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Pension application of John Reeves S7381

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State of North Carolina County of Orange

On this 18th day of February A.D. 1834 personally appeared before me James Mebane one of the Justices of the peace for said County John Reeves, at his own house (he being in such an infirm state of health as not to be able to attend the court of this County) aged eighty-seven 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 & served as herein stated, being at the commencement of the revolutionary war, a resident of the County & State in which he now lives, he with many others volunteered as private soldiers under the command of Captain Archibald Lytle, as a minute man to go against the Tories, and in a few days, was called on to march, & after maneuvering for some time about Hillsborough, we there joined General Butler and marched to Fayetteville, from thence to Smith's Ferry on the Cape Fear River, where we took a number of prisoners. I think 4 or 5 hundred, we then returned to Fayetteville, at which place, I think we remained 2 or 3 weeks, we then marched to Hillsboro, where we were in service some time, watching the Tories, after which General Butler, ordered us to march the Tory officers which we had taken at Smith's Ferry to Halifax, which we did according to orders, I then returned to Hillsboro, and being kept some time about that place, in readiness I marched over Haw River after the Tories, under Captain Lytle, in this trip we made some prisoners John & Michael Holt were of the number, after securing that part of the Country for some time especially the Tory settlements we returned to Hillsboro, sometime after that I was appointed by Captain Lytle to take Stephen Holloway a Tory Captain to Halifax Jail; John Mebane, Robert Christmas, John Minnis, William Riley & others were in Company what was the length of time of these services I cannot now recollect, but believes not less than 6 months. After that I served a 3 months tour for Thomas Fitch [?] as a hired a substitute, I think under Captain Hughs River [?], I then served a 3 months tour as a substitute for William Cantrel under Captain Hodge, after that I served a 3 months tour for Thomas Lynch under Captain Thomas Taylor, after that I served a tour of 3 months under Captain George Hodge, we went to Brushy Mountains in the above named tours of duty we were generally in pursuit of the Tories, after that I served a tour for Thomas Heartt under Captain Thomas Taylor in pursuit of the Tories, we passed through the Counties of Chatham, Randolph, Cumberland & returned to Hillsboro, after that I served a 3 months tour under Captain Hodge for William Walker hunting the Tories, then I served a tour as a volunteer under Captain William O'Neil in pursuit of the Tories. I also served a 9 months tour for Solomon Turner, but under what officers I do not recollect, in this tour we marched to South Carolina. I was 2 1/2 or 3 years employed as a deputy commissary under General Alexander

Mebane. At one time I went over Haw River to collect beef cattle for the Army where the people gave me the name of Mebane devil & I was often called by that name afterwards. I was in the service of the United States throughout the revolutionary war.

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 & subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Mebane, JP

S/ John Reeves

[Thomas Lynch, a clergyman, and James Forrest gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

This day came Colonel John Mebane¹ before me William Ragland one of the acting Justices of the peace for the said County and maketh oath that he was acquainted with John Reeves of Orange County and that he was an active soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he well recollects that he was in the service with himself in an expedition against the Tories under the command of General John Butler to Fayetteville then from there to Smith's Ferry on the Cape Fear [River] where we made a number of prisoners and also recollects that said Reeves was in company with myself in taking prisoners to Halifax County he also recollects that they were both together in Granville old Court House under the command of General Butler at the time Cornwallis was at Hillsboro & it is also the deponent's believe that the said John Reeves was Generally in the service during the war a good & zealous Whig which deponent say that he himself is in his seventy eighth year of his age.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 12th day of February 1834

S/ Wm Ragland, JP

S/ Jno Mebane

State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came David Mebane Esquire before me Samuel N. Tate one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County and maketh oath that he was acquainted with John Reeves of the aforesaid County. That during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain I was in company with the said John Reeves on the West side of Haw River who was engaged in collecting Beef Cattle for the use of the Army and it is my believe that the said John Reeves was acting under the authority of General Alexander Mebane. This deponent further states that he believes said Reeves was an active & zealous Whig throughout the War.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 14th February 1834

S/ Samuel N. Tate, JP

S/ David Mebane

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State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came John Minnes² before me Samuel N. Tate one of the acting Justices of the peace for the said County and maketh oath that he was well acquainted with John Reeves of the aforesaid County in time of the Revolutionary War. That he well recollects of going with said Reeves who was officer of the Guard in taking Stephen Holloway who was a Tory officer to Halifax The jail. John Mebane, Robert Christmas, William Riley & others were in company with us. This deponent further states that he believes the said John Reeves in the course of the war

¹ [John Mebane S9403](#)

² [John Minnis S9413](#)

served as deputy commissary under General Alexander Mebane but how long he does not recollect. He also states that he believes that the said Reeves was an active and zealous Soldier in Supporting the Independence of the United States Throughout the Revolutionary War.

S/ John Minnes, X his mark

Sworn to before made this 14th February 1834

S/ Saml. N. Tate, JP

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State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came Andrew Walker³ before me James Forest one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the said County and maketh oath that he was well acquainted with John Reeves of the aforesaid County in the time of the Revolutionary War and that he the said Reeves acted as deputy commissary for some considerable time under General Alexander Mebane and recollects that he the said deponent served a 3 months tour under the said John Reeves in collecting beef cattle and provisions for the use of the Army of the United States and he further states that he recollects that John Reeves was in the Army in Granville County commanded by General Butler this deponent further states that he believes that John Reeves was a zealous Whig throughout the war of the Revolution.

S/ Andrew Walker, X his mark

Sworn to before me the this [illegible] of February 1834

S/ James Forrest, JP

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State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came William Cantrill before me John W. Shaw one of the acting Justices of the peace for the said County and maketh oath that he was acquainted with John Reeves of the aforesaid County in the time of the Revolutionary war, and that he well recollects of hiring the said John Reeves to serve a 3 months tour as substitute.

Sworn to before me this 20th February 1834

S/ William Cantrill, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came William Cumming⁴ before me Thomas Clancy one of the Justices of the peace for said County and made oath that he has been acquainted with John Reeves from his earliest recollection that he well remembers that he served under Alexander Mebane his deputy Commissary in the revolutionary War -- but for what length of time he does not recollect, but is of opinion that Mr. Reeves was active in support of the cause throughout the war.

S/ Wm Cumming

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 10th day of February 1834

S/ Thomas Clancy, JP

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³ [Andrew Walker R11029](#)

⁴ FPA S8265

This day came Thomas Fitch before me Chesley F. Faucett one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County who after being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he has been acquainted with John Reeves since he was a boy and that he well recollects that during the Revolutionary war he hired the said John Reeves to serve a 3 months tour for him and in his place as a substitute and that he himself is in his 74th year of age.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the date above written.

S/ Thomas Fitch

S/ C. WF. Faucett, JP

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

On this 1st day of September 1836, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Johnson Webb,⁵ a resident of Chatham County, and a United States pensioner who being first duly qualified according to law, deposeth and saith as follows (to wit) That in the early part of 1776 he volunteered as a private of Dragoons in the United States service in Captain Adkeson [sic] Company, a 3 months tour -- and in this tour he became acquainted with John Reeves of Orange [indecipherable word] who was with us as private in said tour -- which was called the "Scotch Camp". This affiant further states upon his oath that sometime in the summer or fall of 1778 he again volunteered in the United States service for the period of nine months. Moore was Captain and Lytle Colonel: -- rendezvoused at Moon's Creek in Caswell County, and remembers that at this rendezvous John Reeves aforesaid joined us as a 9 months volunteer -- and recollects of said Reeves being a soldier with us all of said period. --

Remembers distinctly of an incident that took place in camp near Augusta by which said Reeves and some other soldiers narrowly escaped their lives -- were discharged at the expiration of my nine months tour (in the Town of Hillsboro he thinks) and that said John Reeves was also with us and received his discharge from our Colonel having served with us as private the 9 months period.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me

S/ Johnson Webb, X his mark

S/ Wm Lindley, JP

State of North Carolina Orange County

I John Taylor Clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Orange aforesaid, certify that it has been given in evidence to the satisfaction of said Court that John Reeves a pensioner of the United States, died on the 12th day of March 1834, leaving no widow him surviving and that Thomas Reeves is his only surviving child, and that said Thomas Reeves is a lawful age.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my seal of office & subscribed my name the 24th day of May 1836

S/ John Taylor, CC

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 15th day of March 1836, personally appeared before the undersigned an

⁵ [Johnson \(Johnston\) Webb W3904](#)

acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Dolley⁶ a resident citizen of the County aforesaid now in the 82nd year of his age who being first duly qualified made oath that in the war of the Revolution remembers of John Reeves of said County, and that said John Reeves as a substitute served a 3 months tour of duty in the Militia in 1781 under Captain Taylor, for Thomas Lynch.

This affiant in conclusion says that he was neighbor to said John Reeves (deceased) in the War of the Revolution and that the said Reeves was a man of truth & veracity and served faithfully the United States in the Revolutionary War.

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed this 15th day of March 1836 before me

S/ James Mebane, JP

⁶ [John Dolley S6802](#)