

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Reeves W7133

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State of North Carolina Franklin County: Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the 11th day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Richard Reeves a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in the Militia service of this State in the year 1780 whilst a resident of the County in which he was born, then called Bute for the term of 3 months under Colonel Lowrie & Captain Ransom -- that he was marched on to Charlestown South Carolina immediately after he was drafted & there remained until his 3 months were nearly expired -- that he joined the service in January & left Charlestown about the 9th of April -- when he was discharged --

It that in 1781 he was drafted in the Militia for the term of 3 months under Colonel Dudley & Captain Harris that he marched to Guilford Court House under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] whom he had joined in Orange County & was there at the engagement. From thence after rallying the troops General Greene marched all his men to Ramsey's Mills in Chatham County in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis after remaining there for a week or two General Greene marched to Camden South Carolina & banner this deponent remained until his term expired -- He has no documentary evidence to establish his service.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ S. Patterson, Clk

S/ Richard Reeves, X his mark

We Tilmon Patterson & David Jones (the former a soldier of the revolution and having served in the same Regiment and both tours mentioned in the above declaration) certifies that we are well acquainted with Richard Reeves, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration: that we believe him to be 71 years old -- that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that we concur in the opinion.

S/ Tilmon Patterson

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. S/ David Jones

State of North Carolina Franklin County: Descender Sessions 1833

On this 12th day of December A.D. 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Richard Rieves [sic] a resident of the said County of Franklin in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-three 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 of June 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. he was a Drafted Militia man in Captain Ransom's Company in the County of Bute now Franklin in the State of North Carolina in the winter of 1779 & 80 and marched from that County under Captain Ransom through the Counties of Nash and Edgecombe to Kington [sic, Kinston] in said State where he joined Colonel Lowry's and Colonel Sheppard's Company or Regiment from thence we were marched to Wilmington in North Carolina from thence to Charlestown in the State of South Carolina -- where we remained until I think about the month of April 1780 -- three weeks over three months the tours being three months tours we were drafted for the reason as I understood from my officers we could not be discharged at the end of the three months was that Charlestown was then Blockaded by the British forces and some reinforcements were expected a few weeks after my Discharge which was by Colonel Lowry, the City of Charlestown was surrendered to the British forces. The Discharge given me by Colonel Lowry at Charlestown was in writing which I lost or destroyed not believing it to be of any use to keep it. Tilmon Patterson¹ was acting as Sergeant in Captain Ransom's Company and afterward Ensign at Charlestown -- was discharged and came with me.

This affiant further states that he was again Drafted in the North Carolina troops as a Militia man from the County of Bute now Franklin in the year 1781 -- the month he does not recollect -- was put under Captain Thomas for the space of three months -- was marched from Bute to Harrisburg in Granville County from thence through Hillsboro to the high Rock Ford on Deep River General Greene's Camp from thence to Guilford Court House where we were in the Battle called the Guilford Battle and was there Defeated by the enemy -- from thence we were marched to the Iron works from thence to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River from thence to Camblin [sic, Camden] in the State of South Carolina where we remained until our three months tour expired and was there Discharged by Colonel Dudley which Discharge was in writing and lost or destroyed long since supposing it to be of no use.

This affiant states that the Guilford Battle was the only one he was ever in during the whole of his two tours each of which was three months tours though in the first he could not get a discharge as before stated while in Charlestown until three weeks after his tour was out -- making the whole service six months and three weeks.

This affiant further states that he was born in the County of Sussex in the State of Virginia and removed to the County of Bute now Divided into Warren & Franklin -- when he was about 13 or 14 years of age that he has no record of his age that he was living in the County of Bute when first called into service and that he has lived in the same section of County and neighborhood ever since the Revolutionary War and that he now lives there that he was on each case called into service as a Drafted Militia man --

As I have stated above I first served in Captain Ransom's Company from Bute was Discharged in the City of Charlestown in South Carolina by Colonel Lowry, after a service of three months & three weeks.

The 2nd tour in Captain Thomas's Company was in the Guilford Battle & Discharged at Camden in the State of South Carolina by Colonel Dudley, after a 3 months tour. -- That I am

¹ [Tilmon Patterson S41942](#)

acquainted with Tilmon Patterson & William Cook -- and Jones Cook Esquire of my neighborhood who can testify to my good character and in the upper right Conduct. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 12th day of December A.D. 1833.

S/ Richard Reeves, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

Test: S/ S. Patterson, Clk

I Richard Reeves hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or if any only on that of the Agency of North Carolina.

Attest: S/ S. Patterson, Clerk

S/ Richard Reeves, X his mark

[Jones Cook gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[William Cook gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[William Arendell, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11-- the following transcript was made from a very faint digital image and is to be used with circumspection]

State of North Carolina Franklin County: December Session 1833

Tilmon Patterson of the said County of Franklin aged between seventy-two and seventy-three years came into open Court and maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Richard Reeves of the said County and has been since the year 1779 -- that in that year he entered in the service of the Revolution the said Reeves as a Drafted militia man in Captain Ransom's Company that this affiant was at the time a Sergeant in the said company, that they marched [illegibly faint text] thence down said County through age come and [illegibly faint text] Counties to Wilmington thence through South Carolina to the City of Charlestown in the State of South Carolina where we remained for these space of three months and three weeks from the time we left home to [illegibly faint text] discharged at the end of three months the time we were drafted [illegibly faint text] the Town or City of Charlestown was then blockaded by the Enemy and our officers were expecting some reinforcements [illegibly faint text]. while stationed in Charlestown this affiant was [illegibly faint text] Ensign under said Captain Ransom [illegibly faint text]....

S/ Tilmon Patterson

[fn p. 14: on November 11, 1850, in Franklin County North Carolina Mary Reeves, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Reeves, a pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him on October 16th 1799; that her name before marriage was Mary Davis; that her husband died November 17 1839; and that she still remains his widow.]