

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund (Edmond) Read W8084 Paulina Legrand¹ f117VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Virginia County of Charlotte: SS

On this the 7th day of May 1838 personally appeared before the Court of the said County Paulina Legrand a resident of said County of Charlotte and State of Virginia aged about seventy-two (the family record of her age being lost or mislaid she is not able to speak with more precision) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd, 1837: That she was married to Captain Edmund Read, with whose military service, she is not personally acquainted, but that, she is informed, it will appear from the rolls of the regular troops, now in the War Department, that the said Edmund Read was a Lieutenant in Captain Brant's [sic: John Brent's] Company of the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, which office it appears from a document herewith submitted, he resigned on the 5th day of July 1777: it will also appear from the rolls of the State Troops in Virginia now in the War Department and from sundry documents heretofore submitted by herself to the said Department in support of her claim for half pay as devisee of the said Edmund Read (which said Claim was duly allowed and paid on or about the 12th of January 1833) that shortly after the above mentioned resignation, on the organization of Major Nelson's² Corps of State Cavalry of Virginia, the said Edmund Read was duly commissioned as a Captain in said Corps; that he continued to serve in said Corps until it was resolved into Dabney's Legion and that thereafter he was a supernumerary Officer to the end of the war: That she refers to the documents heretofore submitted in support of her claim for half pay as [indecipherable word] aforesaid which was allowed & paid as aforesaid, for the establishment of such facts as all material to the present claim, and as affording a reason for the said documents not being at present in her possession. She here presents to the Court sundry other papers in relation to the service of the said Edmund Read: This declarant further states: That the said Edmund Read always resided in the County of Charlotte aforesaid: That she was married to the said Edmund Read about the middle of the month of September in the year 1782 (the precise day of the month she is unable to state by reason of loss of the family record aforesaid): that her husband the aforesaid Edmund Read died on the 28th day of December 1802 leaving no issue, That she was afterwards married to the Reverend Nash Legrand who died on the ___ day of October 1814; That she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto

¹ former widow

² [John Nelson W5414](#)

annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid 1st above mentioned.

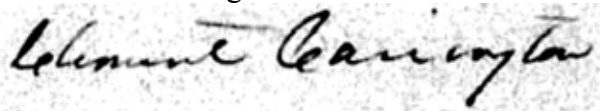
S/ Paulina Le Grand



And at the Court aforesaid and on the day and year 1st above mentioned, Clement Carrington³ being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith; That he was an Ensign in Col. Lee's Legion during the Revolutionary war, that on his return from the service in the month of February in the year 1783 Captain Edmund Read and Paulina Cabell the person mentioned in the marriage license bond, certified by the Clerk of Amherst County and hereto annexed, had before that time then married; that the said Edmund Read is the same person, who he always understood was a Lieutenant in Captain Brant's Company of the 4th Virginia Regiment, and afterwards a Captain in Major Nelson's Corps of Virginia State Cavalry; That he the said Edmund Read departed this life many years since: That his widow the said Paulina, afterwards intermarried with the Reverend Nash Legrand; who also departed this life many years since, and that the said Paulina was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836 and still remains a widow. This deponent further saith that the Paulina Legrand who has made the declaration hereto annexed, is the same person as Paulina Cabell mentioned in the marriage license bond aforesaid and who previous to February 1783 had been married to Captain Edward Read aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year 1st above mentioned.

S/ Clement Carrington



[p 4: copy of a marriage bond issued in Amherst County Virginia on September 13, 1782 to Edmund Read and William Cabell Jr. bondsmen, condition of the marriage of Edmund Read to Paulina Cabell (spinster) daughter of William Cabell Esquire of Amherst County.]

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 6th day of December 1784 in the name of Edmund Read as Captain and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £56.5.4, delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 31st day of March 1851.

S/ Ro Johnston

First Auditor

[No Seal of Office]

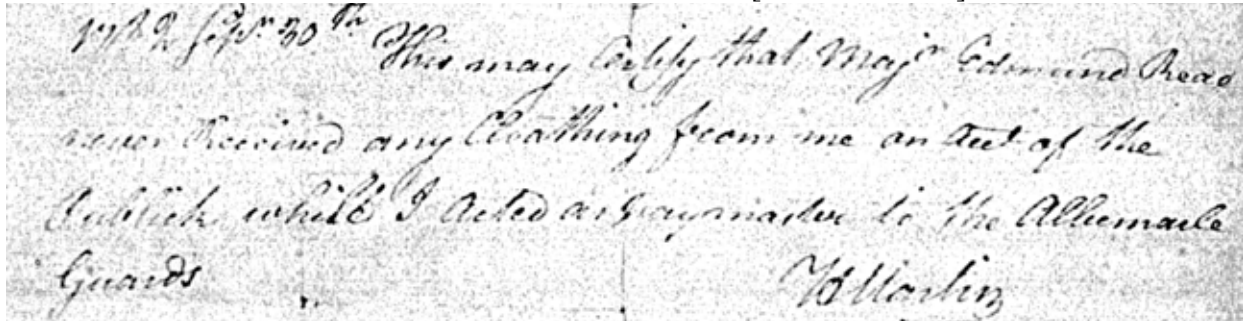
³ [Clement Carrington S46427](#)

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1782 September 30th

This may Certify that Major Edmund Read never Received any Cloathing from me on Acct of the Publick while I acted as paymaster to the Albemarle Guards.

S/ H. Martin [Hudson Martin]



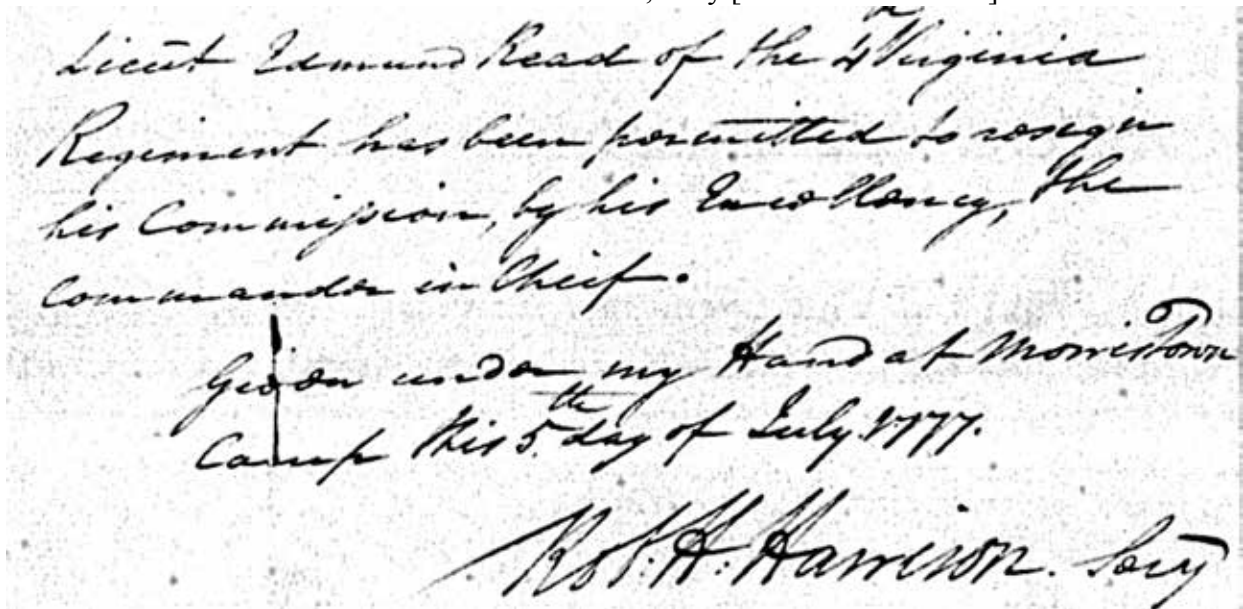
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H. Martin

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Lieutenant Edmund Read of the 4th Virginia Regiment has been permitted to resign his Commission, by his Excellency, the Commander in Chief.

Given under my hand at Morristown Camp this 5th day of July 1777

S/ Rob. H. Harrison, Secy [Robert H. Harrison]



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Given under my Hand at Morristown Camp this 5th day of July 1777.
R. H. Harrison. Secy

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Richmond December 14, 1782

I certify that Edmund Reade was and Officer in the 4th Virginia Regiment in 1775, That he was appointed a Captain in Nelson's Corps of the State Cavalry the 26th of June 1779 and that he is now a supernumerary.

S/ George Muter,⁴ Col. SGR [State Garrison Regiment]

Benjamin Harrison

⁴ [George Muter VAS803](#)

Warrant for 4000 acres found to Edmund Reade this 16th of December 1784 (Wt No. 54)
A True copy of the records of the Virginia Land Office

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To Lieutenant Reed [sic]

Sir

You are to proceed immediately on the Recruiting Service: Inlist none but young able Bodied men; mention it to them that they are to serve in the Regiment, where in C? Read & yourself are; but don't enlist them for any particular Company.

Take no Britain or Irish, but those whose Connections in America may appear strong enough to bind them to our Interests.

Be active [?] & let me hear from you from time to time – I wish you success. I am

Sir

Your most ? Serv.

Suffolk 27th May 1776

S/ Adam Stephen

Col. 4th Rgt.

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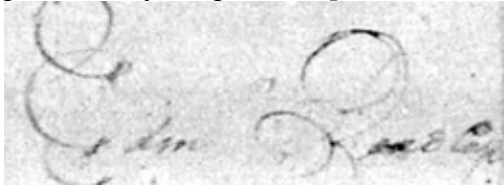
am
for your most h^{umble} Serv^t

Suffolk 20th May 1776

Adam Stephen
Col. 4th Rgt.

[p 86 appears to be a document signed by Edmund Read himself as Captain. The image is very poor and largely illegible, but it appears to relate to the court martial of Richard Jones or possibly Richard Tomas [Thomas?] in the company of "Capt. Armon" [Martin Armand Vogluson] on a charge of theft. The soldier confessed, but the offense was so deemed so slight that he was

punished by a reprimand.]



[p 10: Affidavit dated April 17, 1845 given in Charlotte County Virginia by Henry Carrington of said County in which he states that he is the executor of the late Paulina Legrand, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$600 per annum; that the deceased was a resident of Charlotte County Virginia for the space of 62 years before her death and previous to that she resided in Amherst, now Nelson County Virginia. That she died in Charlotte County February 5, 1845 leaving no child.]

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her former husband's service in as a Captain in the Virginia service.]

[Bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#) contain the following documents of poor quality in the online images.

[p 2]

[several illegible words], that I will be faithfull and true to the Commonwealth of Virginia; that I will [illegible word] the same to the utmost of [my] power, in the defence of the just rights of America against [two illegible words] whatsoever; that I will obey the orders of such Officers who [may?] be set over me, and lay down my arms peaceably when required to do so, by the General Assembly of Virginia.

[Four illegible names and dates]

[illegible name] July 27th 79

John [?] July 27th 79

Rob't Corbin [Robert Corbin] July 31st 79

Wm. Croudin [William Croudin] July 31st 79

Rich'd Jones [Richard Jones] July 31st 79

Fintris Burt Aug't 2nd

[Other side of above]

Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg County] 2^d Monday 9th Aug [1779]

Lunenburg 3^d Thursday 19th D'o. [1779]

P. Edw'd. [Prince Edward County] 3^d Monday 16th D'o. [1779]

Halifax 3^d Thursday 19th D'o. [1779]

[p 3]

Rec'd of Cap Edmund Read of State L. Dragoons each of us two Shirts & one pr Stockings

Given under our Hands this 21st Sep 1779

Wm Morton

J Davenport

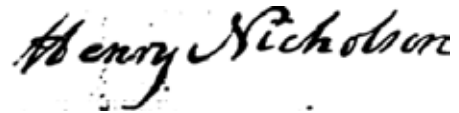
John Smith

Francis Brent
Robert Corbin
Benard Clements
Ben his X mark Clemmons
Stephen Mullin
Robt Taylor
Seath Allday
John Speckert
Cro[?]Foster his X mark
John Fuqua
[?][?]ooms his X mark
[other side of the above list of names]
John Haley his X mark
[?] his X mark Jones
Charles Walls
Wm Crowdus his X mark
Witness
Henry Nicholson Co
Trasfern[?]
to } Rec'd.
Read
Shirts & Stockings

[p3 One document is mostly illegible except for the heading, "In Congress Sept'r. 23^d 1776."]

[p 4]

Jo's. Davenport [Joseph Davenport]	Enlisted	2[?] June [year not stated]
John [?]	D'o	28 of June
Frederick Cantwell	D'o	28 of June
[illegible name] Deserted	D'o	28 of June
John Martin	D'o	3 of July
Thos. Colley [Thomas Colley]	D'o	10 of July
Henry Nicholson Cor't [Cornet] first Troop		



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Richmond December 14, 1782

I certify that Edmund Reade was and Officer in the 4th Virginia Regiment in 1775, That he was appointed a Captain in Nelson's Corps of the State Cavalry the 26th of June 1779 and that he is now a supernumerary.

S/ George Muter, Col. SGR

Benjamin Harrison

Warrant for 4000 acres found to Edmund Reade this 16th of December 1784 (Wt No. 54)

A True copy of the records of the Virginia Land Office

Judge Wm H. Cabell [William H. Cabell], as the Executor of Captain Edmund Read, received the

½ pay due for his services as a supernumerary to the close of the War: 4000 acres of land only have been received

L. [?] Green

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Rej'd April 1838

Le Grand, Paulina

Additional bounty land is allowed in this case for a service from 1st of January 1782 to the 3rd of November 1783

S/ David Campbell

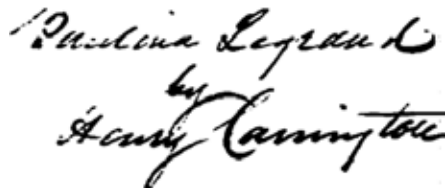


[p 13] To David Campbell Esq'r Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Paulina Le Grand of the county of Charlotte, respectfully states, That Capt Edmund Read, late an officer in the Army of the Revolution, entered in service, as she is informed, on or about the __ day of __ 1775, as pr. evidence hereto annexed, marked No. 1 [not found] and that he continued in such service till the end of the War, to wit till the 3d Nov'r 1783. That the said Edmund Read received from the State of Virginia a land bounty of 4000 acres, only, for such services see Land Warrant No 54. And she is advised that he was entitled to an additional bounty of 1/6th pr. annum for the period of his services, over and above 6 years, according to the Laws of Virginia. She further states that he departed this life on or about the __ day of __ 1802 having first made and published his last will & testament, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked No 2 [not found], by which it appears that he devised all title to your petitioner. She therefore respectfully asks that such allowance of additional land as the said Edmund Read was entitled to, may be made to her as devised aforesaid.

And she will pray &c.
1838 April 7.

Paulina Legrand by Henry Carrington



[p 5 One document is mostly illegible but appears to be an account of Edmund Read's expenses while recruiting, dated 27 May 1776, with the heading, "The United States of America in acc't with Lieutenant Edmund Read of the 4th Virg'a. Regiment."]

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Edward Dyhouse	Enlisted 20 th July
William Sotherfoot [William Southerfoot]	do 20 do
Jona ⁿ Spicer [Jonathan Spicer]	do 24 do
Benja Smith [Benjamin Smith]	do 27 do
Edward Elsey	do 27 do
Geo. Johnson [George Johnson]	do 2 Augt

Rich'd Thomas [Richard Thomas]
 Hen^y Port [Henry Port]
 David Bryan

do 2 do
 do 2 do
 do 25 do

S/ Geo. Brent Lieut. first [George Brent]
 Troop

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William Fotherfoot, Do - 20th Do
Jonaⁿ Spicer, Do - 24th Do
Benjⁿ Smith, Do - 27th Do
Edward Elsey, Do - 27th Do
Geo. Johnson, Do - 2nd Aug^t
Rich^d Thomas, Do - 2nd Do
Hen^y Port, Do - 2nd Do
David Bryan, Do - 25th July
Geo. Brent Lieut. first
Troop

1776 D'r. the CommonWelth to Edmund Read Lieut. 4th Virg'a Reg

Time of Inlist't Age Trade

[illegible]

Daniel Haydon	July 3d	20	Farmer	Virginia
G[?] [?]	June 3 ^d	19	Farmer	Virginia
[?] T[?]	June 3 ^d	19	Farmer	Virginia
Henry Cox	June 4 th	17	Farmer	Virginia
William S[?]	June [?]	21	Farmer	Virginia
Malachi Francis ⁵	June 29 th	22	Farmer	Virginia
John Williams	June 29 th	20	Farmer	Virginia
Wm [?]	July 9 th	26	[?]	Virginia
Thomas G[?]	July 9 th	18	Farmer	Virginia
John H[?]k	June 21 st	40	Farmer	Irish
Thomas H[?]	June 16 th	26	Saylor [Taylor?]	English

To bounty Money for the above Recruits } £ S D
 for two years Inlistment at 20 S each } 11. 0. 0

[signed] Adam Stephen [illegible abbreviation]

⁵ [Malachi Francis R3744](#)

[p 7]
18 Dragoons
to } Rec'd.
Cap Read
18 [illegible word]
Oct 12th 79

[p 8 other side]
Rec'd of Cap. Edmund Read Each of us one pair of Shoes given under our Hands this 12 Oct. 1779
Isham Speckert [?]
Wm Morton [William Morton]⁶
Harrison Swillivant [Harrison Sullivant]
Robt Taylor [Robert Taylor]
John Fuqua
Steph Mullins ? [Stephen Mullings]⁷
Robert Corbin
Barnard Clements
[indecipherable]
William [too faint to be discerned], X his mark
Ben Clements, X his mark
[too faint to be discerned], X his mark
Charles Walls⁸
South [indecipherable] [Seath Allday]⁹
John Hady, [?]X his mark
Rich'd Jones [? Richard Jones]¹⁰, X his mark
John Smith¹¹

⁶ [William Morton S2007](#)

⁷ [Stephen Mullens \(Mullings\) VAS782](#)

⁸ [Charles Walls R11091](#)

⁹ [Seth P. Alday R73](#)

¹⁰ [Richard Jones W2123](#)

¹¹ [John Smith S6114](#)

R. C. of Capt. Edmund
 Read back of letter
 of the 12th Sept. 1779
 John - pocket
 Wm Morton
 Harrison Swillivant
 Robert Taylor
 John Fuqua
 Stephen Hill
 Robert Corbin
 Bernard Clement
 John Foster
 John Smith
 John Smith
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 John Smith
 John Smith
 John Smith

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[Document dated 21st day of Sept. 1779 which apparently bears the signatures of a number of the member of Capt. Richard Read's company of State Light Dragoons, which signatures, as best I can discern are as follows:

Wm Morton [William Morton]

J. Davenport

John Smith

Francis Brent

Robert Corbin

Bernard Clement [Bernard Clemons/Clements]¹²

Harrison Swillivant

Benjamin Clemmons, X his mark [probably Benjamin Clements]¹³

Robt Taylor [Robert Taylor]

[indecipherable]

John [indecipherable]

Coc^r Foster, X his mark

John Fuqua

¹² [Bernard Clemons \(Clements\) W9792](#)

¹³ [Benjamin Clements W1230](#)

Wm Tombs [William Toombs]¹⁴
John Haley, X his mark
Ric'd Jones, [Richard Jones] X his mark
Charles Walls
Wm Crowdus,¹⁵ X his mark
Test

H: Nicholson Cort [Henry Nicholson, Cornet]

John Smith 7
Francis Beert 2
Robert Carbest
Bernard Laminant 6
Thomas Ingleheart 7
Benjamin Blummen 8
John Clayton 9
John Speake 10
Gov. Thomas
John Tregua
John T. Jones
John X Haley
Ric'd Jones
Charles Walls
Wm Crowdus
Sent
to Nicholson Cort

Rec'd of Capt. Edmund Read of State Light Dragoons each of us a Saddle for the Cavalry Given Under our Hands this 24th day of Sept. 177? [last digit too faint to discern]

¹⁴ [William Toombs \(Tooms\) S7740](#)

¹⁵ [William Crowdus \(Croudus\) W9399](#)

M. Davenport
Stephen Mullin
Thomas Burt
Robert Corbin
[indecipherable]
Harrison Swillivant
[too faint to discern] Clements
Robt [too faint to discern]
Seth Alday
John [too faint to discern]
too faint to discern]
John Fuqua
Wm Tombs [William Tombs]
Jno. [John] Ha[too faint to discern]
Rich [too faint to discern]
too faint to discern]
too faint to discern]
Frs Morton [Francis Morton?]
Jonathan Spicer
Geo. [indecipherable]
Benjamin Smithy
Richard Thomas
indecipherable]
Daniel Bryant
Edwd Elsey [Edward Elsey]
Edwd Dyhouse [Edward Dyhouse]
Henry Court
John Roan
Frederick M. Cardwell
Tho. Cooley [Thomas Cooley]
John Morton
John Smith
witness
 John Smith

Read deceased, late of the County of Charlotte respectfully represents that the said Edmund Read after having served as an officer in the Revolutionary war, in the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment became in June 1779 a Capt. in the Corps of Cavalry raised for the defense of this State & commanded by the late Major John Nelson, & commonly called "Nelson's or Neilson's Corps"; that he continued to serve therein until said Corps was reduced when he & Major Nelson (& possibly some other Officers) became "supernumerary," in consequence of there being more Officers than were required for the command of the troops in service; But although he became supernumerary, he neither resigned his Commission, nor did he cease to be an Officer. On the contrary, he was not only liable to be called in actual service as a Capt. of Cavalry at a moments warning, but he held himself ready and anxious to be thus called into service. No such call, however, was ever made. Under these circumstances your petitioner is advised, that the said Capt. Read became entitled under certain acts of Assembly, to half pay for life, or to full pay for five years in lieu thereof. She begs leave to represent that the report of the board of Field Officers appointed by the Executive, to document, between such Officers, as were worthy, & such as were unworthy to receive half pay, shows that the said Capt. Read was worthy to receive the same; an authenticated abstract of that report is filed as your petitioner is informed in the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates. She further represents that in the course of a very few years past Major Nelson the commander & every Officer of the Corps of State Cavalry, except Capt. Read, Capt. Armand [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] & Lieut. Spencer have been allowed Commutation of full pay by successive Acts of the General Assembly. The said Capt. Read departed this life in the year 1802, leaving your Petitioner, his widow, sole devisee, legatee & executrix. She was not informed, until a few months past that her late husband was entitled to this reward for his Services. As so many of his brother Officers similarly situated with him, have received it from your honourable body, she humbly hopes that an exception will be made in his case; but that the Auditor will be directed to settle with her for full pay for five years (as has been done with regard to other Officers of the Corps) and to issue a warrant on the Treasury for the same. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c
S/ Paulina Legrand

[Reverse]

Petition of Paulina Legrand, formerly Paulina Read, widow &c of Capt. Edmund Read of the State Cavalry for commutation of full pay

A. D. Alexander
December 12th, 1829
Referred to Claims
Reasonable
9th January 1830

S/ Th: W. Gilmer
Chairman

No. 54 Richmond December 14th, 1782

I certify that Edmund Reade was an Officer in the fourth Virginia Regiment, in 1775 – that he was appointed a Capt. in Neilson's Corps of State Cavalry the 26th of June 1779 and that he is now a supernumerary.

S/ Benjamin Harrison

S/ George Muter, Colo.

S. G. R.

Warrant for 4000 acres issued to Edmund Read 16 December 1784
S/ Wm Selden, RS Off