

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Land S7135

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State of North Carolina, Guilford County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term
1832

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Guilford now sitting Reuben Land a resident of the County of Guilford State of North Carolina aged about Seventy-three 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted for the term of three months in the year 1781 a short time before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and Served in a Company Commanded by Captain Andrew Wilson – Said Company joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] on his march through North Carolina and went with him to Virginia – that he continued with General Greene was with him at the battle of Guilford¹ – and rendezvoused at Troublesome² iron works after the battle and marched under General Greene in pursuit of the British Army as far as Ramsey's Mill in Chatham County North Carolina. That when General Greene directed his march towards South Carolina, the declarant and his Company returned to the County of Guilford and were employed to keep the Tories or Royalists in check for the balance of his term of Service.

That in the Summer of 1781 he volunteered for the term of six months and served in a Company Commanded by Captain John McAdow and was employed during the term aforesaid against the Tories under Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] in the Counties of Randolph, Chatham & Montgomery in North Carolina. That during the term aforesaid he marched in pursuit of the Tories to the Raft Swamp near the South Carolina line and was some time engaged in pursuit of the Tories through Cumberland & Bladen Counties in North Carolina. When his last mentioned term of service expired he then volunteered to serve during the War or as long as was necessary for the security of the Country. The Tories under Colonel Fanning & other Tory leaders were extremely troublesome during the Spring & Summer of 1782 and kept the Whigs in Guilford and Randolph in a State of continual alarm. This declarant was almost constantly in the field against them during the period last mentioned under Captain Peter O'Neal – Captain Basil – Captain Smith Moore-- John Paisley Colonel – and traversed the Counties of Randolph & Chatham in pursuit of them. This species of warfare Continued until the British evacuated South Carolina, the Tories then gave up the contest and this declarant was discharged from Service.

This declarant further states that he has no discharge in his possession. He had but one

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

² <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/troublesome-cr-mkr.htm>

discharge and that was from Captain Smith Moore – he gave the said discharge to one Charles Bruce and obtained for it a Specie Certificate. That he does not now know of any person who can prove all his Services. That John McBride³ was Lieutenant in the Company in which he served six months under Captain McAdow. His other Officers are now all dead. He has no record of his age at present. During the late war he enlisted in the Army of the United States, and marched to Salisbury North Carolina. His wife being anxious to have him discharged from the Army procured a neighbor to cut the leaf out of the Bible on which his age was recorded and send it to Colonel Wilbourn the Commanding Officer and it was lost – and this declarant Served out the time for which he enlisted. He does not now recollect the year in which he was born but believes his age is as above stated.

That he was born in Guilford County North Carolina and Continued to live in Guilford County until he was drafted as before stated – after the close of the Revolutionary War he continued to live in Guilford County until he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the late war after his discharge he returned to his family in Guilford County where he has resided ever since.

That he is known to the ~~Reverend~~ William Ryan & William Permar and many other persons who reside in his neighborhood – the above named persons can testify as to his character for veracity.

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 any agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court.

S/ Reuben Land, X his mark

S/ A. E. Hanner, CCC

[William Ryan and William Permar gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

John McBride maketh oath that he was a Lieutenant in a Company Commanded by John McAdow that the above named Rubin Land was a private in said Company & served six months in the said Company against the enemy of the Country. That he afterwards solves said The land and Service in several expeditions against the Tories.

Sworn to in Open Court.

S/ J. McBride



S/ A. E. Hanner, CCC

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Reuben Land who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades --

For the term of three months under Captain Andrew Wilson as a private in the year 1781 as stated in his declaration --

That he next served six months in a company Commanded by Captain John McAdow as a

³ [John McBride W4730](#)

private Soldier commencing in the Summer of 1781 – That he served for the term of two months under Captain Bethell [William Bethel] as a private which escaped his recollection when he made out his declaration – that he served three months under Captain Smith Moore as a private-- had a Certificate which was disposed of as stated in his declaration – that he served two months as a private in a company Commanded by Captain Peter O'Neal – and also served upwards of two months in a Company Commanded by Captain Basil-- making together the term of 18 months. And for which service I claim a pension.

S/ Reuben Land, X his mark

[Note: This veteran is mentioned in the application of [William Wright R11910](#)]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]