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Pension Application of Bernard Reynolds W18804

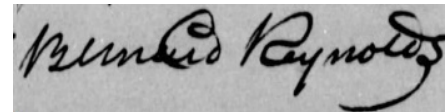
Lucy Reynolds VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 14 Jan 2015.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled, "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, Bernard Reynolds, of the County of Russell, in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare, That I was a private soldier in the Garrison Regiment of Virginia commanded by Colonel Charles Porterfield, in which I enlisted as a private on the 14th day of January 1779, for the term of three years, and that about three months afterwards I re-enlisted to serve during the war; that in the year 1780 the said Regiment, in which I then was, and which I thought and considered to be in the Continental service, was ordered to South Carolina to relieve Charleston, which was then besieged by the British troops [29 Mar - 12 May 1780], but the garrison of that place surrendered before the Regiment could get there; that on the occurrence of that event, the said Regiment was joined to the body of troops then under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, and remained under his command 'till the first battle of Camden, on the 16th of August 1780, in which action I was when Col. [Charles] Porterfield was mortally wounded, & soon died; that the name of the said Regiment was soon afterwards changed to that of "the State Legion," and was commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney, and that I was present in that Corps, under his command, at the siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], in Virginia, and that I remained in that corps until the close of the Revolutionary war, when I was discharged, in the month of April 1783, at Richmond, in Virginia, by Lieutenant David Mann, a detachment of that corps, in which I was included, having been ordered to that place on special duty under his command; that my discharge was shortly afterwards lodged by me in some office, I do not now recollect what, in Richmond, and I have not been able to obtain it since [see below]; and I do further declare, that I am not, nor have I ever been, on the pension roll of any State, or of the United States.

Witness my hand, this 29th day of September, in the year 1828.

[In Washington County VA]



I do hereby Certify, that I have been acquainted with Mr. Bernard Reynolds from his infancy his parents (who were respectable) having lived in my neighborhood; in the beginning of the year 1777 he entered as a Soldier in the War between the United States & Great Britain. I recollect perfectly having seen Colo. Porterfield, who Commanded the Regiment in which Mr. Reynolds was in the fall of that year & knowing him to be going[?] enquired of the Colo. how he conducted himself he answered he was a fine Boy, & good Soldier. he served during the War faithfully, after which he returned to his native County conducted himself as a good & faithful & industrious Citizen, being much respected by all his acquaintances, so long as he remained in the County of Caroline, he some years ago moved to the County of Henrico where I have been informed he has conducted himself in such a manner as to deserve well of his Country; Given under my hand this 14th day of Nov'r. 1810 Dan'l. Coleman

I do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Mr Bernard Reynolds ever since I could recollect, anything, for we was borne and raised in Caroline Count, Va within two miles of one another. And that he the said Bernard Reynolds, some time in the year 1779 enlisted for dureing the War in the Continental army against Great Brittain, and that he, the said Reynolds came Home on furlow, in the year 1782 in the month of December. And as well as I now can recollect returned again to the army sometime in the latter of January or the first of February 1783. And some time in the month of April 1783 He the said Reynolds returned home with a clear discharge by reason of the Expiration of said Revolutionary War. Given under my hand 26th of Sept. 1828 [signed] John Thompson Sr

[Reynolds's first application failed because the act of 1828 applied only to Continental soldiers.]

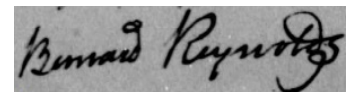
State of Virginia

Russell County to wit

On this 7th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Russell County and state of Virginia Bernard Reynolds a resident in the County of Russell and State of Virginia, aged Sixty nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he inlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with Lieutenant John Vaughan, and served in the state Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers: The Regiment to which he was first attached, was commanded by Major [Edmund] Waller; and the company to which he belonged, was commanded by Captain [Thomas] Upshaw, Lieutenant David Mann, and the name of the Ensign not recollected. That he left the service of the United States in the month of April 1783 having obtained his regular discharge in writing, in the City of Richmond Virginia, which said discharge has been since either lost or mislaid so that he cannot now produce it. That the said Bernard Reynolds entered the service of the United States under his inlistment as aforesaid for the term and period of three years, and that after being in the said service for about six months in the same year, to wit 1779 he inlisted for "during the war" with one Captain Thomas H. Drew [pension application R13852] in the State Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Col Charles Porterfield, and as well as he now recollects by Major Upshaw. The Company in which he inlisted the second time was commanded by Captain Thomas H. Drew, Lieutenant David Mann, and name of the Ensign not recollected. That at the time of his first entering the service of the United States he resided in the County of Caroline and State of Virginia where he was born and raised. That he was in the battle of Gates's defeat near Camden South Carolina [16 Aug 1780], and at the taking and surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] at Little York in Virginia. That the said Bernard Reynolds after inlisting in the County of Caroline Virginia marched to the City of Williamsburg, where he joined the Regiment commanded as before stated. From which place his said Regiment was marched to the South in order to re-enforce Charleston, South Carolina, that in the march he crossed Taylors ferry on the Roanoke river, passed through the Country lying between that point and Hillsborough in North Carolina; from thence he and his Regiment marched to Salisbury in the same state, and, after having passed the last mentioned Town and marched about Twenty miles towards the point of destination, information was received that Charleston had fallen into the hands of the enemy [12 May 1780]. His Regiment then immediately retreated back to Salisbury from which place they marched directly and joined General Gates' Army in the state of North Carolina. That the said Bernard Reynolds and the Regiment to which he belonged continued attached to General Gates's Army untill its defeat near Camden as aforesaid. After Gates's defeat he the said Bernard Reynolds with the rest of his Regiment who had survived that engagement rendezvoused at Hillsborough North Carolina; from whence they were marched into Virginia and continued in the service of the United States in the said State of Virginia untill the Proclamation of General Washington to rendezvous at Goochland Court House Virginia at which place his Regiment did rendezvous pursuant to said proclamation; at which time and place Col Charles Dabney took command of the Regiment to which he the said Bernard Reynolds belonged. That the said Regiment immediately took up its line of march to Little York, and participated in the glorious triumph obtained there in the capture of Cornwallace. That the said Bernard Reynolds although nominally belonging to the state troops, performed continental service in the Army of the United States untill the close of the war for which he last inlisted He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension, or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bernard Reynolds". The ink is dark and the signature is written on a light-colored background.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richmond Ap'l. 14th 83

This may Certify that Barnard Reynolds Has been three years in the service of this State as a soldier and is now in service For Dureing the war
D Mann Lt.



NOTE: On 26 Dec 1840 Lucy Reynolds, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Bernard Reynolds on 1 Feb 1787, and he died 23 Jan 1833. On 31 March 1841 Elizabeth C. Carrell of Russell County certified that the family record transcribed below was in the handwriting of Bernard Reynolds, and that she had been an "inmate of the family" (probably as his daughter) for upwards of 40 years. (James P. Carrell as Clerk of the Court certified the identity of the Justice of the Peace before whom she made her statement.) On 17 April 1841 Johnson Reynolds of Lewisburg VA also certified that the record was in his father's handwriting.

BIRTHS.

Elizabeth C. Reynolds was born Nov. 23th 1788
Harriott Reynolds was born Nov. 19th 1790
Lucy Reynolds was born Jan'y. 10th 1793
Mealey Reynolds was born Jan'y 27th 1795
Johnson Reynolds was born March 5th 1797
Bernard Reynolds was born May 23rd 1799
Ira Reynolds was born Nov. 27th 1803
Maria Reynolds was born June the 16th 1807
Mary B. Reynolds was born Oct'r 30th 1809
Martha H Reynolds was born Oct'r 29th 1801
Manuel was born 22nd June 1812
Jesse was born 2 Oct'r 1816

the ages of our Negroes

Tamer was born Feb'y 1787 [last digit unclear]
Beckey was born
Jefferson was born Sept'r 1805
Henrietter was born April 22d 1808
Stephen was born March 15th 1810
Nelson was born 27th Aug'st 1810
Edmond was born the 31st January 1813
Delila was born 6th August 1814
Caroline was born 10th Jan'y 1815
Henry was born 25th May 181[?]

MARRIAGES.

Bernard Reynolds was married to Lucy his wife on Thursday the 1st Feb'y 1787
Bernard Reynolds and Lucy his wife profess'd a hope of eternal life on Friday the 26th Aug't 1791
Bernard Reynolds was married to Lucy his wife on the 29 of Jan'y 1826
Ira Reynolds was married to Leah his Wife on Thursday the 12th Apl 1832
Mealey Reynolds was married to Andrew Todd on Thursday the 23^d of Dec. 1813

Harriot Reynolds was married to Sam'l Shoemaker on thursday the 1st June 1815
Johnson Reynolds was married to Eliz his wife on thursday the 13th March 1822
Martha Reynolds was married to David B Redwine on thursday the 17th of Feb 1825