

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Hood S8728

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Term A.D. 1836

On this 28th day of April A.D. 1836 personally appeared in the Court aforesaid, being the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for Mecklenburg County – being a Court of Record and which is now Sitting, Reuben Hood, a resident of the County of Mecklenburg, and State of North Carolina, aged seventy-three 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 was drafted in the year 1780, In the County of Mecklenburg, and State of North Carolina, he thinks in the month of August in the Company commanded by Captain Wiley for the term of three months. That he drove his father's wagon & Team for six weeks, which was to stand for three months tour. That, in January 1781 as well as he can recollect, he was drafted again, for the Term of three months, and served out the whole time, in the company commanded by Captain \_\_ Potts. That \_\_ Sharpe was the Major, but who was the Colonel he does not recollect – but that they joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army in the year 1781 about the first of March. That he volunteered in the month of August 1781 he thinks in the County of Mecklenburg, and State of North Carolina, in a Company of Cavalry, commanded by Captain Joseph Graham, for 3 months. That he served out the whole of said time. That after volunteering, the Company marched to the Town of Wilmington North Carolina.

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 & date above.

S/ Reuben Hood

*Reuben Hood*

[Isaac Grier, a clergyman, and Philemon Morris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

That the following on the Interrogatories put by the Court to the said Reuben Hood as to his services in the Revolutionary Wars –

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Frederick State of Virginia in and about the year 1762 on October 4th.

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

Answer. At home, on the family record –

3rd. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the war Revolutionary Wars, and where do you now live?

Answer. I was then living in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina, Since that time I have lived in the County of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina where I now live.

4th. How were you called into Service: were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, & for whom?

Answer. I was drafted for the two first tours of 3 months each – The last Tour of 3 months I volunteered.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you Served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect.

Answer. General Davidson & General Rutherford

6. Did you ever receive a discharge, and if so by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

Answer – I did, but they are lost one signed by Captain Potts one by Captain Charles Polk – the other by whom I don't recollect

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief as to your Services in the Revolutionary War.

Answer. Ezekiel Black, Philemon Morris & Robert McComb &c and James Irwin.

[Philemon Morris & James Irwin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In Continuation – Reuben Hood further states that the first Tour of duty he performed under Captain Potts, he marched to the Catawba River, from thence to Rowan County, and from thence to Guilford County North Carolina. There joined General Greens Army and there remained until discharged by his Captain Potts. That he was in actual service not less than three months.

That in his 2nd tour of duty under Captain Jos. Graham, he marched from Mecklenburg County, through Anson & Montgomery Counties, and on to Wilmington North Carolina. That he remained there, and was discharged there by his Captain, after having been in actual service two weeks more than the three months being detained there that time, at the request of his officers, until a new recruit should arrive. After the passage of the act of Congress, he thought he would not apply for a Pension, he thought also it would be considerable trouble and expense: that he seldom leaves home: that he had not been at the Courthouse for 7 years before he applied to have his Petition drawn. That he also was at the time, and before it in bad health: for the last year or two his health has been better.

Sworn to in Open court July 25th, 1836

S/ B. Oates, CCC

S/ Reuben Hood

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County:

On this 8th day of June in the year 1836 personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for said County, Matthew Miller<sup>1</sup> of said Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, who is now so infirm that he cannot go to Court and maketh oath in due form of law, That he saw the said Reuben Hood in the service during the Revolutionary war in Captain \_\_\_ Potts company, but don't know how long he served. That in Captain Joseph Graham's Company, he Matthew Miller served 3 months and under Captain Charles Polk of said County of Mecklenburg; and that the said Reuben Hood was in the Company of said Graham at the time which was between August and December 1782.

S/ Matthew Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Miller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Matthew Miller".

[fn p. 3: On March 23, 1853 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, James Hood of Mecklenburg County, filed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son of Reuben Hood, a revolutionary war pensioner.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> I do not in a person by this name as an applicant for a pension under the federal pension laws. This may be the only record of his service during the revolution.