

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zela (Zely) Reno W8545

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State of Kentucky Harrison County: Sct.

On this 13th day of February 1833 before may Joel Frazer a Justice of the Peace & a member of the Harrison County Court Kentucky which is a Court of record, appeared Zela Reno a resident of Harrison County Kentucky – aged nearly seventy-six years, having been born in Prince William County Virginia on the 3rd day of April 1757 who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the law of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as is herein after stated. That in March 1775 as well as he recollects he entered the service as Sergeant in the minute service & marched from home in Prince William County Virginia to Williamsburg to counteract Governor Dunmore, who had taken the Magazines, runaway Negroes &c. This declarant's uniform was a purple hunting shirt, marked in the breast in large letters with the words "Liberty or death" with a Mearoni [macaroni?] hat & buck tail. That his Captain's name was Cuthbert Harrison, George Madden was Lieutenant & Lewis Reno Ensign in Colonel Jesse Ewell & Major James Ewell's Regiment. ~~That he remained in the said Service under various officers, not recollected, from the above named time until after the capture of corn Wallace [October 19, 1781],— at whose capture he was and marched from Little York, with the British prisoners to Fredericksburg, thence to Nolan's ferry on the line between Maryland & Virginia.~~ That as nearly as he recollects the services rendered by him during the revolution were as follows viz.: He marched from home in the above specified tour in trench William County to Fredericksburg, thence to Williamsburg – And Dunmore having escaped on board a vessel he returned home having been absent in service two months, And again during the same year, in the fall, he marched from home, in said service, & under the same officers, except Captain Harrison who had died & Henry Hoe or Hough, acted as Captain to Newgate in Fairfax County Virginia where he was stationed three months. Thence to Dumfries where he was stationed three months – Thence to Little York, where he was stationed three months – Thence to Williamsburg, where he was stationed, four months. From this place the British drove the Americans – who retreated to Richmond where this declarant stayed three weeks. Thence home ~~on furlough~~ – where he spent the balance of this year 1776 & in going then little tours of three weeks each to guard the Country on the Potomac at Triplett's Landing, & near Dumfries. ~~That during the following year from the beginning of 1777 until the spring of 1781 he spent as a minute man under different officers whose names are not recollected and various places—guarding the Country—being all the time in actual service except short intervals on parole.~~ That in the spring of 1781 – He marched from home under Captain Simon Hancock to Williamsburg where he was stationed two months – Thence to Little York where he stayed two months. Thence to Richmond where he stayed two months. Thence home on parole

a short time. Thence to Little York to the Siege & capture of Cornwallis – under Captain Simon Hancock who had been his Captain in all said tours & for three years preceding at various places – Marks was Lieutenant & Major Samuel Cox, and during the siege, he was in Colonel Mathews' Regiment & under General Weeden [George Weedon] as he thinks. He recollects Captain Francis Coleman at the Siege. That after the Siege he assisted in guarding the British prisoners to Fredericksburg thence to Noland's Ferry & thence home. This tour lasted three months. That he asserts and verily believes that he served the United States in said service ~~from March of 1775~~ as a minute man & ~~until November 1781~~ with a few brief exceptions of pure indulgence full twenty-six months & a half certain & That he received a final discharge – but it has been long since lost or destroyed. That he has no record of his age. He was christened in the Church of England in Prince William County Virginia as he has been informed – and – and he has been informed verbally, of his age, by his parents, and believes what he has stated about it is true. That he lived after the revolution in Prince William and Loudoun County Virginia until the year 1784 – when he moved to Fayette County Kentucky where he resided some years & has resided in Bourbon & Harrison Counties ever since & now resides in Harrison County Kentucky. That there is no person, by whom he can prove his said services, living that he knows of. He hereby relinquishes every 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 territory whatever.

S/ Zely Reno



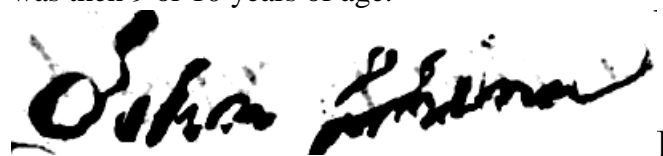
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Joel Fraizer, JP HC

[Thomas Lewis and N. B. Coleman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 10: On March 7th, 1838 in Bourbon County Kentucky, Mary Reno, 84 to the best of her recollection, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Zele Reno, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that they were married in Prince William County Virginia and that shortly after their marriage her husband entered the service as a soldier in the company of Captain Burr Harrison; that they moved to Loudoun County Virginia where her husband served under Captain Simon Hancock she thinks; that she married her husband August 3, in the same year in which her husband when out against Governor Dunmore [1775] she doesn't remember the year; that her husband died January 31, 1837. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On March 7, 1838, John Chinn, 71, gave testimony in Bourbon County Kentucky, that he is the brother of the aforesaid Mary Reno; that she knows his sister and Zele Reno were lawfully married in Fauquier County Virginia at the home of his Father Charles Chinn when he was then 9 or 10 years of age.



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[f p. 56: William Chinn, 48, gave testimony in April 1839 in Harrison County Kentucky attesting to the character of the widow then stating that she has been a member of the Baptist Church as long as he can remember. His relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.]

[Facts in file: the widow died May 17, 1839; there is no reference to any children of the veteran and his widow in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$83.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 2 years in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]