

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Reed [Reid, Read] W1484 Elizabeth Reed f43SC

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Knoxville of September 29th 1828

To the Honorable the Secretary of War

Washington City

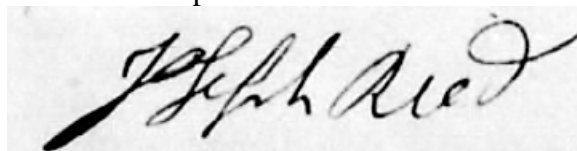
Your petitioner respectfully represents to your Honor that on the 11th day of June 1823 he was placed on the pension roll of East Tennessee as an invalid pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$5.33 1/3 cents per month. Your petitioner represents that the pension heretofore allowed is insufficient to afford him a comfortable maintenance that he is now in the decline of life and has advanced to the age of 78 years. That the aggregate amount of his property is not worth \$25 at most; that he is in a helpless and dependent condition and for the few remaining days of his life he is necessarily forced to rely upon the charity of his country for a support; Your petitioner labors under a total disability in consequence of his wounds and his advanced age to perform manual labor of any kind whatever. So great is his disability that he is unable even to walk without the assistance of 2 crutches. According to the existing rules and regulations of the war department he has biannually to undergo an examination of 2 physicians who state the degree of disability under which he labors. This regulation has hitherto subjected your petitioner to great trouble and inconvenience his disability for several years past being so great as almost totally to preclude the possibility of going to a place where such an examination could be made conveniently made. It is known to your honor that the charges of professional man for the said services are considerable and if he was driven to the necessity of employing persons to come and examine him at his place of residence the fees would very nearly if not quite cover the paltry sum to which your petitioner is at present entitled.

He would respectfully submit to your honor whether under the extreme disability he labors a compliance with such a regulation would be expected.

Your petitioner humbly requests that he may be placed on the roll of "total disability" and be entitled to full pay. The wounds above alluded to our wounds that were received by your petitioner in the revolutionary war while in the service of the United States

Attest: S/ Robt. Lindray, JP

S/ Joseph Reed

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Reed". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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Increase of pension

It is hereby certified that Joseph Reed formerly a volunteer of Captain Joel Lewis company in Colonel Cleveland's [Benjamin Cleveland's] Regiment of __ who it appears by the accompanying certificate was placed on the pension roll at the rate of five 33/100 dollars per month on account as he states of having received a gunshot wound in the left thigh which appears to have fractured the femur in the thigh is three or four inches shorter than the other and that his disability continues to increase while in the line of his duty and in said service on the 7th day of October in the year 1780 at a place called Kings Mountain in the State of North Carolina is not only still disabled in consequence of said entry but in our opinion is entitled to one 3rd more than he already receives as a pensioner being disabled a degree amounting to a total disability.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 17th day of December 1828

S/ William A. Carns, JP for Knox County

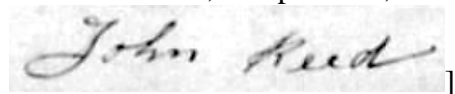
S/ James King

S/ Joseph C. Strong

[p 12: On June 17 1839 in Campbell County Tennessee, Elizabeth Reed, "whose maiden name was fiels [sic, Fields?] a resident of said County aged 80 years March the 10th from the best of her recollection" made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Reed who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married her husband in Edgefield South Carolina on October 15 1783; that they were married by Benjamin Tut [sic, Benjamin Tutt], a justice of the peace; that her husband Joseph Reed died in Campbell County Tennessee September 6, 1830; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: In August of 1839, in Morgan County Tennessee, Nancy Reed, widow of John Reed, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution and the brother of Joseph Reed gave an affidavit in support of the claim for a pension made by Elizabeth Reed. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

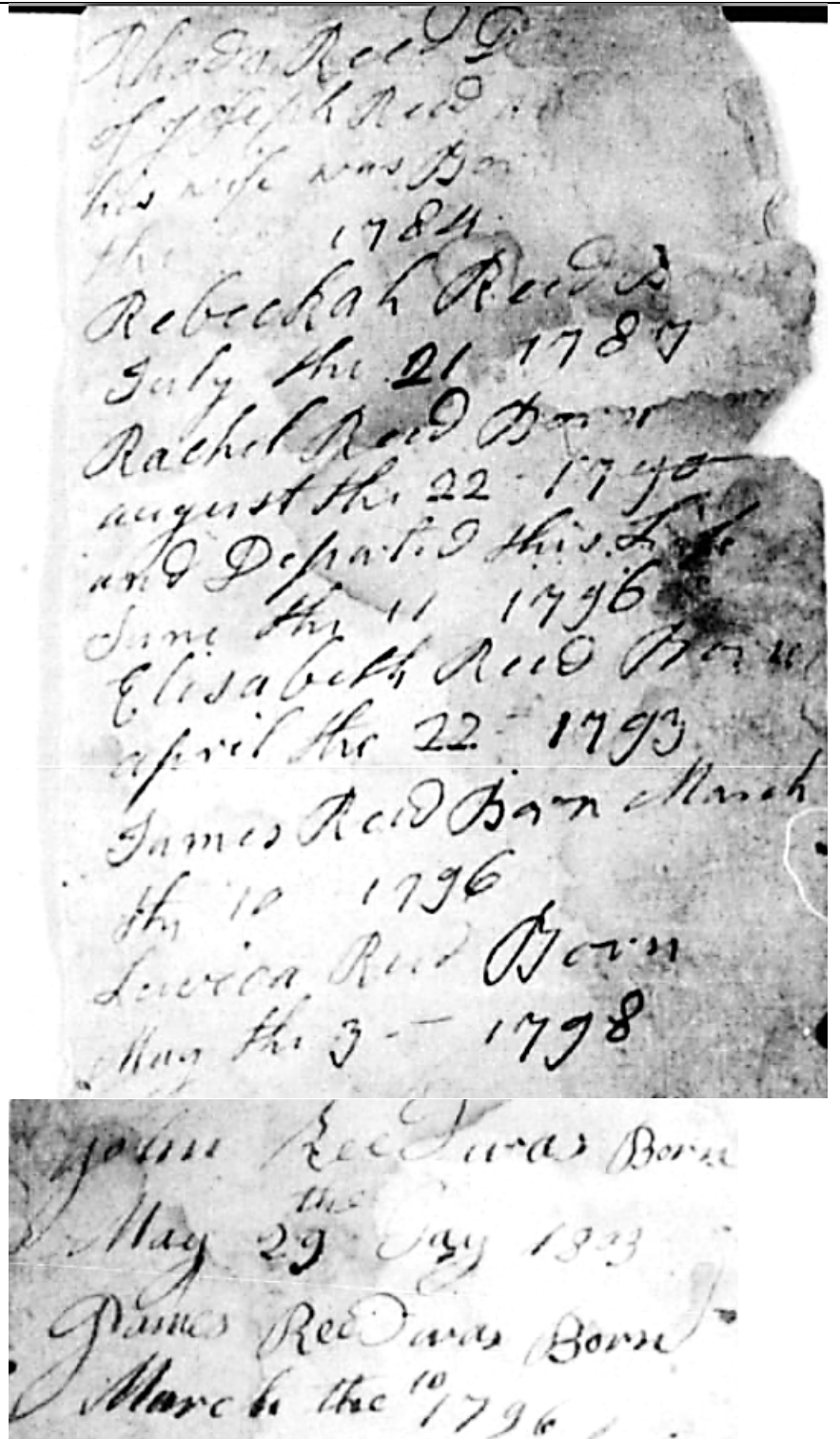
[p 16: John Reed testified on June 17, 1839 in Campbell County Tennessee that he had often heard his father, Joseph Reed, state that he and Elizabeth were married by justice Benjamin Tutt.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Reed". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Reed". The signature is enclosed in square brackets on the right side.

[p 17: Rhoda Roach gave testimony in Campbell County Tennessee on June 17, 1839 in support of her mother's application for a pension. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[pp 2-3 family record said to be in the handwriting of Joseph Reed]

Rhoda born September 18,
1784
Rebeckah born July 21,
1787
Rachel born August 22,
1790, died June 11, 1796
Elisabeth born April 22,
1793
James born March 10, 1796
Luvica or Vrica born May
3, 1798
John born May 29, 1903
Rachel Dryman born
September, 1805 record
illegible



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I heare by Cartify that Joseph Reed Twenty five years
Old five feet seven Inches high Gray ays [eyes] and Sandy
Complaction In Listed in my Company a

Regular Soldier the first Day of March one Thousand
Seven hundred and seventy six for the term of
fifteen Months in the fifth South Carolina
Regiment of Riflemen Commanded by Col. Huger and
has served During said term and has ever behaved
as an honorable Soldier and is hereby Discharged
from Said Regiment Done at Fort Mifflin the
first Day of June one thousand seven hundred
and seventy seven Given Under My hand
S/ Bengeman Tut Captain

A handwritten discharge certificate on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. It describes Joseph Reed as a Regular Soldier in the 5th South Carolina Regiment of Riflemen, commanded by Col. Huger. He served from March 1, 1776, to June 1, 1777, at Fort Mifflin. The certificate is signed by Bengeman Tut, Captain.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$3 33 1/3 per month increased to \$5 33 1/3 April 24, 1816 being classified as two thirds disabled.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Joseph Reed [Reid] SC53 AA23
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6326

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¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

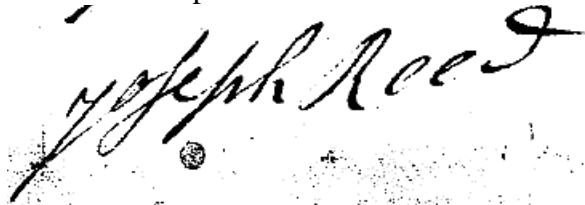
To the Honorable the president and Members of the Honorable the Senate
The Petition of Joseph Reed Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner was a resident of this State before the 1st January 1775 and after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] he became a Refugee with Colonel Benjamin Cleveland under whom he fought at the battle of Kings Mountain and was there Wounded by having his thigh broke ye 7th of October 1780. And from thence he was conveyed with the Wounded to the Quaker Meadows and lay there under the Doctor upwards of twelve months. Under which circumstance your Petitioner suffered, not being able to draw any support from the public until the year 1780 [paper damaged and last digit missing].

Your Petitioner therefore humbly begs leave to lay his Case before your Honorable house, hoping that you will Allow him his Annuity from the time of his being Wounded to the year 1776. Or Grant him such other relief as you in your Wisdom shall seem right and your Petitioner as in Duty bound Will Ever pray &c.

January 1st, 1790

S/ Joseph Reed



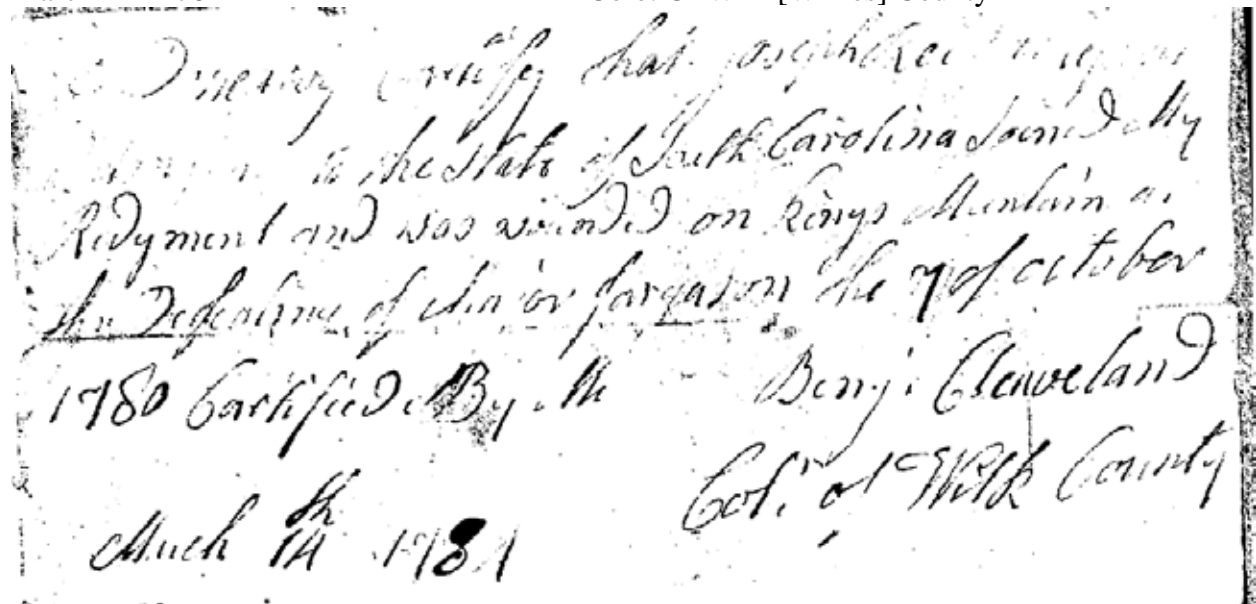
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I hereby Certify that Joseph Reed [text too faint to discern] the State of South Carolina Joined My Ridgment [Regiment] and was wounded at Kings Mountain at the Defeat of Major fargason [Patrick Ferguson] the 7 of October 1780 Certified by Me

S/ Benj. Cleveland

Colo. Of Wilk [Wilkes] County

March 14th 1784



I hereby certify that Joseph Reed was a resident of the State of South Carolina joined My Regiment and was wounded on Kings Mountain at the Defeat of Major Ferguson the 7 of October 1780 Certified By the Benj. Cleveland
Colo. of Wilk County
March 14 1784