

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Darby Reagan S7359

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State of Tennessee Monroe County: On this 20th day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, Darby Reagan a resident of said County of Monroe, aged seventy-seven years ten 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.

He was born in Columbia County Georgia, in the year 1756 as he is informed and believes he has no record of his age.

He was living in said Columbia County when he went into service where he lived there 4 or 5 years after the Revolutionary War then moved into Newberry District South Carolina where he lived till about 20 years ago when he moved into Spartanburg [County] South Carolina and lived till 3 years ago when he moved into said County of Monroe where he now resides.

In the spring of the year 1780 he volunteered for six months in the company of William Camp to march down South East against the British. They embodied in Columbia County Georgia, under Major Spurlock and Colonel John Clark and marched down to Briar Creek and encamped three weeks then march to Ebenezer where the Grand Army was stationed under General Wayne. While stationed at Ebenezer they were discharged having been in service as near as he can remember at least 5 months. His discharge was written by an Adjutant named Houston, and signed by General Wayne, which is lost, or so mislaid that he cannot find it. In this campaign nothing of importance occurred while he was in camp at Ebenezer the British left Savannah. (5 months)

Not long after the above named tour and he thinks the same year he volunteered to go down to the siege of Augusta, for no specific period. And marched from the same County as before under Captain John Wilson Major Greenberry Lee, and Colonel Ben Few [Benjamin Few]. They marched to him down to Augusta and assisted in driving out the British & Tories in which he received a wound in the head from a sword, and in a leg from a bayonet. Soon afterwards he returned home having been in service at least seven weeks. He received no discharge

After being at home 10 days he volunteered again under Captain Samuel Beckam<sup>1</sup> [sic, Beckham?] and Major Freeman under General Pickens for no specific time and marched into the Cherokee nation to High Town on the long swamp, then to Cheslatee -- caught 7 Tories hung one named Williams -- shot one named Samuel Killet [could be Fillet] and took the rest prisoners. In this campaign he was engaged at the least six weeks. The above 3 terms of service he was a private.

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<sup>1</sup> The war department interpreted this name as Samuel Buckner but it looks more like Beckam to me.]

He was also engaged in various scouting parties ranging exclusively against the Tories, and on horseback each time. The first service he rendered of this kind was a year or more before he went his first campaign on foot. He served under Captain Samuel Beckham at least 6 months; but the service was rendered through several years and very arduous. He also served in 1781, he thinks under Patrick Carr Captain of cavalry. He served under Captain Carr at least 6 months. He also served others but how long he cannot exactly remember, he is confident however not less than 4 months -- of these last officers, he disremembers the names. In fact he was in service in scouting parties under militia officers, for shorter or longer periods during almost the whole Rev War; at least during the whole of the war in the South. In one of said scouting parties he lost a good horse, having been shot from under him. He cannot remember the last specified service better than it is detailed above: but he is confident that all the terms of service which he rendered on horseback would amount to at least 15 months. (8 months a private in Infantry & 15 months a private of cavalry --). He is known to the following persons in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary soldier. John McGhee Esq., Thomas Callaway, A. H. Henly & John Denton. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who can testify to his service. 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. There is no clergyman in applicants neighborhood; and he is enabled to procure but one of his neighbors to testify as he lives in a remote part of the County and they have all left town. He came to court at an early period of the term to make this Declaration: but postponed it till he should go home and searched more thoroughly for his discharge. He finds upon his return that his neighbors have unexpectedly to him all left town and court will adjourn before he can procure any other than the one who testifies for him.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm S. Callaway, Clerk

S/ Darby Reagan, X his mark

[John Denton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Beaty came to town and gave an affidavit that he concurs in the statement made by John Denton.]

[On May 25, 1843, Darby Reagan filed for a transfer of his pension benefits stating that he is moved to Greenville District South Carolina.]

[Fact in file: veteran died in Spartanburg district South Carolina in 1851.]