

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Redding S41971

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County of Franklin State of Tennessee

On this 25th day of November 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Franklin John Redding resident in said County aged sixty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820.

That he the said John Redding enlisted for the term of 3 years in the month of March in the year 1775 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Tolly Powel in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Long he thinks Colonel Law commanded Colonel [illegible] later in the line of the State of North Carolina that he continued to serve in said corps until the month of March in the year 1778, when he was discharged from the said service at Halifax in the State of North Carolina.

That he was in the battles of Stono and at the capture of the *Lee* galley & *Congress* galley on the Savannah River.

That he has ~~three~~<sup>six</sup> daughters to wit Patsy, Sally & Nancy all of whom are married, that he has no family living with him that he is a [indecipherable word, looks like "turuer"] by trade but that he is ill able to work at said business.

That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath having lost his discharge.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

Schedule<sup>1</sup>

1 Bed & furniture worth

\$20

Divers debts due me by note

800

the probability of collecting which  
is extremely doubtful.

S/ John Redding, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> It is not clear whether he intended \$8 or \$800

[fn p. 5: indenture of apprenticeship dated December 26, 1766 made by Francis Reding binding William Reding as apprentice to William Ross, bricklayer, until William Reding reaches the age of 21.]

[fn p. 6 family record]

William Reding Junr. was born Nover the 1 day 1750

Patty Martin was Born november 16 day 1759

John Readin was born may ye 10 day 1777

Ambrose Readin was Born Marvh ye 26 day 1779

Sary Reading was born March ye 2 day 1782

[two lines of illegible entries]

Nathon Reading was Borne July ye 20 day 1789

Negro Jimbo [?] was Born february ye 23 day 1777]

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State of North Carolina Secretary's office 22nd March 1824

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that John Reading a private in Captain Taylor's company of the 10th Regiment was mustered as a soldier for 2 1/2 years in the month of January 1779, but the date of his enlistment is not mentioned. It also appears from a Book in this office called the Warrant book, that a Warrant issued for 2 1/2 years services of John Reddin, on the certificate of a Field Officer of the revolution.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

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North Carolina Wilkes County: This day came John Redding before me James Martin one of the acting Justices for said County, and made oath in due form of law that he enlisted in Captain Ptolemy Powell's Company of Infantry in the Continental service in the Revolutionary War, who done guard duty at Halifax Town in North Carolina in the Regiment as he understood, that was commanded by Colonel Nicholas Long who acted as Quarter Master General and remained with them about 12 months, he then was exchanged into the 3rd North Carolina Regiment, and done duty in Captain Phillip Taylor's company of Infantry as a waiter to the Captain, and when he joined headquarters at Purrysburg in South Carolina and was present when the British took the *Congress* galley and *Lee* galley from the Americans between Savannah Town and Purrysburg, after that he was taken as a waiter and horseler to Brigadier General Jethro Sumner and under the command of General Lincoln who was head in command, he was then marched to Stono and was in the battle at that place, after that General Sumner was taken sick and brought him back with him to Halifax Town in North Carolina and was there discharged by General Sumner, he further states that he let William Terrell Lewis had his discharge which was for 2 1/2 years service, after he was discharged he applied to Captain Powell and got a certificate from him stating that he had enlisted under him and had served out his term faithfully, and that he put said Certificate in the hands of Colonel James Welborn of Wilkes County North Carolina and has never been able to get it from him since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of 1831

S/ James Martin, JP

S/ John Redding, X his mark

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North Carolina Wilkes County: This day came John Redding before me James Martin one of the acting Justices for the County and made oath in due form of law in addition to the affidavit in his behalf already forwarded to the War Department & Pension officer of the United States (to wit) The reason why he did not state in his first declaration the different changes made with him from one command to another while he served as a regular soldier in the Continental establishment of the United States in the revolutionary war was because he was ignorant in such matters and had to apply to others to do the business for him, and thought it was only necessary to prove he enlisted under Captain Powell and rendered service under his command as therein stated believing that the records in the War Department which showed the same, he further states that he done guard duty under Captain Powell in the Regiment as he understood commanded by Colonel Long for a considerable time, he then was by consent of General Sumner transferred to Captain Pinckney Eaton's Company in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment in place of Oliver Grissom who had deserted from said company and was afraid to return, this he the said Redding done by his own consent, Captain Eaton about this time or a little before was appointed Major he then was under the command of an officer he thinks by the name of Dunnahoo [sic, Thomas Donoho] -- he then was placed under or transferred to the command of Captain Philip Taylor and as he thought or to the best of his recollection now was still in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment as to the number of the Regiment he now thinks he must have been mistaken since he has seen the Secretary Hill's certificate which states Captain Taylor belonged to the 10th North Carolina Regiment, but that he remained under the command of Captain Taylor and Horsler [?] and waiter to General Sumner until he was discharged as stated in his former affidavit -- he further states upon his oath as above said that the reason why his name is spelt sometimes Reading & sometimes Reddin & Redding is owing to the different ways those who he got to write for him thought it ought to be written, that he has very little learning, that his parents died when he was very young and he was bound out and never learnt only to read and write a little but not to be able to do much business, and has always had to get others to write for him when he has had anything of consequence to do, and further that he sold his discharge and transferred his right to his claim for Military land to William Terrell Lewis, and that he is the Identical John Reading or Reddin for whose 2 1/2 years service said Lewis obtained a Military Land warrant, which he is credibly informed is recorded in the Secretary's office of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of February 1832

S/ James Martin JP

S/ John Redding, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: On this 12th day of September 1818 before me one of the acting Justices of the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Leonard Sale and William Redding Senior who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on their oath make the following Declaration, that they believe, that John Redding Senior now living in County and State aforesaid, did enlist under Captain Polley Powel and served a Tour in the Continental service for a time of at least 9 months of continued service. They further state (they believe) they saw said Redding, with soldiers clothing on, and understood he was a waiter to General Jethro Sumner, but know nothing of his enlistment as to their own knowledge, Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ James Martin, JP

S/ Leonard Sale, X his mark

S/ William Redding, Senior, X his mark

[fn p. 44: in an affidavit dated October 5, 1831 renewing his application for a pension, John Redding states, among other things "his children has all married and his wife has left him several years past, and he is unable to get his living by work owing to his having the palsy in his hands..."]