

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Reams S4764

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State of Tennessee Stewart County: Circuit Court September Term 1832

On this 26 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Stewart County now sitting Jesse Reams a resident of said County and State of Tennessee ^{applicant was born in Dunwoode [Dinwiddie] County Virginia} aged seventy-four years and six months who being first 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States ^{by draft as he believes} under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Applicant says that he cannot from lapse of time and the infirmities incident to his advanced age speak with desired minuteness but states to the best of his knowledge that Joseph Jones was the Colonel of the division with which he served That Edward Pegram [Edward Pegram] was the Captain of his immediate Company. Applicant says that from his best recollection having no data to which to refer for greater accuracy that he entered the service under the above named officers in the fall of 1777 or 8 and served a two months tour probably a day or two more or less. Applicant says that his term of service under the above engagement was discharged in the service of his country with the Virginia Militia in the lower part of that State. States that he was stationed with his Company as he believes [with] another Captain's Company at the town of Smithfield in the State of Virginia and that they were marched from there to Suffolk where they arrived soon after the burning of that place by the British forces. States that he was a resident of Dunwaddie County in the State of Virginia at the time of his engagement in the Service. That in his part of the State the Militia served by two months tours a part staying at home while others went and vice versa. Applicant states that he was this tour engaged in no battle, that he marched through the Southern Counties of Virginia below Petersburg. Says that he don't remember that there were any regular troops and that Service with his division that he belonged to the dunwoodie Militia from Virginia. Says that he has no documentary evidence to which he can refer and that his removal from the State of Virginia to Tennessee where he now resides has deprived him of the neighborhood evidence upon which he could have relied. Applicant states that some two years thereafter in the year '79 or '80 he again entered the service of his Country in the manner above mentioned for another two months tour. Says that he was in the militia from Virginia and the same County as before that Bannister [John Bannister] he believes was the Colonel from his County Militia and that Baker Pegram [Baker Pegram] was he believes the Captain of his company. States that this tour was also in the fall of the year. Applicant states that they were marched to Petersburg. That he was there retained to guard the Cannon and some of his Company with others were about that time engaged in the affair at Bull Hill on the River below Petersburg where there was a tolerably warm attack upon a British vessel. Applicant states that Baron Steuben was at Petersburg for some time during his tour and

stay at Petersburg as a guard over the Cannon. The same want of Documentary evidence is felt here and the removal above alluded to shuts him out from neighborhood reputation which him he would otherwise have procured. Applicant says that in 1781 he served another 2 months tour in the manner before mentioned as he believes under Colonel Eppes and Booth as the Captain of his Company which went from the same County and state as before mentioned. This term was also in the fall of the year. He says that they collected at Dunwoodie Courthouse and marched to Hatchies Run Church and from there to Williamsburg where they stayed until the Action at Little York, That most of his Company were marched to York and were engaged in that Battle. But that the Baggage was detained at Williamsburg and he was placed as one of the guard over it and was therefore prevented from participating in that action. Documentary Evidence is here also wanting he never expecting to need it and his removal from the place of his former residence precludes the possibility of getting the evidence of those who served in the tours with him. He hereby relinquishes all 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 and that this is his first application.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court September 24, 1832

Test: S/ Jno. H. Clements, Clk

S/ Jesse Reams, R his mark

[Christopher C Clements and William Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]