

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Reynolds S582

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State of Virginia County of Caroline

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Caroline County now sitting William Reynolds a resident of the Fork [?]¹ of Baylor's Mill Virginia in the County of Caroline and State of Virginia aged Seventy-one years 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 and served as herein stated and under the following named officers as herein stated.

He was born in the County of Caroline 24th September 1760 where he has always lived save the years 1785 and 1786 when he lived in Culpeper, and that he now lives in Caroline. The register of his birth was burnt in the old Peek [?]² Church. In the month of May 1776 he was drafted in Caroline County (the day he does not now recollect) as a militia man under Captain Frank Buckner [Francis Buckner] and Colonel Philip Johnston [Philip Johnson]. He marched through Hanover and New Kent down to Williamsburg where he was kept as a guard at the Capitol landing for two months. He was then discharged and returned home and was again drafted under Captain Anthony New and Colonel McCluman and Major Magill and marched through Hanover and down the James River to Smithfield. He was there two months and four days. His tour was in the year 1777 in September but he does not recollect the date and day. From Smithfield he marched up to Petersburg and from there discharged. He returned home and in April 1778 the day he does not recollect he was drafted again under Captain New and Colonel Mathews and marched through Hanover and Richmond and down to the Morvin Hills [Malvern Hills]. He stayed there two months and was there discharged. He again returned home and in the year 1781 in May he cannot now recollect the day he was again drafted under Captain New and Captain Mathews and marched through Hanover down to New Kent Church. He stayed there in Company with about 300 troops about a week. He seeing that the enemy had landed about Williamsburg we retreated up to Fredericksburg over to Falmouth up to the Raccoon Ford where we were joined by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and the Marquis de Lafayette. We marched with them back again to York where he staid until the day before the surrender when General Washington permitted him to return home, because he had been drafted for two months but had continued in service three months more than his draft. He has no discharges or

¹ Fork
² Peek

revolutionary papers with him having lost them all. He recollects General Woodford, Captain Stevens, Captain Tankersley of Spotsylvania and Colonel Green – Of the soldiers of the Revolution now living George Champan [sic, George Chapman] and Mordecai Broadus were with him as will appear by their certificate hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every 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.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Reynolds, X his mark

[Spilsby Woolfolk, a clergyman, and William A Beasley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia In Caroline County Court

On this 13 August 1832 Personally appeared in open Court Mordecai Broadus and George Chapman who being sworn 1st, depose as follows

The said Broder's deposes that he was drafted with William Reynolds in the year 1776 and was with him at the Capital landing as his declaration specifies. He was with him also in his last tour as his declaration states for about a month. Said Broder's then leaving the Army at Williamsburg being sick. The said Chapman deposes that he was with said Reynolds at his tour at Smithfield as is stated in said declaration and was discharged with him at Petersburg.

Mordecai Broadus
George Chapman

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 4 days in the Virginia service.]