

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of George Reese W8548

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: March Term 1833

On this eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Sessions and common Pleas now sitting George Reese a resident of Anderson District in the State aforesaid 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer early in December 1775 under the command of Colonel Thomas Polk in the State of North Carolina & County of Mecklenburg. They rendezvoused at Charlotte Court House & from thence marched into the State of South Carolina and joined Colonel Thompson & Richardson of the last mentioned state. He under the command of the aforesaid officers proceeded to the upper part of South Carolina to [indecipherable word or words looks like "In bone"] the Tories and was one that performed what is usually denominated the Snow Campaign. They had a skirmish with a body of Tories on Reedy River [pages missing from the Footnote.com version—the balance of this application is found in the HeritageQuest.com version] in Greenville District in which Tories were defeated. He was absent in this expedition one month.

In March or April of 1776 he again volunteered under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Colonels Phifer & Polk of North Carolina and was one of those who went on an expedition against the Scotch Tories in and about Fayetteville and completely routed them. He was absent in this expedition about one month.

In June 1776 -- he again volunteered, and was under the command of General Rutherford (the names of the other officers is not recollected). This expedition was against the Cherokees who had made war on the Citizens of North Carolina. The Indians were drove back, some of them were killed, many of them taken prisoners and their Towns burnt. The declarant was absent in this expedition 6 months --

He again volunteered, (the exact period not recollected) and joined Captain Locke's Troop of Cavalry of Rowan County in the State of North Carolina whose object was to assist in the defense of Charleston in South Carolina. On their march to Charleston Captain Locke was attacked & defeated by a British scout at Bighams Church [sic, Biggin Church?] near Moncks Corner and taken prisoner. This declarant escaped and [indecipherable word] his way to Charleston, and was one of the besieged and that City when it Capitulated. He was paroled & sent home, having been absent in this tour; 2 months. -- This declarant was soon after exchanged & [indecipherable word] himself as a substitute for one John Ross. He joined General Greene's Army at Buckhead on the Congaree in South Carolina, And was sent back with some others of

the Militia a considerable distance to bring the [indecipherable word] of some soldiers who were sick and returned within 12 miles of the Army on the night preceding the battle at Eutaw Springs. He proceeded early next morning to the Army and when he arrived the engagement had commenced. He was [indecipherable word, possibly "directed"] to take charge of Captain Dobson of the Maryland line who was mortally wounded. After the battle, he was sent in charge of the prisoners to Rowan County in North Carolina. He was absent in this expedition about 10 days. This declarant has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service. This declarant was born in the State of Pennsylvania and lived in Mecklenburg County in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War. Shortly after the war he removed to the State of South Carolina and is now living in Anderson District & the reason why he makes application in Pickens District is, that on the 6th day of March during the sitting of the Court for Anderson District, he made application as the law directs, and has since been ascertained that his papers were informal, he [several indecipherable words] make, application in this District. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name has never been & is not now on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ George Reese

[Anthony W. Ross, a clergyman, and Joseph N. Whitner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn. p. 7: on February 16, 1845 in Pickens District South Carolina, Anna Reese, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Reese, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him on Black River and Sumter District South Carolina on January 20, 1785; that they were married by the Reverend Thomas Reese, a Presbyterian minister; that her maiden name was Anna Story; that her husband died November 11 1837; that she remains his widow;

"She declares further, that the Family record, which is here with provided, and which contains the record of her marriage, as stated above, as well as births of her children etc. was made mostly by her son George Reese she believes taken from the family record of an older Bible, which was taken by her said son George to Alabama, where he resides, the death of her said husband, she thinks, was put down on the said record by her son Eli. This Bible, out of which the said record was taken, was in the family some years previous to the death of her said husband, & the said record known by him, as well as herself & family to be the correct record of the families; and that the same record has been carefully kept as such by her ever since."

[fn p. 9: family record]

"Charles and Rosannah Story had the following Children, viz.–

Truby [? could be Feriby] Story was born September the 25th 1747

Elizabeth Story was born February 14th 1749

John Story was born February the 15th 1752

Margaret Story was born March to the 6th 1754

Rebecker Story was born August the 16th 1757

And by he [sic, his] Second marriage with Mary Story he had viz. –

Anna Story who was born November 16th 1764

Charles Story Born September the 13th 1766

Esther Story, born December 8th 1768

Mary Story born November 12 1770

Charles Story died December the 12th 1791

Mary Story was born December 29th 1742 July 29th

Died September 5th 1822 aged 80 years & 36 days

George Reese was born March 1753 and married Anna Story the 20th of January 1785 -- and had the following Children viz. --

Horatio Reese born April 8th 1786

Charles Milton Reese born January 26 1788

Mary Story Reese born April the 17th 1790

Susan Reese, Born February the 17th 1792

David Addison Reese¹ born March 3rd 1794

George Reese born September 17th 1796

Thomas Sidney Reese born August the 12th 1799

James Elihu Reese born July 12th 1803 [could be 1802] -- married May 1845 [could be 1843

Edwin Reese, Born July 17th 1804

Esther Anne Reese born January first 1807 [last digit uncertain] died August 11, 1823
married May 29, 1823

Alexander Herndon² Reese born July 12th 1810

Horatio Reese died May 22 1830

Margaret Reese died 22 of September 1839

Susannah Story died April 4th 1847

Charles Story died January 22nd 1835

Anna Reese died [illegible]

[fn p. 10: Susan Harris, 60, gave deposition on March 29, 1853 in Whitfield County Georgia that she is the daughter of Anna Reese, deceased; that her father George Reese died November 9, 1837 leaving Anna Reese his widow; that Anna Reese died March 26 1852 leaving surviving her Charles M. Reese, David H. Reese, George Reese, Mary S who intermarried with David Cherry but whose husband is now dead & Mary S is a widow, Thomas S. Reese, James E. Reese, Edwin Reese, Alexander H. Reese and the present applicant who intermarried with Nathaniel Harris but who has long since died.]

¹ REESE, David Addison, a Representative from Georgia; born in Charlotte, N.C., March 3, 1794; attended the public schools and was instructed in the classics by a private tutor; studied medicine; was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., and commenced practice in Elberton, Ga.; moved to Monticello, Ga., and continued the practice of medicine; member of the State senate in 1829, 1830, 1834, 1835, and 1836; member of the board of trustees of the University of Georgia at Athens for twenty-five years; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); moved to Auburn, Ala., and resumed the practice of medicine; died in Auburn December 16, 1871; interment in Hopewell Cemetery, West Point, Troup County, Ga.

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² The War Department interpreted this names as "Alexander Hamden Reese"