

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Reger S7383

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State of Virginia } SS.

Lewis County }

On this 6th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Lewis County now sitting, Philip Reger a resident of the said County of Lewis and State of Virginia aged Sixty five 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. At the age of fifteen early in the spring of 1782 (the precise time not recollected) on the South fork of the South Branch of Potomac in the County of Hampshire in the state of Virginia he substituted in the militia of Virginia for one John Wolf and was marched from thence under Lieutenant George Simons to the barracks near Winchester Virginia and placed under Capt James Simmerel [James Simerall] to guard the prisoners taken at the "Seige of York" he continued in the service for three months the term for which he had substituted and was discharged. he obtained a discharge which has been lost, is not confident whether it was signed by the Capt. or Lieutenant the Lieutenant under Capt. Simmerel was named Shannon but his baptismal name is forgotten. soon after his discharge he returned home to Hampshire County Virginia, and remained there some time (but how long is not confident) and again substituted in the Virginia militia for three months in the place of Charles Wilson, and was again marched from Hampshire Virginia to the Barracks near Winchester Virginia, and again joined the Company commanded by Capt. Simmerel and Lieutenant Shannon (the Ensigns name not recollected) and served out his three months in guarding the prisoners aforesaid and was again discharged he receiving a discharge from this last mentioned service and thinks it was given by Lieutenant Shannon it has been lost. he thinks he was discharged from this last mentioned service about the last of 1782. From the great length of time he is unable to recollect the names of but few officers, neither does he recollect whether there was any regular troops at the Barracks or not, he however recollects that a man by the name of Dunbar acted as adjutant. He has no documentary evidence, but supposes that the evidence of William Radcliff [pension application S9049] of Lewis County and John Brake [S15762] of Harrison County will prove the services of this Declarant. To the 1st. Interrogatory directed to be put by the War Department He answers that he was born in Hampshire Virginia in the year 1767 as he was informed by his father. To the 2^d. Interrogatory He answers he has no record of his age. To the 3^d. Interrogatory He answers That he was living in Hampshire County Virginia when he entered the service and continued to reside there for several years after the Revolution and then removed to his present residence on the Buckhannon now in the County of Lewis.

To the 4th Interrogatory He answers that he has already stated that he was a substitute both tours.

To the 5th Interrogatory He states he has already answered this question as fully in his declaration as his recollection of his service of six months in the Revolutionary war enables him to do.

To the 6th. Interrogatory He refers to what he has already shown on this subject.

To the 7th Interrogatory he states that he is known in his present neighborhood to James M. Camp a Justice of the peace, Gideon D. Camden Clerk of the Sup'r. Court. John G. Stringer an attorney at Law and Lewis Maxwell member of Congress who can testify to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Philip Reger

[Certified by Rev. John Talbott and David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Lewis, Harrison, and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth.]

Philip Reger Ser'd. 6 mo.

John Reger of Lewis county aged 66 yrs. states that after the defeat of Cornwallis at York town his brother Philip served a term of six months at Winchester in Virginia in guarding the British Prisoners - he went as a substitute in the place of a man who had been drafted for that service.

Col. Camden a man of character wrote Regers Declaration. I have no doubt about his claim. I was unable to see him. I was at his home but he was from home

W. G Singleton Nov. 7, 1834