several other Battles & received several wounds one with a bayonet in the breast & one with a ball in the belly – At the siege of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina] he was taken prisoner by the British [May 12, 1780], and remained in captivity nearly a month but he then came home, and made application to again joined the Army – but being a prisoner of war, & not exchanged – at least he supposes that to be the reason he was not required afterwards to be in the Service.

That he is in indigent & reduced circumstances and from his wounds which in his old age all very troublesome he stands in need of the pension allowed by law – that he has no other evidences of his services – than what is herewith transmitted.

Sworn to before me the day and year above written

S/ E. Shortridge, Circuit Judge

Philip Hammond being first duly sworn says that in Greenbrier County in the spring of the year 1776 he enlisted together with the above named Alexander Reid for three years under Captain Matthew Arbuckle of the 12th Virginia Regiment Continental establishment, that they were marched to Fort Pitt, & thence to Fort Randolph at the mouth of Kenhawa – that while at Fort Randolph, the said Reid was sent to the North, he remaining where he was – to do Join his Regiment in the company him demanded by Captain Wallace – that he was a faithful soldier – & he believes an honest credible man – that he is acquainted with circumstances tolerably well; that

he has no slaves, & a small amount of personal property only – the land he lives on being of doubtful title and it is generally supposed will be a short time be taken from him.

S/ Eli Shortridge, Judge

State of Kentucky Estill County to wit

On this 19th day of February 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County & State aforesaid (being so expressly made by the law creating said Court) Alexander Reid age sixty-seven years resident in the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Alexander Reid enlisted for the term of three years in Greenbrier County State of Virginia in the spring of the year 1776 as well as he now recollects by Captain Matthew Arbuckle of the 12th Regiment Virginia line on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Head at Fort Pitt. That shortly after his enlistment aforesaid he was marched to Fort Pitt and from thence to Fort Randolph at the mouth of the Kanhawa River where he remained until a short time afterwards, when he was sent to Germantown under the command of Captain Andrew Wallace of the same Regiment; that he was in the battle of Germantown where he received a slight wound. That he continued to serve in said Regiment until the end of his enlistment when he was discharged from said service in Middlebrook in the Jerseys if his recollection [is] right – That after the expiration of his enlistment aforesaid, he enlisted for during the war in the year 79 or 80 in the 12th Virginia Regiment under the command of said Captain Andrew Wallace, that I served in said Regiment and in said enlistment until the siege of Charleston where he was taken prisoner & remained in captivity about a month & then escape from the enemy, after his return home he again made application to join his Regiment but was not permitted to the calls as I understood, he had never been exchanged for as a prisoner of war – He further stated that in a few days after his enlistment as before stated under Captain Matthew Arbuckle he was appointed orderly Sergeant to said Company and served as such and discharged the duties until the expiration of his said enlistment. That he 1st enlisted as a private –

He further states that he him discharges are now lost, and that he has no evidence of his said services except the affidavit of Lawrence Ward¹ hereto annexed & transmitted, and that of Philip Hammond also hereto annexed with a statement heretofore made & transmitted to the war Department –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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

1 Mare – 2 cows & calves

16 hogs of the value of \$60.00

S/ Alex Reid

¹ [Laurence Ward W8973](#)

He states that he is by occupation a farmer but now entirely unable to follow it from age, and from wounds received in the Germantown Battle and wound which he received in the breast in the battle of Monmouth. That he has a son living with him named John about sixteen years of age and a daughter aged but twenty years named Anne. That both of said children are able to contribute towards their own support. That his wife Rebecca aged about 52 years lives with him that she is entirely helpless and infirm and is not able to contribute towards her own support and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to require the assistance of his Country.

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The State of Kentucky Estill County Sct.

This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Lawrence Ward aged about seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law deposes and states that he was a soldier in the Revolution & well knew Alexander Reid now a citizen of Estill County Kentucky and the same person who has this day sworn to his statement in the Estill County Court for the purpose of obtaining the provisions of the acts of Congress to provide for certain revolutionary soldiers – That he knew the said Alexander Reid in the revolutionary war. That he enlisted under Captain Matthew Arbuckle of the 12th Virginia Regiment in on Continental establishment, that said enlistment was in 1776 or 77 – that his acquaintance with said Reid continued during the whole time of three years, which was the time for which said Reid enlisted. That he believes and feels entirely competent said Reid was orderly Sergeant and Captain Andrew Wallace's Company under the enlistment aforesaid. That he well knows the said Reid was honorably discharged from the 12th Regiment aforesaid at Middlebrook in the Jerseys – and knows the said Reid afterwards enlisted for during the war in the same Virginia Regiment under Captain Wallace.

That he knows the said Alexander Reid to be the same identical person who served in the Revolutionary War as before stated. And I certify that the said Lawrence Ward is a man of credibility upon oath

and further stated that he well knew the above named Alexander Reid served under the enlistment 1st stated the whole term of three years – Given under my hand this 19th day of February 1822

S/ Lewis Moore, JP

[Facts in file: in 1824 the veteran moved to Lawrence County Indiana to be near his children (not named) and gave his post office address in 1826 as Lawrenceburg, Indiana.]

[another example of his signature taken from f p. 37

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 13, 1819, for service as a Sargeant for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Alexander Reid S36872

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Reid, Alex.]

State of Kentucky/ Estill County Sct

Alexander Reid [several illegible words] this day personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County afs'd and made oath that in the year 1776 or 77 he enlisted in Greenbrier County Virginia under Capt Mathew Arbuckle of the 12th Regiment Virginia line on Continental establishment for the term of three years, that said Regiment as well as he now recollects was commanded by Col. William Russell [BLWt1849-500] that he served out the full time of his said enlistment, and was discharged at the end thereof in Middlebrook in the Jerseys that his discharge is now lost
Given under my hand this 19th day of Feb'y 1822 Lewis Moore JP

Also personally appeared before [part missing at bottom of page] Justice of the peace in and for the County afs'd Lawrence Ward, aged seventy two years a citizen of the United States, who upon oath declared that he had long been acquainted with Alexander Reid who has made oath to the within statement in his presence and well knows he is the identical person he thus represents himself to be; and he further know that he performed the military service therein stated. Given under my and this 19th Feb'y 1822.
Lewis Moore JP