

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Reardon S38330

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Rockbridge County Virginia (to wit)

This day John Reardon came before me a Judge of the Superior Court of Law for said County and made oath – That he went into the Army under Captain Adam Wallace¹ about the month of March 1779 – who was attached to Colo. Abraham Buford's Regiment & Genl. Scott's [Charles Scott's] Brigade – that he remained with Captain Wallace until the Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's defeat² at which time Captain Wallace was killed & most of his company either killed or badly wounded – among whom was the said Reardon – which happened on the 29th May 1780, when he was paroled by Colo. Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] he then returned home to this County & never heard afterwards whether he was exchanged or not – and has remained here until the present day.

And that he has a wife and five children whom he could not have supported in consequence of the wounds received if he had not received annually the sum of \$64 – which he hereby relinquishes in hopes of receiving the pension allowed by "an Act of Congress to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed March 18th 1818.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 16th day of April in the year 1818.

S/ Arch^d Stuart [Archibald Stuart]

Virginia

At a monthly court held for Rockbridge County this 6th day of September 1819

On the motion of John Reardon, it is ordered to be certified to the War Department that it appeared to the satisfaction of the court from the evidence of John Robinson, Colonel James McDowell & Andrew Alexander, that the said Reardon went into the Army of the revolutionary war on Continental establishment about the year 1779 for 18 months – and that said Reardon is poor and in need of the assistance of his country for support.

In testimony whereof I Andrew Reid Clerk of said court have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 21st day of September in the year A.D. 1819 and in the 44th year of

¹ Capt. Adam Wallace is thought to have resigned in January 1780 but this veteran says he died at the Waxhaws. Captain Andrew Wallace, who was later killed at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781, was still on active duty in the Virginia Continental line in May 1780. John Hastings Gwathney, *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution: Soldiers, Sailors, Marines: 1775-1783*, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1979, p 801

² May 29, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

the Commonwealth.

S/ Andrew Reid

Virginia Rockbridge County

On the second day of August 1820 John Reardon personally appeared in open court (it being a court of record for the County of Rockbridge) aged Sixty two years, resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War in a company commanded by Capt. Adam Wallace, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Abraham Buford, in the Brigade commanded by General Scott of the Virginia line as will appear by my original declaration made on the 16th day of April 1818 as appears by my Pension Certificate No. 15734 given at the War Office the 6th day of November 1819 placing me on the Pension list roll of the Virginia Agency at the rate of \$8 per month payable in Richmond. 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 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
(to wit)

Real estate none

2 milch cows, 1 pot & one oven both broke,

½ dozen Cups & Saucers, 1 chair two old tables, two axes, & two hoes

This declarant further states that he is by occupation a schoolmaster, but from age & infirmity he is at present rendered unfit to pursue that, or any other business so as to obtain a support, that he has four children the oldest a girl of 18 years of a weakly constitution the 2nd a boy of 16 years old who labors towards the support of the family, the third a Girl of 14 years old, and the youngest a boy of 12 years old.

S/ John Reardon



[Facts in file: Veteran was originally pensioned September 4, 1800 on account of his disability resulting from wounds; veteran died August 6, 1822.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 10, 1818, for service as a private for 14 [?] months in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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[I do] certify that the bearer John Reardon was a drift [draft] Soldier for eighteen months from rockbridge County he served in my Regiment to the South from the 25th of April 1779 until the 29th of May 1780 when he was as his wounds will show wounded at the defeat at Waxsaws. I

have reason to believe he behaved as a worthy good Soldier. Given this 19th day of October 1785

S/ A. Buford Late Col.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Buford" with a flourish at the end.

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[partially missing the top portion of this document] bearer John Reardon, is of opinion that the wound below the Shoulder by dividing one of the principal muscles of the arm must greatly impair its strength and vigor & [indecipherable word or words] the wound which has penetrated through one side of the lower Belly is injurious to his health or interferes with his daily Occupation I could not venture to say, only this, it must certainly have divided parts [indecipherable word] requisite to sound Health – He has three other which I have omitted mentioning supposing them from the beginning to be of very little consequence.

S/ Richmond 20 Octr 8?

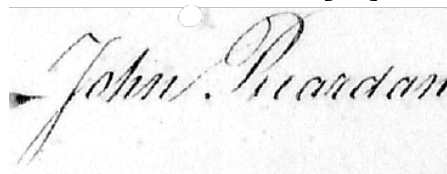
[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#) record number 233, p 12]

To the Hon. Members of the Virginia Legislature

The humble petition of John Reardon of Rockbridge County a Soldier in the Continental Service in the Revolutionary War Sheweth

That said Reardon served his country faithfully in General Scott's Brigade Col. Abraham Buford's Regiment and Capt. Adam Wallace's Company in which Service he received five wounds by a sword and one wounded by a Bayonet which render him unable to earn bread for himself and Six children being Sixty years old said Reardon had a pension of \$40 granted him by his Country in the year 1798 per annum as it is not even sufficient barely sufficient and said Reardon has no other source to fly to except that of begging bitter bread through that Country his Services contributed to Liberate from British Tyranny. He prays for Additional support this Granted by his Country will lay him under grateful Obligation the few remaining days of his life as in duty bound to pray.

S/ John Reardan [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Reardon".

[Reverse]

John Reardon's Petition

November 20th 1816

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

November 25th 1816

Reported November 26th

Bill drawn

December 3rd 1816