

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Bozzell (Boswell) S8077
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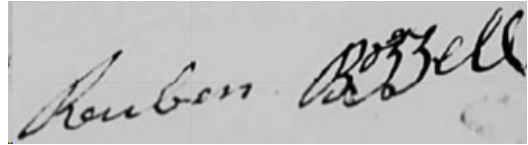
VA PA [sic]

On this 27th day of February 1833 appeared before the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Mecklenburg Reuben Boswell a resident of the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid and of the State of North Carolina aged seventy six years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. he declares that he was born in the year seventeen hundred and fifty five in the month of December and that he was born in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County in the State of Virginia and that he has a record of his age at home in the family Bible and that when a child he removed with his Mother to Augusta County of the said State of Virginia and resided there until the commencement of the Revolutionary War. That he first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the State Militia of Virginia in the year 1777 [sic] as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Lewis. That his Colonel was Booie[?] and that he served under General [Lachlan] McIntosh. That he volunteered for six months and that he was marched to fort Pitt on the Ohio and then went down the Ohio and assisted in building a fort on the north side of the Ohio a the mouth of Big Beaver [Fort McIntosh at present Beaver PA, begun Sep 1778] and went out on the Scioto [sic] and there also built a stockade [Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River near present Bolivar OH, begun 10 Nov 1778] and that he was in frequent skirmishes with the Shawnee's and Wyandot [sic: Wyandotte] indians. That he served out the six months and was discharged by a written discharge from Samson Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] at Wheeling which discharge is lost. That he volunteered first in the Summer. That after he was discharged at Wheeling troops of the Militia of Virginia came on to relieve them. That he volunteered again in the service of the United States by becoming the Substitute of Raleigh Gibson of the County of Botteto [sic: Botetourt] of the State of Virginia who had entered said service for six months as a private. That his captain was by the name of Lockhardt [possibly Patrick Lockhart] and his Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] of Pensylvania. That he was stationed principally at fort McIntosh and the stockad fort on the Scioto and acted as rangers to protect the frontier from indian incursions. That he served the said six months for which Raleigh Gibson was bound, and was discharged at Bottetot Court House by an officer by the name of Lewis – his grade not remembered. That his discharge is lost. That he again became a substitute for a man by the name of Loudon Lane of the County of Amherst of the Militia of said State of Virginia That his Captain was by the name of Wood and that he was under the command of Col's Harvey and [Francis] Taylor That he was stationed in Albermarle County to guard the prisoners captured by General Gates at Saratoga [army of Gen. John Burgoyne captured by Horatio Gates, 17 Oct 1777]. That entered as a substitute as aforesaid in the sumer of seventy eight [sic] and was discharged in Albermarle at what was called Burgoynes Barracks [usually called Albemarle Barracks, in use Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] by some officer his name not remembered which discharge is lost. That he served six months as a subsitute of said Lane the time for which he was called out; that after he was discharged in Albermarle he removed from Augusta to Henry County and that in the month of March [sic: February] 1781 at the time Greene and Morgan [Generals Nathanael Greene and Daniel Morgan] was retreating with the British Prisoners taken at Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and was pursued by Lord Cornwallis, that he again became a substitute and as such entered the service of the United States in the Militia of the Virginia. That he took the place of Joel Cash a private from the County of Henry aforesaid – that his Captain was William Bush and George Hastings [sic: George Hairston] the Colonel. That he marched to the vicinity of Richmond and was under the Command of the Marquis De La Fayette [Marquis de Lafayette]. That he served this tour four months and served the whole time. That he was discharged below Richmond which discharge is lost. That soon after his discharge he started for home and met the militia coming on to join La Fayette and that he again entered the service as a substitute. That the man whose place he took was by the name of William Watt of the County of Bedford. That his Captain was by the

name of Fountain. his major was by the name of Shackelford. and went and joined Le Fayette below Richmond and was at the Battle of York at the time Cornwallis was taken [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and was discharged a few days after. That he entered for four months this tour which time had expired before Cornwallis was taken but that he was held on till the time he was discharged.

That the whole time of his service was something more than twenty six months. That he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove them. he understands that there is the Muster Rolls of Virginian filed in the war department and begs leave to refer to them as evidence of his services and to the certificates below as to his character. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the muster roll of the agency of any state

That he removed to Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina in the fall of the year 1782 and that he has resided in said County ever since.



State of North Carolina } Superior Court of Law
Mecklenburg County } Fall Term 1833

Reuben Boswell whose declaration originally made as appended Personally appeared before Judge of the Superior Court aforesaid and made upon oath according to law this his amended declaration at the Superior Court holden on the 7th Monday after 4th Monday of September – who declares when commanded by Major Shackelford at the Battle of York he does not recollect the names of his Colonels. that he believes that Shackelford had the command principally. That the last time he entered the service as a substitute in the place of William Watt this was in 1781. he believes he took Watts place some time in June 1781 as well as declarant can now remember. When he was a substitute in the place of Joel Cash he believes now that it was in February 1781 as the battle of the Cowpens was fought in that month [sic] and the Virginia Militia were immediately called out.
question.

1st. Where and in what year were you born Answer. 1755 in Spotsylvania in the state of Virginia

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at my own house in Mecklenburg County

3 Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in the County of Augusta State of Virginia when I entered the service in the fall of 1782 I removed to the State of North Carolina where I have resided ever since

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute. And if a substitute for whom

Answer the first tour I volunteered. The second I substituted in the place of Raleigh Gibson. The third I substituted in Loudon Lances place – and the fourth in the place of Joel Cash and the last time as a substitute in the place of William Watt.

5 State the names of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served – such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Ans. General McIntosh. Col'l. Broadhead. General La Fayette & General [Anthony] Wayne.

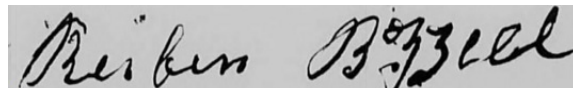
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. In the first tour I was discharged by Sampson Matthews and have lost. in the second tour he was discharged by an officer of the name of Lewis at Bottetot court house – in the third at the Barracks in Albermarle by an officer whose name he does not remember and have lost the fourth tour I was

discharged below Richmond discharge lost – the fifth tour at York received my discharge in the old fields – which discharge is lost. the officers name not remembered but believes it to be Major Shackleford.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are know in in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans Adam A Spring and James G. Porter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Reuben B. B. B.", written in black ink on a light-colored background.