

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaiah Reed S4053

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this 12th day of September 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting Isaiah Reed a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated The is -- In the State of North Carolina Rowan County about the age of sixteen he entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer under Captain John Graham Lieutenant Francis Ross in a Regiment commanded by Colonel G. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] marched for South Carolina to a place called Rayburn's Creek where there were Tories encamped. After scattering them and taking some prisoners we lay there a while then marched to the South fork of the Catawba River and lay there about several weeks from there marched back to Rowan County where applicant was discharged for a 3 months tour his discharge was signed by Captain John Graham by the order of the Colonel.

After this sometime he entered the service again as a Volunteer under the same Captain John Graham and Lieutenant Benjamin Baker and commanded by the same Colonel Rutherford marched for the Cherokee nation and entered the nation to what was called the Valley Towns after demolishing their towns and lay at different [indecipherable word or words] we were marched into the State of North Carolina Rowan County and discharged. Applicant was discharged he thinks for 5 months his discharge signed by Captain John Graham under the orders of Colonel Rutherford. Applicant went the next tour as a Drafted Soldier under the same Captain John Graham and commanded by the same Colonel Rutherford. Rendezvoused in Salisbury North Carolina and from there the troops was commanded by a Regular officer a Colonel Martin from there marched to Cross Creek North Carolina lay there a while then marched for a place called the Raft Swamp where we expected a number of Tories were lodged then we were marched back to Salisbury North Carolina and applicant was discharged for a 3 months tour under same officers.

After this applicant entered the service again as a volunteer under Captain John Brandon and was commanded by Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] -- this term had a skirmish with the British while Cornwallis was marching through the Country particularly at Charlotte after they marched from Salisbury applicant was taken sick and received a furlough from Colonel Davie to believe that the troops until able to perform duty but applicant did not recover until his time expired and for that 3 months he thinks he never had a discharge though justly entitled to it -- after this he was Drafted and was under Captain Richard Graham and in a

Regiment commanded by Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke]. The troops then marched down the Country through Cross Creek crossed Cape Fear River at that place and continued our march for Wilmington. Stopped at one Claytons and lay there some time then marched near Wilmington to a bridge applicant thinks was called Bluford Bridge at this place the news reached his troops that Cornwallis was taken and that general rejoicing was among this troops from there they were marched a secure to us route through the Country back to Salisbury where applicant got his discharge for 5 months -- the he remembers that previous to his being attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke they had served 2 months and after they had marched down the Country and on their return consented to serve on till [indecipherable word or words] were discharged this he has a close recollection of. This discharge was signed by Captain Richard Graham all of which discharges he has no Recollection what has become of them neither has any document to refresh his memory And knows of but one only who is living by whom he can prove his actual Services as Revolutionary Soldier -- David Along whose Certificate will be hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clerk

S/ Isaiah Reed, R his mark

I David Long¹ do certify that about the year 1777 I was a soldier in the Service of the United States in an expedition against the Tories and Cherokee Indians I saw Isaiah Reed the man who made and has sworn to the foregoing declaration in actual service in that expedition again I saw him in an expedition down the Country to Cross Creek and was with him in the same company and in the same mess in Captain Richard Graham's company afterwards I saw him in a brigade General Rutherford took to go to Wilmington and from my own knowledge living [sic, serving?] in the same Captain's company when at home with him I am certain he has entered and served as he has declared though I was not in all the tours he served with him yet had a knowledge of them all in that day -- for we lived near neighbors during the Revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Long

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in the State of Pennsylvania and County of York in the year 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none I have kept my age from what my parents told me

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in the State of North Carolina Rowan County when called into service from there I moved to the State of Georgia Oglethorpe County where I lived 15 years from there to the State of Kentucky Logan County where I lived 4 years from there to the State of Tennessee Maury County where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a

¹ [David Long W2](#)

substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I went 5 tours 3 of which I was a volunteer and to Drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: Colonel Martin and Captain Brandon were called Regular officers. I knew [indecipherable word] of regiments and the colonels but cannot recollect their numbers -- the general circumstances I have stated in my declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received 4 discharges and think they were signed by Captain John Graham and one by Captain Richard Graham -- I cannot Terrell what became of them

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: James M. Baker Esquire James Henderson, Captain William Straton, Samuel Steel

[fn p. 16: On April 27th, 1837, veteran applied in Gibson County Tennessee for a transfer of his pension payments; he states his reasons for moving were to be with his children.]

State of Tennessee Maury County Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions June term 1833

This day being the 11th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court Isaiah Reed a resident citizen of said County in the 74th year of his age -- and upon his oath makes the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1833 [sic] granting pensions to the soldiers of the Revolutionary Army -- viz. -- He states -- that the first campaign he served as stated in his former declaration -- was as well as he remembers with the first militia troops that were marched from North Carolina to the South, after the commencement of the War, -- and must have been in the year 1776 or 1777 -- perhaps in the winter of the year 1776 -- 7, for he remembers a deep snow fell during the campaign; -- the first campaign he served was for 3 months as stated in his former declaration; -- His next campaign to the Cherokee nation as stated in his former declaration was commenced in the spring immediately after the first campaign was over and must have been probably in the year 1777 --; his discharge from this campaign was he thinks for 5 months; His next tour -- after his return from the Cherokee nation was commenced a short time after his return home, he thinks not exceeding from 3 to 6 months after his return home; this tour was for 3 months --; His 4th tour was commenced after Gates defeat and while Cornwallis was marching through North Carolina; -- this was a 3 months tour -- affiant was taken sick during this campaign & as stated in his former declaration received a furlough until able to perform duty, -- but did not recover so as to join the Army until his tour of 3 months expired -- and for this tour he thinks he never had a discharge -- though justly entitled to it -- he was sick near 6 weeks -- and the balance of the 3 months was in active service with his company. -- His 5th tour was near the close of the war -- for he remembers that during its continuance news reached them of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown -- and there was a general rejoicing -- among the troops -- upon this tour he served 5

months; -- the whole of his services together as stated was 19 months -- and for that length of service he thinks himself entitled to a pension -- The reason why he did not in his original declaration procure the evidence of a clergyman as to his character and reputed services as a revolutionary soldier was, that there was none convenient at the time he made his application; one who lived some distance from him had promised to attend Court -- but failed to attend, -- and he was advised that 2 of his neighbors who have long known him and were reputable citizens would answer the same purpose.

Applicant states that he can procure no other witnesses by whom to prove his service but David Long whose deposition accompanies his original declaration.

S/ Isaiah Reed, R his mark