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Pension Application of Alexander Reynolds S5979

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State of Virginia Bedford County to Wit

On this 25th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Bedford County now sitting it being a court of record Alexander Reynolds a resident of Bedford County and State of Virginia aged about Seventy Years of age 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of February 1781 he went into the service as a substitute for his brother Bartlett Reynolds. The company in which he marched rendezvoused at Henry Courthouse in the State of Virginia under the command of Lieutenant Clay. They marched Southwardly and on their way to Guilford Court house in N.C. joined a regiment then commanded by Colo. Gabriel Penn from Amherst County in Virginia. They proceeded in their march and some some short distance this side of Guilford Courthouse met the main army retreating, having been defeated at that place [15 Mar 1781]. naming the officers in this army he remembers Gen'l [Robert] Lawson, Colo. [Charles] Lynch, and Colo. Watkins. Upon this meeting the regiments were rallied and turned upon the British army. They pursued the enemy (now retreating), some distance beyond Guilford Courthouse to a river the name of which he does not remember [to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River]. The enemy having crossed this river the pursuit was given up. During this expedition he thinks Lieut. Clay was promoted to a Captain. He was marched back to Virginia under Captain Clay and was discharged. He received a written discharge signed he thinks by Capt. Clay, but it has long since been lost. He was engaged in this service nearly three months. Shortly after his return home in the month of May of the same year he was drafted in the militia of Va. they rendezvoused at Henry Courthouse in Va. and marched under the command of Capt. Ragsdale through the Counties Pittsylvania, Halifax, Charlotte, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Powhatan, and Chesterfield to Manchester opposite to Richmond. They reached the place a few days after the leaving of the Town by the enemy [20 Jun 1781]. They then crossed the river and marched to Mobbins Hills (he thinks they were called) below Richmond [sic: Malvern Hill about 15 mi SE of Richmond], where they joined the army. at Mobbins Hills he well remembers seeing General Lawson and Major Holcombe. The whole of them then proceeded to Little York. On their march they met with many of Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne's men who had been defeated at the Green Springs [on Jamestown Island, 6 Jul 1781] and were retreating or Flying much cut to pieces. They reached Little York about the 1st of August. Major Gen'l. Lafayette was there in command at that place. They remained at that place some 6 or 7 weeks and were then discharged in the seventh of September. they were not discharged until some other regulars arrived at Little York. whilst at Little York he was engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy in cannonading He was gone on this service about four months. he had a written discharge, but it has been lost. He was engaged upwards of six months as a soldier in the Revolution and served as aforesaid He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to establish those services except the affidavit of John Hudnall [pension application W25806] hereto annexed as a part of this declaration as to his general character for truth and veracity and as to a belief of his services in the Revolutionary war. He refers to Balda McDaniel and Joseph Slaughter of this County. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Signed and sworn to in open Court

Alexander Reynolds

the Court then proceeded to propound to the said Alexander Reynolds the following interrogatories which were answered as herein stated –

1st where and in what year were you born

Answer– I was born in Cumberland county in the State of Virginia about the year 1763–

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

Answer– I have a record of my age in a bible at home. that record was given to me by a brother in law and not by my parents. If not right it must be nearly so–

3rd where were you living when called into service– where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live–

Answer– at the time I was called into service I lived in Henry County Va. Shortly after the war I removed to Amherst County where I lived almost three years. I have been living in Bedford County ever since–

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom–

Answer– I first went into the service as a substitute for Bartlett Reynolds the next time I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served– such continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect & give the general circumstances of your service–

Answer– In my Southern Tour I remember Colo. Gabriel Penn of Amherst Gen'l. Lawson Colo. Lynch and Colo. Watkins and Capt. Clay. I cannot remember the number of any of the regiments. I was then very young. The officers I named Colo. Penn, Colo. Lynch & Colo Watkins I suppose had command of regiments. as to my general services the declaration which I have made will best speak for them. In my other Tour I remember Gen'l. Lawson Gen'l. Lafayette, Major Holcombe & Capt Ragsdale–

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

Answer I received a written discharge from both tours. the first I think was signed by Capt Clay and the other by Ragsdale. they have both been lost or destroyed.

7th State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer– I think Major Balda McDaniel and Capt. Joseph Slaughter can do so. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

Alexander Reynolds