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Pension application of John D. Reeves S7379

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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 12th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before William P. Dobson Chairman of the County Court of Surry now sitting John D. Reeves a resident of Surry County North Carolina aged 74 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he volunteered as a private in the year 1780 in Halifax North Carolina under Colonel Levi Lane & General Wm Caswell [William Caswell] for the term of 6 months, marched to Camden in South Carolina, thence to Moncks Corner near Charleston.

He then enlisted for 4 months in Halifax aforesaid under Colonel Whitmel Hill, he believes, was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs. He then became a substitute for a man by the name of Chatham Speers for the term of 3 months in Halifax aforesaid, was commanded by Colonel Mebane Joined the troops under Smallwood near Charlotte in North Carolina.

He afterwards became a substitute for one William Brantley in the year 1781 in Halifax aforesaid for the term of 3 months and was at the battle of Guilford and was also wounded a short time before said battle when Lee was taken.

He then enlisted in Halifax aforesaid for 12 months under Captain De Courts [?] and joined Smallwood's Army under the commission of Lieutenant and was near Yorktown when Cornwallis was taken.

That his discharges have been lost or mislaid and that he knows of no one whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. He further states he has no documentary evidence. He further swears 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 hereinafter mentioned and in the following grades. For 15 months served as a private. For 5 months & 20 days he served as Lieutenant and for such service he claims a pension. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John D. Reeves, X his mark

His answers to the first question required to be propounded by the Court is that he was born in Halifax North Carolina in the year 1759. His answer to the 2nd question is that he has a record of his age in a Bible at his home in Surry County North Carolina. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John D. Reeves, X his mark

S/ Jno Wright, CC

[William Hanes, a clergyman, and Jonathan York gave the standard supporting affidavit.]