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Pension application of Samuel Reed S7372

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State of North Carolina Burke County

On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Samuel Reed Senior a resident of said County & State aged about 77 years his Father had a record of his age in the Family Bible he has no transcript & only speaks from memory, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated (viz.) He first entered the service as a volunteer for five months under Captain Nichols of Rowan County North Carolina. Our Regiment was commanded by Colonel Frank Lock [sic, Francis Locke]. We were marched by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] to Purrysburg on Savannah River. There was a small party of our company sent over the River & fell in with General Ash [sic, John Ashe] we were surprised by the British & a number of our men were killed & taken prisoners. This was at a place called Brier Creek a large number tried to get back to the Main Army which lay across the River. There were a good many drowned. I swam the river & got back safe. I was discharged at Black Swamp on the 10th of March 1779. My discharge was given me by Colonel Locke which discharge has been lost or mislaid so that I can't find it. I know not how.

I next volunteered under Colonel Hamright [Hambright?] John Sloan was my Captain for 3 months. We marched to Charleston South Carolina and remained there till our time of service was ended. I was again discharged by Colonel Locke and returned home without being in any battle. He cannot recollect the year, but siege was laid to Charleston on the next day after we were discharged and General Lincoln was taken together with the City & all the men we left (so I have heard) about 40 days afterwards.

He remained 6 or 8 months at home and then volunteered for 3 months to go against the Tories which were under a Tory Colonel by the name of Bryant. I volunteered under Captain Grimes in this service I was marched down upon Pedee River in South Carolina -- we done no good that trip we had no fighting nor took no prisoners.

Some time after my return home I was sent by Colonel Joseph Williams to carry an express from near the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River to Captain Samuel Reed who lived on the South Yadkin to come over & reinforce Colonel Williams against the Tories, but before Captain Read could get up the battle ended and the Tories were whipped some few were killed & some taken prisoners.

I next volunteered for 3 months under Captain Cole I marched with Captain Cole to Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River and was under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]

when he was killed at Cowan's Ford on said River. After General Davidson was killed Captain Cole marched his company down the River to one McNils [sic, McNeil's or McNeal's?] That night we were very uneasy & requested [?] Captain Cole to go around the British that were camped on the Salisbury road in the night, but he refused saying he had no orders & did not know what to do. 12 of us then left him & made our way round the British before day, & made our way to Rowan County & I went to my Colonel Frank Locke & he put me under Captain John Grimes. Colonel Locke marched us after the British down to Haw River, we had a skirmish with the British on the Reedy fork of Haw River. We went on then to the battle of Guilford. I was not in the battle because I was left to guard some prisoners a few miles from the battleground. I was discharged shortly after the battle of Guilford by Major Carruth. I then returned home and in a few months went out again under Captain Dick Dowell & Colo. Melbendy [sic, Malmedy] a French man, we marched to Camden & from thence to the high hills of Santee, from thence we returned to Camden & then crossed the Wateree & Congaree rivers & marched to Eutaw Springs. The night before the battle we were marched nearly all night and just at daybreak the battle commenced. I fought through the whole battle one bullet passed through my hunting shirt but I was not touched myself. I was one of the men that guarded the prisoners up to Rowan County. I was dismissed at Bell's Mill near Salisbury. This ended my services.

All the discharges have been lost or destroyed in some way, I can't find them nor he knows not what became of them.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Roll of the agency of any State or of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Mr. Reed will not on his oath state dates because he will not trust his memory but refers the court to the dates of the battles he was then.

S/ Samuel Reed, U his mark

Sworn to in open Court 23rd of October 1832

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk.

[John Fox & Col. James Mc. O'Neill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Burke County: July 23rd 1833

Samuel Reed states in further proof & explanation of his claim for a pension that he has procured the testimony of George Sigmon<sup>1</sup> & Nicholas Chapman<sup>2</sup> as to a five months tour under Colonel Locke & General Rutherford and the proof of his brother Thomas Reed<sup>3</sup> as to two three months tours. This is all that testimony I can obtain except my own statement, In the other tours stated in my Declaration I cannot be as explicit as to dates as the Department seems to require -- but I know I served as set forth in my declaration. In my declaration I stated that I was discharged from my first tour on the 10th of March 1779 talking with Mr. Chapman & Sigmon they think we were discharged in the month of April of this same year. They may be right, but it is somehow on my mind that the 10th of March was the day -- I cannot state any more than is in my original declaration & with the testimony herewith sent submit my case.

Sworn to & subscribed this 23rd July 1833 before Alexander McGalliard one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County

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<sup>1</sup> George Sigman or Sigmon FPA W2969

<sup>2</sup> FPA S8193

<sup>3</sup> Sic, Thomas Reid FPA S7366

S/ Alexr. McGalliard, JP

S/ Samuel Reed, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Burke County: July 23rd 1833

This day personally appeared before me James Avery one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County George Sigmon & after being duly sworn in due form of law deposed & saith. That he was acquainted with Samuel Reed Senior now an applicant for a pension during the Revolutionary War & served one 5 months tour with him under Colonel Frank Locke & General Rutherford. Reed it was in Captain Nicholls company & deponent in Captain Lee Taylor's. Deponent cannot state from loss of memory the year but believes they commenced their service in October 1778 & ended this Tour in March following.

It was during this Tour of service that General Ashe was defeated at Brier Creek in the State of Georgia. Deponent never served with Reed in any other Tour but has heard & believes that said Reed served various other Tours of duty & further believes that said Reed was a faithful soldier & true week & is entitled to a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed date above written -- before me.

S/ James Avery, JP

S/ George Sigmon, X his mark

Also personally appeared before me James Avery the subscribing Justice of the Peace Thomas Reed Senior and after being duly sworn in due form of law deposed & saith that he served in a 3 months tour with his Brother Samuel Reed now an applicant for a Pension. My Brother & myself volunteered under Captain John Moore & were commanded by Colonel Hamright & Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Hampton -- we volunteered in Rowan North Carolina & were marched to Charleston South Carolina where we served out our Tour under General Lincoln we were marched from Rowan in the month of December 1779 & was discharged at the end of our Tour in the month of February 1780 -- We served the full term out & were discharged by Colonel Hamright. The date of the month on which deponent & his brother entered this service he cannot recollect but he recollects the month he entered & was discharged & is enabled to fix the date of the year by the time Charleston was taken. They were discharged in February & Charleston was taken in May following in the year 1780.

Deponent further swears that he served one other 3 months tour with his brother Samuel Reed. They both volunteered in Rowan North Carolina under Captain Dick Dowell & Colonel Malmedy they were marched from Rowan & as deponent believes) in the month of June or July 1781 & were marched to Camden South Carolina where we joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] some time after this we were marched down Santee River & had the battle at the Eutaw Springs. My brother & myself were both in the battle, this was in September 1781. We guarded the Prisoners to Bell's Mills in Rowan County where we were discharged by Colonel Locke. Colonel Malmedy had left us & we were placed under Locke.

Deponent further states that he knows his Brother volunteered for various other tours (he thinks four three months Tours & 15 months tour which was his first). Deponent was not with his Brother in any of his services except the 2 tours already stated, but knows his Brother volunteered & was absent as above stated. Sworn to & subscribed the 23rd day of July 1833

S/ Tho. Reed, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July sessions 1833

Nicholas Chapman swears that he served in the Company of Captain James Nicholas, Lieutenant James Chapman in the Militia Regiment of Colonel Francis Locke in Rutherford's Army in the year 1778 & 1779 that he entered the service in the month of October, that they marched to the 10 mile house and South Carolina (marched from Rowan County North Carolina) & then to Purrysburg on the Savannah River & then on to the Two Sisters [ferry] where they were served in & for the space of 6 months & were honorably discharged on or about the last of April or first of May 1779 being kept one month over their regular time in the service of the United States against the common enemy & that all that time that Samuel Reed was all that time a soldier (Private) in the said company and at said time said Reed was honorably discharged.

S/ Nicholas Chapman

State of North Carolina in Yancey County: Whereas Thomas Reed Senior appeared before us J D Woodard & J. W. Peck two of the acting Justices of the peace in said County and made oath this aff. Mr. Samuel Reed a Revolutionary Soldier entered in the US service under General Rutherford and Colonel Francis Locke in Captain Neal's Company at the time the British held possession of Savannah in the State of Georgia and was in the battle of Stono at which place we repulse the British & they took to their shipping and in that campaign he served 5 months and was discharged at black Swamp by General Rutherford -- he again entered the [indecipherable letters or words] at Charleston South Carolina under Colonel Ham Right [Hambright?] and Capt. John Sloan's Company General Lincoln commander he being discharged without being in any engagement and served 3 months. He again entered the volunteered under Colonel Locke and Colonel Campbell and other officers not all known to rout the Tories and pursued them until they joined the British; and was in the service at the time of the battle of the Hanging Rock and in that service he served 3 months & was discharged. He again volunteered under Colonel Francis Locke and Major Rowan the Captain's name forgotten he served 3 months and was discharged without being in any engagement. He again volunteered under General Davidson and was present when he was killed he joined Captain Grimes Company at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] and was in the battle of Guilford other skirmishes and served 3 months that tour and was discharged. He volunteered under Captain Humphreys at Salisbury to guard the prisoners and then guarded off into the State of Virginia and was in no engagement and that term and served 3 months and was discharged Major Phillips his brother taking a that trip in his place from Salisbury to Virginia.

General Lincoln Commander he then being discharged.

Sworn to and subscribed before us the 25th of January 1847

Attest: S/ J. W. Peck, JP

S/ Thomas Reed, X his mark

S/ J. D. Woodard