

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Reynolds W8290

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State of North Carolina }
Rutherford County }

On this thirteenth day of April 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the superior Court of law for the said State personally appeared John Reynolds aged sixty six years, resident in Rutherford County in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he the said John Reynolds enlisted for the term of three years [blank] day of January 1777 in Montgomery County in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Gather [sic: Henry Gaither] of the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Gunby [sic: John Gunby, but see following deposition] in the line of the state of Maryland on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States untill sometime in the year one thousand, seven hundred eighty one when he was discharged from the service in the state of South Carolina That he was in the battles Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Guilford [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] &c. and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

John hisXmark Raynolds

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Be it remembered that at a Superior Court of Law opened & held for the County aforesaid on the 3rd Monday after the 4th Monday in March 1822 and of the 46th year of The Independence, the following Petition was presented before the Honorable the Judge then presiding & holding Court, in the following form & figures, to wit,

The attention of the Honorable Court now sitting for the County of Rutherford to the following will greatly oblige an Humble petitioner. State of North Carolina Rutherford County April Term 1822 On this 18th day of April 1822 Personally appeared in Open Court John Reynolds aged between sixty and seventy years, resident in the State of North Carolina and the County of Rutherford who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. in the month of January in the year 1777 he enlisted for the term of three years in the state of Maryland in the Company Commanded by Capt. Gaitor in the Regiment Commanded by Major [Levin] Winder in the absence of the Col. who I was informed had retired in consequence of wounds, and who never after joined our Army whom I never saw nor do I now recollect his name, in the first Maryland Regiment and Brigade under General [William] Smallwood the line of the State of Maryland continental establishment and that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill after the Siege at Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and that he was in the Battles of Monmouth and Gates Defeat, Camden, Guilford, and the Siege at Ninety Six. after Gates defeat my Company was commanded by Captain [Jonathan] Morris, and the Regiment by Colo. Gunby; these things have I formerly declared & forwarded them on to the War department, bearing date I think April 1819 and I received a Certificate of my being placed on the pension list of the United States bearing date the 7th day of July 1819 No 13492 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the land and Navel Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or Securities, Contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than

what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed

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| One tract of Land worth..... | \$140. |
| two Cows and Calves worth..... | 17. |
| 1 Steer worth \$15. 9 hoggs [illegible word] 7.50..... | 22.50 |
| 2 Weeding hoes 1.50 1 Mattock 75¢..... | 1.75 |
| “ Coulter & Shovel Plow..... | 1.— |
| “ Clevis & bake Pan..... | 1.50 |
| “ Oven lid, Pott hooks..... | 2.— |
| “ Iron Wedge and Axe..... | .87¼ |
| “ Pott & reap hook..... | <u>1.12½</u> |
| Total | 187.70¾ |

John hisXmark Reynolds

he further swears he is a farmer but, through bodily infirmity not able to pursue it to any advantage scarsely, that he has lost his wife who died last fall that he has six Children who lives with him, the oldest a Daughter named Elizabeth twenty five years of age last June a Poore afflicted Child who is not able nor has she ever been to support herself by labour the next is a son named Ellis twenty two years old in March last who makes my house his home but labours entirely for himself, the third a Daughter named Nancy nineteen years old last June who always has enjoyed tolerable good health, the fourth a Daughter named Sarah seventeen years old last October who is a Puny Sickly Creature, the 5th a son named Pilly fifteen years old in this month who has had the misfortune to loose by a stroke from an Axe the best part of his right hand rendering that limb almost useless to him. the sixth & last a son named John thirteen years old last [month missing] who never has enjoyed much health nor does he at this time all of which is respectfully submitted

John hisXmark Reynolds

State of North Carolina } SS
Rutherford county }

On this the 11th day of May 1853 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace, in the county and state aforesaid, Sarah Reynolds a resident of said county aged about Eighty years 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 the act of congress passed on the third day of february 1853 granting pentions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war, that she is the widow of John Reynolds who was inlisted as a soldier of the north Carolina militia, in the revolutionary war, but she does not now the particulars of his servises, and refers to his pention papers on file for the said particulars and that the said John Reynolds was a pentioner at the time of his Death or perhaps lacked one Draw by sickness, under the Act of Congress passed the 7 of June 1832 [sic] and resided in said County of Rutherford and state of North Carolina at the time he was pentioned, and received Ninety six dollars pr anum and she further Declares that she was married to said John Reynolds about the the year 1828 that she was not married to him prior to the 2 day of January 1800 but at the time above stated and she further Declares she is now a Widow She Declares John Reynolds Died about 1831

Sarah herXmark Reynolds

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a marriage contract dated 13 Jan 1829 between John Reynolds and “Sarah Weaver widow of Shadrack Weaver of the State of South Carolina & district of Spartanburg.” Other documents indicate that she died 29 Jul 1854.