

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Read <sup>1</sup> S4766

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department

7 July 1828

William Read of Charleston in the County of \_\_\_ in the State of South Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he was an officer on the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period he was an officer in the Medical Department of the Continental line; and that he received commutation certificates for the 5 years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, Nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ A. Dinkins

The rank Doctor Reed held at the close of the war is not stated by him -- on the 18th May 1781 he was appointed by Congress Hospital Physician in the Hospital Department of the southern Army.

Treasury Department

Third Auditor's office,

July 9, 1828

It appears from the records in this office, that final settlement certificates have been issued for the commutation of 5 years full pay to William Read Physician & Surgeon in the South Carolina line, amounting to \$2400.

It further appears that William Read is not now on the pension list of \_\_\_ agency, and has not been since the 3rd March 1826

S/ Peter Hagner, Auditor

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Claim of William Read Physician & Surgeon of the General Hospital of the revolutionary Army for full pay for life. He having the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with rations & forage as such &

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt. 1872—Phyn & Surgn 450 Issued Feb. 25, 1800 No papers Carded

promise of pay His commission being [indecipherable word, could be "destroyed"] he certifies agreeable to instructions of the Secretary & for proof of his identity & services referred to the certificates which accompany this application & to the Hospital arrangements of 1779, 80

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828) I., William Read of the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army medical Department of the revolution, & served as such to the end of the war

and I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to five years full pay which some was offered by the resolve of Congress of 22nd March 1783 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of 22nd of October 1780. –

And I further declare that I have received of the United States as Pensioner no money.

S/ William Read



I do hereby certify that Doctor William Reed was attached to the Hospital Department in the War of the Revolution at the North, and at the close of the war had charge of the General Hospital in this State.

S/ James Hamilton

Major in the War of the Revolution



Charleston South Carolina

June 10th, 1828

Charleston June the 11th 1828

I Alex<sup>r</sup> Garden<sup>2</sup> of Charleston, at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War a Lieutenant in Lee's Legion do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Doctor Read and attended by him during a severe fit of sickness while the Army were encamped on Ashley River at which period he had the sole charge of the General Hospital.

S/ Alex<sup>r</sup> Garden

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<sup>2</sup> [Alexander Garden BLWt1825-200](#)

*Alex Garden*

Before me, H. A. DeSaussure No 3 Public & ex officio QU duly empowered to administer oaths in Charleston in the State aforesaid, personally appeared this day, the above named Alexander Garden and aid de camp to General Greene during the Revolutionary War, who made oath, that Doctor William Read by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reputed & believed to have been an officer in the medical line in the Army of the Revolution in the manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this 11 June 1828

S/ H. A. DeSaussure

[p 20 appears to be a document dated January 5, 1844 signed by Doctor William Read of the city of Charleston. The document is very faint and difficult to discern.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, increased from \$480 under the act of 15 May 1828]

[Note: As posted on Ancestry.com, this file also contains documents relating to a claim by William Reed a private in the Massachusetts militia. The documentation relating to this veteran began at image 524.]