

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Treadwell W6311

Amelia Treadwell f49NC

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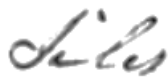
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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court aforesaid now sitting Reuben Treadwell [Reuben Treadwell] – a Resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged Eighty 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 Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 saith that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

As well as I can recollect sometime in the year 1775 I was then living in Hanover [sic, New Hanover] County North Carolina where we was all classed and numbered and agreeable to our numbers we was called out to do duty I was first called out on a Tour of three months I was under Steven Anderson [Stephen Andres] Captain – we was at the Battle of Moore's Creek bridge [February 27, 1776] where we Defeated the Enemy we was there under the command of Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] after the Battle was over we was all at liberty to Return home Shortly after our Return I was called on another Tour to Wilmington I was still under the same Captain Anderson Colonel Robertson [Thomas Robeson, Jr.] Commanded his Regiment we throwed up some Breast Works the British did not land at that point but was seen by the Report of the spies we could hear the Roar of the Cannon was at a place below Wilmington Sunk three large vessels to fill up the Channel to prevent their vessels from passing up the Sound I continued at that place until our tour of Service expired and we returned home by orders from that place went into South Carolina Hoary [sic, Horry] District I think in the year 1779, shortly after my arrival at that place I was Drafted for a three months Tour under Captain Benjamin Jarrell under the command of Colonel Horry [Lieutenant Colonel Peter Horry] we was stationed at Doctors Creek about two miles from George Town [Georgetown South Carolina] we was kept at that station for three months when we were Discharged and returned home. Some short time after I was Drafted again under Captain Benjamin Jarril we was ordered on to Orangeburg under the command of Colonel Liles [? Jiles, Giles?]¹ we was there placed as a guard over some wagons bound for Charleston with provisions then under the command of Major Bell [could be Ball]² when we arrived in Charleston we was Stationed there four months I was then Discharge by Captain John James and returned home sometime after my Return I was called on again and went to Georgetown under

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Captain Benjamin Jarrel we was stationed there under Colonel Peter Horry there we was kept as a guard until our time expired and I returned home shortly after that Time peace was proclaimed. I have lost all my papers Relative to my service time has passed of and many of my old fellow Sufferers gone I do not know where to find those that suffered with me but I have many Respectable neighbors that will vouch for my veracity I am in want of some pay at this time for the service that I spent in the prime of my life I hereby Relinquish every Claim to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State whatsoever.

Question 1st by the Court Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the State of North Carolina Bartie [sic, Bertie] County in the year 1751.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have it from some Circumstances of the age I was when I entered the service and from the Declarations of my parents in their life time.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in [New] Hanover County North Carolina when first called into service from that place I moved [to] Horry District South Carolina in the year 1779 where I resided until some years after the Revolutionary War I then moved to Darlington District South Carolina sometime after that I came to Rutherford County North Carolina where I now Reside.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer:	In my first I was a volunteer	3 months
	In my Second I was drafted	3 months
	my next Service I was Drafted and South Carolina	3 months
	my next service Drafted in South Carolina	3 months
	my next Tower [Tour] Drafted	6 [months]
	my next service drafted	3 [months]

Makes twenty-one months that I was in actual Service in fact I was scarcely out of service for we could not stay at on in peace our Country was very thinly settled and had to be embodied very often if it was only to make a show

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

[Answer:] Recollect at Moore's Creek I was under Colonel Caswell at Wilmington and General Moore & Col. Robertson, South Carolina General Marion [Francis Marion], General Moultrie [William Moultrie], General Lee [Charles Lee] whilst lived in Horry District the British took the Greatest part of my property that belonged to what was then called Liberty men was hunted for as this people Hunt Deer in the Woods we were compelled at all times to be on our watch

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

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

[no response given]

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Tredwell, X his mark

[Joseph Moore, a clergyman, and William Graham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the Said County Reuben Treadwell who being duly Sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of Memory, He cannot Swear to the precise length of his Service. Also that He has Removed so far from where He resided when He done the Service that he has not any knowledge where any of his brother Sufferers now resides that it is entirely out of his power to procure them if any of them are now living But to the best of my recollection I served not less than Twenty-one Months as Stated in my fourth Question and in the manner and under the officers as laid down in the body of my Petition

1775. Volunteered under Captain Steven Anderson [Stephen Andres] Colonel Caswell commanded at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge this was a Tour of 3 Months

1776. Drafted under Captain Anderson Colonel Robertson [Thomas Robeson, Jr.] commanded we was at Wilmington this was a Tour of 3 Months

1779. Drafted under Captain Jarrel [Benjamin Jarrell] commanded by Colonel Horry Stationed at Doctors Creek near George Town tour 3 Months

1780. Drafted under Captain Jarrel Commanded by Colonel Jiles we was at Orangeburg and I think Two months on our passage to Charleston where I well remember I was kept not less than four months differs from my former statement that I believe I am correct. Captain John James commanded the Company while in Charleston Colonel Giles commanded this Tour

6 Months

1780. Drafted under the same Captain Gerald Colonel Peter Horry Commanded this service we & 1781 was stationed at George Town this was a Tour of 6 Months

I held no military office during the Revolutionary War. This is to the best of my recollection a faithful History of my service during the Revolutionary War. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th May A.D. 1833

S/ W. G. Irvin, JP

S/ Reuben Treadwell, X his mark

[p 9: On June 9, 1840, Amelia Treadwell applied in Marshall County Mississippi for a widow's pension stating that she was at that time 76 years old, that she is the widow of Reuben Treadwell a pensioner; that she married Reuben on the 22nd day of October 1779; and that Reuben died on the 29th day of May 1833. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: Reuben D. Treadwell, aged about 50, gave supporting affidavit N. Marshall County Mississippi on October 16, 1840 in which he states he is the son of Reuben and Amelia Treadwell.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben D. Treadwell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first letter 'R' is large and loops around the first few letters. The signature ends with a small vertical line.

[facts in file: children of Reuben and Amelia Treadwell as per the widow's testimony p 37]

Benjamin born February 25, 1781

Sarah born April 11, 1783

James born August 22, 1785

Reuben D. born February 22, 1790

Samuel born January 11, 1792

Adoniram born June 16, 1794

William D. born February 4, 1796

John H. born September 11, 1798

Timmons L. born August 27, 1800, living in 1840 in Lamar Mississippi

Thomas D. born March 11, 1802

Julia Ann born August 11, 1804

Gilead C. born February 6, 1806

Bethel D. be born September 27, 1808

Lovick P. born September 26, 1812]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months in both the North Carolina and South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]