

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Reed (Reid) W22054

Jane Reed

f31NC

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

On this Sixth day of March <sup>1833</sup> personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas in the said State and for the said District now in session -- Richard Reed a resident of the State and District aforesaid, who being 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 7 1832.

This Deponent was born about the year 1763 aged 70 years in Baltimore County Maryland & removed after that to Burke County North Carolina where he was living when he entered the service he entered as a volunteer under Capt. Thomas Little & Col. McDowell [then, Lt. Col. Charles McDowell] to go on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians & served a tour of three months. He again volunteered to go under Capt. George Cathy [George Cathey], Col. McDowell and marched against the Indians a tour of three months. He volunteered again under Capt. Francis Cunningham & marched into South Carolina and was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781],<sup>1</sup> his Capt. deserted two days before the battle and he & the rest of the company were attached to Capt. Little, Col. Malmedy's [Francois Malmedy's] Regiment they were then marched back into North Carolina and were detained one month longer than the term he volunteered for, being four months out that tour -- guarding the prisoners taken at the Eutaw -- he served in the whole war ten months -- & received a discharge but has lost it -- he received no compensation except that he has been on the Pension Roll of the State of South Carolina for three years -- he has no other evidence than what is herewith submitted -- & he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is no longer on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed, this day of March 1833.

In open Court

6th March 1833

S/ Richard Reed, X his mark

S/ Van A. Lawhorn, CC

[William Magee & James Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Stay at North Carolina Burke County} This day personally came Thomas Little<sup>2</sup> before me John

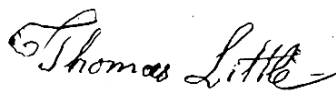
<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>2</sup> Sic, [Thomas Lytle S8873](#)

Bergin one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County & made oath that Richard Reid [sic] was out against the Indians twice in the revolutionary war under said Little & one other time of three months under some other person whose name this Deponent cannot recollect & also that the said Richard Reid was at the battle of the Eutaws as he understood & believes & further this Deponent says that Richard Reid was a good soldier & a true friend to his Country. Sworn to & subscribed this 3rd day of January 1828

Attest: S/ Jno. Burgin, JP

S/ Thomas Little



State of Alabama St. Clair County} This day personally appeared before me Archibald Sloan an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County Robert Reed<sup>3</sup> & after being duly sworn deposeth & saith that Richard Reed served two campaigns during the Revolutionary war together with this deponent one at the Eutaw Springs in Col. Malmedy's Regiment under Capt. James Little, the other under Col. Charles McDowell Regiment under Capt. Thomas Little, this deponent further saith that Richard Reed after serving out his time was honorably discharged at the same time with this deponent & further this deponent saith not.

S/ Robert Reed \



[p 23]<sup>4</sup>

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of South Carolina

The humble petition of the undersigned

Sheweth,

That your petitioner is in reduced circumstances and old and your petitioner having rendered service to his country in his youthful days he now is reduced to the necessity of throwing himself on the clemency of his country for a support he has Long supported himself together with an aged and frail companion as himself by the use of his needles but now his eye sight beginning to fail together with the clumsiness of his fingers renders it totally impossible for him to do so much longer – Your petitioner was two tours of three months each against the Indians (in the time of the Revolutionary war) one tour under Capt. Thomas Lytle and one under Capt. George Cathy your petitioner was also one other tour of three months (under Capt. Francis Cunningham) in the Lower part of this State which tour was prolonged to your petitioner about four months by being Left to guard Davisons fort [Davidson's Fort] until a fresh recruit Could be obtained your petitioner during this tour was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs where your petitioner had five balls shot through his close [clothes] your petitioner would further state that the Captain which he was under (viz. Cunningham) directed two days before the battle when your petitioner together with the balance of the company were attached to Col. Malmedy's Regiment under whose command your petitioner fought – and for the services your petitioner has never received

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<sup>3</sup> [Robert Reed S32471](#)

<sup>4</sup> The following petition for a pension is no longer in the file among the South Carolina Audited Accounts. I believe the original petition as transcribed below was removed from the South Carolina records and sent to the War Department in support of the veteran's petition for a pension from the federal government.]

the first cent nor would he now call on your honorable body for a pension if he was not drove to it by necessity your petitioner – owns [paper torn and text missing] property whatever except his wearing close [clothes] and his Shears and needles, neither pig, cow, horse, sheep, goat, bed, pot nor oven, therefore he humbly hopes that your honorable body will hear his prayer and graciously grant his request which is that he may be allowed a pension to keep him from begging in his Latter days and in duty bound will ever pray

Test: S/ Wm Acker

October 1, 1827

S/ Richard Reid [sic], A his mark

South Carolina Pendleton District} We the undersigned do hereby Certify that we have Long been acquainted with Richard reed [sic] that he has always supported [paper damaged and text obliterated] Sound Character that he is an industrious man and from our knowledge of him we do not believe that he would State anything but what was true and from his circumstance we believe him entitled to a pension.

Wm Acker

B. Earle

Adam Todd

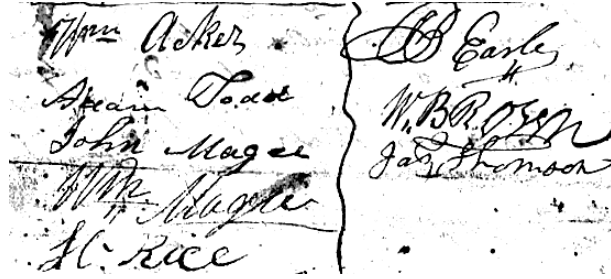
W. B. Rosen [?]

John Magee

Jas Thomson

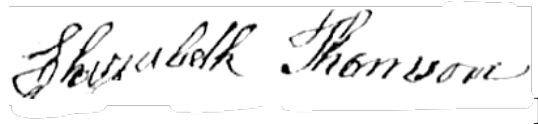
Wm Magee

H. Rice



[p 12: On April 15, 1845 in Anderson District South Carolina, Jane Reed, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Reed, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him in February 1788 in Abbeville District South Carolina; that they were married by a Presbyterian minister named Hall at the house of John Miller; that her maiden name was Caven; that she has no family record to prove her marriage; that her husband died in Anderson District South Carolina May 25, 1835 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 26: On April 7, 1845 in Anderson District South Carolina, Elizabeth Thomson gave testimony that she was acquainted with Mr. Richard Reed and his wife Jane since 1792; that they lived together as man and wife; that the deponent's eldest daughter [not named] was born in 1792 and she knows that Richard and Jane Reed were living together at that time.



[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]