

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Rider¹ W2572

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 14th day of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared before many Thomas Babb one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee the same being a Court of record – Reuben Rider a resident of the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee – aged 79 years having been born according to the family Register on the 15th of December 1754 – in the County of Shenandoah and the State of Virginia – 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 enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution of the United States – in the year 1777 or 1778 (he does not distinctly remember from the lapse of time and the loss of memory which of these years) he was mustered into the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Langdon and was attached to the 12 Virginia Regiment of the State Troops or Virginia line commanded by Colonel James Wood ^{who he understood was afterwards burnt in the theater at Richmond Virginia} Regiment rendezvous at Winchester Virginia which was established as the headquarters of the Regiment, from this point his Corps sallied into different parts of the State as necessity might seem to dictate he was engaged in no battles nor was there any action fought in the State of Virginia during the two years that he was in service – declarant was in Camp – or in the field engaged in military duty – or active discipline ready to be called to the field of battle whenever occasion might require – there was no change of officers while he was in service except that Captain Langdon he thinks was broke of his commission – and that perhaps the 1st Lieutenant succeeded him though he has no distinct recollection who was his successor – After having been in actual service for two years – the period of his enlistment he was discharged – this discharge he received from under the hand of Colonel Wood himself in Frederick County Virginia – and he preserved it for a number of years – it has however been lost or mislaid for several years – while the discharge was in his possession about ten years ago Declarant showed it to James Leech a neighbor and acquaintance of his youth knew Colonel Wood when he was a boy in Virginia – and he now well remembers having seen said discharge and that it purported to be under the hand of Colonel Wood upon the statement of said Leech who seen said discharge upon the certainty that his name will be found on the rolls (unless he has made a mistake as to the date of his service or the number of the Regiment to which he belonged) does he most confidently rely for the favorable action of the Department in his case – for Declarant knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services.

Declarant would further state for the separate and distinct consideration of the

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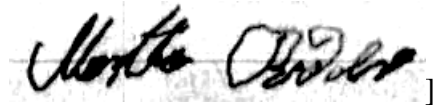
Department that after his term of enlistment had expired as stated above – that he moved to what is now called East Tennessee – then North Carolina on Big Pigeon River about the year 1780 or 1781 that shortly after his arrival there he volunteered as a soldier under Captain William English and was commanded by Colonels Outlaw, Buck & Sevier and marched against the Cherokee Indians while engaged in this service declarant was in a number of battles and skirmishes with the Indians among the rest he recollects the battle of Fort Cozetutown [?]² –Tatchecy [?]³, French Broad – New Port and several other places in this kind of service he was engaged as a minute man for three years and upwards – he does not know that he is entitled to anything for this latter service under the act of the 7th of June 1832 but he thought proper to mention it to show that after he left the regular Army in Virginia after his term of enlistment had expired that he was not unemployed when his country demanded his services – Declarant resided in Shenandoah County Virginia when he entered the service in the Revolutionary War from Virginia he moved to the State of Tennessee where he has resided for the last 33 years – he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state in the United States – Declarant would have heretofore made his application in a court of record for a pension but he has been so feeble from ill health and old age that he has not been able to ride to the court House of this County and still not therefore makes his declaration before a justice of the peace out of Court.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of November A.D. 1833
S/ Thos. Babb, JP

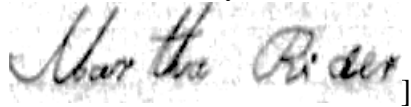
S/ Reuben Rider



[f p. 13: On July 22, 1853 in Carroll County Tennessee, Martha Rider, 65, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Reuben Rider; that she married him in May 181_ [last digit left blank] in Wilson County Tennessee; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha Leach; that her husband died in Wilson County Tennessee in July 18__ [last 2 digits left blank]



[f p. 17: On May 18, 1855 in Madison County Tennessee, the widow, 68, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Reuben Rider; that she married her husband on May 4th, 1815 in Wilson County Tennessee; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha Leech; that her husband died July 29, 1838 and that she remains his widow.



[f p. 19: Amos Williams, a justice of the peace in Madison County Tennessee, me testimony that

² Fort Cozetutown

³ Tatchecy

he saw Reuben Rider and Martha Leech married Made 4th, 1815; and that the following are the ages of the children of the veteran and his wife as shown in their family register: Rebecca Ann Rider was born July 22, 1816, Sophia B Rider was born January the 18th 1819, Sarah E Rider was born July 17, 1821, Martha H Rider was born August 12th, 1822, Amand G Rider was born October the 11th 1824; he further certifies that the family register shows that Reuben Rider died July 29, 1838 in his 83rd year. He states that the family register has been in his possession for the last 18 years.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]