

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Reed (Read) S41976

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State of North Carolina Gates County

To the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War of the United States of America -- The Petition of Benjamin Reed of the County of Gates & State of North Carolina -- Humbly complaining showeth that your Petitioner enlisted as a regular soldier in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War: that he served in the 2nd Regiment in Captain Dunaho's [sic, Thomas Donoho's] Company under the command of Colonel Hardy Murfree in the 2nd Regiment North Carolina Line, that he entered the service on or about the __ day of __ A.D. 1777 -- and that he was regularly discharged there from on or about the __ day of __ A.D. upon the close of the war.

Your petitioner further showeth that he during the time of service aforesaid performed all the duties of a faithful soldier and underwent not only all the privations that those of his station had to encounter but also received a wound from the enemy in his right arm which hath rendered it stiff and useless for many years: that your Petitioner hath for a long time then in extreme poverty destitute of the common necessities of life dependent on the cold hand of charity for a bare subsistence, whilst others of his fellow citizens who never knew the price of our glorious independence have been enjoying every luxury that could be desired. In tender [?] consideration whereof etc. may it please your Honor to grant to your Petitioner such relief as his country in its wisdom hath deemed proper and in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray etc.

State of North Carolina Gates County: Personally appeared before me Frederick Nash Judge of the Sup. Court of Wall & Equity Benjamin Reed who being duly sworn maketh oath that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true.

Sworn to before me the 4th day of October 1819

S/ F. Nash, JSCL&E

S/ Benjamin Reed, X his mark

State of North Carolina Gates County:

Personally appeared before me Thomas Green who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth on oath that he has been acquainted with Benjamin Reed ever since about the year 1777 that the said Benjamin Reed was a regular soldier and the Revolutionary War, that he served in the 2nd Regiment under Captain Donoho, under the command of Colonel Hardy Murfree, and that he enlisted on or about the __ day of __ A.D. 1777 & was regularly discharged on or about the __ day of __ A.D. at the close of the war -- and that during the said term of service the said Benjamin Reed was wounded in his arm. That the said Benjamin Reed is poor and in need of assistance from his Country.

S/ Thos. Green

Sworn to before made this 5th day of October 1819
S/ F. Nash

State of North Carolina

On this 28th day of April 1820, before me, the subscriber, one of the judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the said State personally appeared Benjamin Read aged 61 years, resident in Gates County in the said State, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following 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, the said Benjamin Read enlisted for the term of the War on or about the first day of February in the year 1780 or 1779 at Bacon's Bridge in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain James Donaugh [sic, Thomas Donoho] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hardee Murfree in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the War, when he was discharged from service in Hertford County State of North Carolina, that he was in the battles of Monmouth, Brandywine & the Eutaw Springs and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and he has no other evidence now in his power of his service other than as here with stated.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid
S/ J R. Donnell, JSL&E S/ Benjamin Read, X his mark

No. Pension 16834

State of North Carolina Gates County: At a court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Gates Court House for the County of Gates on the 3rd Monday in November 1821. On the 19th day of November 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County of Gates Benjamin Reed age 63 years resident in the County of Gates who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows Brandywine and Monmouth the Eutaw Springs & was taken a prisoner at Charleston, 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 -- Schedule of all of the Estate of Benjamin Read both real and personal contains excepting his clothes & bedding a small crop of corn not to exceed 3 barrels of corn that he is a farmer by trade that he has a stiff arm on account by a fracture from a wound received in the revolutionary service that he is entirely unable to perform any laborers himself, that he has a wife by the name of Tuosey [?] aged sixty-two who is also very old and infirm & that he has no other family & entirely depending upon rented land for a support except the charity of the citizens of his County heretofore extended. Sworn to and declared on the 19th day of November 1821 before

S/ J. Sumner, Clk S/ Benjamin Read, X his mark