

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Reynolds W1080¹ Mary Reynolds f74SC
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State of Tennessee, County of Franklin

On the 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county, Samuel Reynolds, a resident of said county and State, aged about seventy five, 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. That he was drafted for the term of two months, and entered the service of the United States in the fall of 17__, under Capt. Benjamin Killgore [sic, Benjamin Kilgore], in the District of Spartanburg South Carolina and was marched from there to the Station between Reedy River and Duncan's Creek in South Carolina & continued in the service for one month when he was released & returned home, this tour was against the Cherokee Indians. In about eighteen months he was again drafted & entered the service under Capt. Nesbit, and attached to the regiment commanded by Col. William Fair [William Farr] —he was marched from Spartanburg district and stationed on the Congaree at Friday's ferry where he was discharged and returned home. In about thirteen months after the termination of his last term of service he was again drafted & entered the service of the United States in Spartanburg district, in the company commanded by Lieutenant Col. Casey [Levi Casey] & Major John Ford. They were marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River in South Carolina and there stationed under the command of Genl. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] where the troops remained for the term of six months when he was discharged at Bacon's Bridge. About eighteen months after this time he volunteered as a minute man under Capt. William Blasingame and served as such for the term of twelve months during this term of service we had an engagement with the Tories in which two were killed. There is no person now living that he knows of by which he can establish his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not in the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Saml. Reynolds, X his mark

1. Where and in what state were you r born?

A. I was born in South Carolina.

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

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A. I have none.

3. Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

A. I was living in Spartanburg District South Carolina when called into the service of the United States. About seven years after the close of the war, I removed to the State of Georgia where I lived about thirteen years—then removed to the State of Tennessee and have been living in Franklin County about nineteen years where I now live.

4. How were you called into the service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

A. I was called into the service as above stated.

5. State the names of some of 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.

A. Col. Wade Hampton was with the troops while stationed at Friday's ferry. Genl. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & Col. Lee were with the troops at Bacon's Bridge. I do not recollect the number of the names of any other regiments except my own. Owing to the time that has elapsed I cannot state the particulars of my services more [?] than they are above stated; & I cannot number the times I entered the service.

[6.] Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it?

A. I received two discharges and from Capt. John Nesbit for the three months service at Friday's ferry; the other from Major John Ford for the six months service at Bacon's Bridge. There papers were burnt in the house of my mother about eight years after the revolution.

[7.] State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer: I refer to Joseph Smith & Wm Lasater,
Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Saml. Reynolds, X his mark

[Joseph Smith & William Lasater gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Franklin County

The amended declaration of Samuel Reynolds a resident of said County in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. The original declaration to which this is an amendment was made 26th day of November 1832 in the court of pleas & quarter sessions of said County & is hereto annexed. This affiant states that it was on the 16th day of March 1780, as well as he recollects that he entered upon the performance of his first tour of duty stated in his original declaration. In the original declaration it is stated to be in the fall. This is a mistake made by his counsel who drew his former declaration & was caused as affiant believes, by his affiant's extreme deafness, & the consequent great difficulty of holding a conversation with him -- so as to collect the necessary incidents to be stated. In the performance of this tour affiant was guarding the frontiers of South Carolina, & he was not under the command of any officer higher than his Captain Benjamin Kilgore. Affiant further states that it was on the first September 1781 as well as he recollects that he entered upon his 2nd tour of duty under Captain Nesbit in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fair as stated in his original declaration. Affiant

served one month in his first tour, & 3 months in his 2nd tour. Affiant further states that it was on the 2nd day of June 1782 as well as he recollects he entered upon the performance of his 3rd tour of duty as stated in his original declaration and that he served for the period of 6 months. On the 2nd of December 1782 affiant entered upon the performance of his 4th tour of duty, as well as he recollects. This last tour was as a minute man for the purpose of keeping down the Tories, who still continued to molest & [indecipherable word] the settlements. The night after affiant returned home from the performance of his tour of duty the Tories about 14 or 15 in number came riding through the yard of affiant's stepfather. Affiant went off the same night & lay in the woods & the next morning he went & joined Captain Blollingsme's [sic, Blasingame's?] Company & remained with it until December 1783. Affiant was mostly in Spartanburg district in this last tour -- but there was one incident when the company (affiant being along) went down on the Edisto in pursuit of a party of Tories & a little below Orangeburg in a swamp, we overtook them, & had a fight with them being the same stated in affiant's former declaration. In all of these different tours affiant was out in the field or in camp & not in Garrison. In every instance the corps affiant served with were called into service by competent authority as affiant believes. And during the periods respectively above mentioned while affiant was performing the above 4 tours of duty he was engaged in no civil pursuit, but was in active service in the field or in camp as above stated.

Affiant further states -- That it is stated in his original declaration that his 4th tour was 18 months after his 3rd. This is a mistake which affiant supposes was made in the same way the other mistake above mentioned was made.

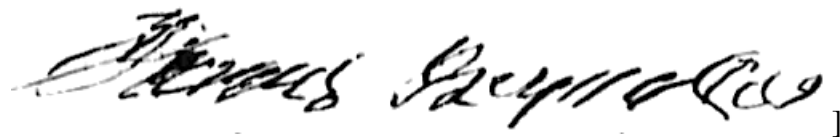
S/ Samuel Reynolds, X his mark

Sworn to in open court the 26th day of August 1833

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

[p 4: On March 27, 1852, in Franklin County Tennessee, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, 87, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Samuel Reynolds, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum; she states that her husband died October 17 1845 leaving her a widow and that she continues as a widow; that she married him in Franklin County Georgia in 1790. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: On the March 27 1852 in Franklin County Tennessee, James Reynolds, 58, testified that he is the 2nd son of Samuel and Mary Reynolds; that he was born October 14 1793; and that the accompanying record of his wife and children's ages is a true statement.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Reynolds", followed by a closing bracket "]" on the right side.

[p 18: On June 1, 1855 in Franklin County Tennessee, Mary Reynolds, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Samuel Reynolds; in this document she states that her maiden name was Mary Gray; she also states that her husband's revolutionary war service was as a volunteer in Franklin County North Carolina. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The only other child of the veteran and his wife named in the file material is their oldest child, a son named Jacob who in 1852 was about 60 years old and living in Franklin County Tennessee. The other family records available in the file indicate information relating to

the 2nd child, James Reynolds and his wife Jane M [note maiden name given]. Jane was born June 14, 1796. The children of James and Jane Reynolds are named as follows

Marthy M. born October 12, 1821
Absalom G. born October 30, 1823
William P. born November 28, 1825
Reuben W. born December 2, 1827
Edward G B born October 10, 1830
Jacob C B born May 5, 1833
John C. born June one, 1842
William Felix born February 19, 1843
Elijah James Runnells born May 15, 1845
John M. born September 11th 1847

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]
