

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Regin (Regan, Reagan, Ragin, Reagin) W9244

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State of Indiana, Marion County

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appearing in open Court before the honorable B. F. Norris Presiding Judge and Joshua Stephens one of the associate Judges of the Marion Circuit Court now sitting as Judges thereof and competent to hold such court by the constitution and laws of the said State of Indiana, Thomas Ragin [sic] of the County of Clinton in the State aforesaid aged Eighty three years on the sixth day of May 1832, who being duly affirmed according to law doth on his affirmation 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz: Sometime in the Spring of 1779, the day nor month not now recollected & while he was a resident citizen of Newbury [sic, Newberry] County South Carolina, he entered the service of that State for no definite period of time as a volunteer in the Militia or State troops but which they were denominated this applicant from the great distance of time & present bodily infirmities cannot now recollect, in the brigade of General Andrew Pickens & in a regiment composed of following officers viz \_\_\_\_\_ Beard Col. Commanding given name not now recollected \_\_\_\_ Lile, Lieut. Col. and Jeremiah Williams, Major and in the company commanded by Capt. Philemon Waters, James Williams, Lieut. and Daniel Richardson was Ensign to the best of this applicants recollection—the company to which he belonged were raised for the avowed purpose of keeping and protecting two stations in the county of Newberry on the Saluda River, called "the upper and lower stations, the former was then also known by the name "of Perdu's Station" and the latter by the name "of Dragoon Hall." This applicant entered the service as such volunteer with a horse which he furnished himself & continued to furnish and keep the same during the whole period of his service. That in a few months after his enlistment Lieut. Williams belonging to his company left the service and one Edward Satterfield was made Lieut. and served for a short time when he deserted to a company of disaffected persons called "the Out layers" and this applicant in a short period of time after such desertion with five or six of his fellow soldiers, while on a scout on the waters of Bush River, discovered Satterfield in the woods on horse back & they gave chase to him and in a short time they came up with & captured him. They immediately took him to their Col. Commandant Glenn—David Glenn, Beard having some short time previously left the regiment & Glenn having been appointed in his stead) and the next day after such capture, Satterfield was hung near Colonel Glenn's house by the Colonel's approbation & order, that immediately thereafter this applicant was by his company elected Lieut. to fill Satterfield's place,

which election was approved of by Colonel Glenn but he did not receive any commission or authority except such election & approval of the Colonel to act as Lieut. From the time of his enlistment as a volunteer to the time of his election to the Lieutenancy this applicant was to the best of his recollection employed in the service aforesaid with his horse about six months—That during this period he was in a great measure employed at the two stations & in their vicinity. That he served as Lieut. in said company from sometime in the fall of 1779 until the fall of 1780 making about one year but during that period this applicant was occasionally at home and perhaps putting all the time together while he acted as a private & the period during which he was Lieut. he spent about two months with his family but stood ready at all times to engage in the service of his country. That during the summer of 1780 this applicant commanding about 20 men were on a scout and lay on the bank of the Saluda River when early in the morning they heard firing at Sterling Turner's Station in Edgefield County he supposes about 8 or 10 miles distant from the place of their encampment, and being apprized that one William Cunningham, a cruel & unrelenting Tory, well acquainted with the country with about 100 followers, had come up from Charleston and probably had surprised the fort which he, this applicant, expected was poorly manned & unable for the force that had attacked it, he and five or six of his party resolved to proceed directly to General Sumpter's [sic, Sumter's] army consisting of about 600 men at the Waxhaws Settlement on the Catawba River which was at least forty or 50 miles from the place of their encampment. They started & proceeded across the Inoree [sic, Enoree River], Tiger [sic, Tyger River], Broad River & Fishing Creek to the banks of the Catawba [River]. They started in the morning and arrived there about sundown at Sumpter's Camp who lay about six miles above the British forces commanded by one Colonel Turnbull to the best of the applicant's recollection. He had a personal interview with Sumpter & apprised him of Cunningham's movements and other intelligence which he had acquired in relation to the enemy. The next morning this applicant with Sumpter's forces about sunrise moved down the River towards the British Camp & arrived there about 24 hours after they started. They lay about one mile & a half of the enemy the succeeding night and came within gunshot distance (neither side having cannon) about 8 o'clock. Sumpter's forces immediately attacked the British who lay in a large log house at a place called "Rocky Mount" on the Catawba. The engagement lasted till near 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the troops under Sumpter drew off, leaving the British in possession of the log house. During this engagement Sumpter's party were protected by the woods and the huge rocks situated near the log house consequently but few were killed of his men. This applicant thinks there were killed and missing about 14 or 15 men and among the killed were Col. Neel [Andrew Neel]—Capt. Jones and Capt. Burns who was shot in the Eye & fell close by this applicant who took an active part in the engagement. Our forces were marched back to their old Camping ground and encamped for the night. The forgoing officers named as belonging to Sumpter's forces except one Maj. Heather who carried a flag to the British the next day to get permission to bury the dead, are all now recollected. This applicant left Sumpter's forces the third day after his joining them & with his six companions returned to Newberry County and joined the rest of his company. That after his return he was solicited to take with him a small detachment of the company he belonged to & with them to drive twenty three head of fat cattle to Pickens' Station about Seventy miles from Dragoon Hall Station; provisions with the wagons designed for Pickens' Station having been recently burned & destroyed by Cunningham while on their way for that place. That this applicant started in the fall or latter part of the summer of 1780 while he was acting as such lieut. with the 23 head of cattle from the lower station and was about three days before he reached Pickens station but before his arrival the forces there had received relief--On

his arrival he thinks there were about from fifty to one hundred men ready for duty & some few Indians, he thinks of the Catawba tribe. He arrived there about sundown having on his route from Newberry passed Bush River, Little River and Long Cane—Pickens then commanded the station—he saw him and delivered letters to him in person from his Colonel--but as to any other officers there, does not now recollect for he left there the same evening and traveled that night towards home. During this summer individuals belonging to the Whig party were in great danger, more so perhaps than other persons who had rallied to the cause of Independence that resided within the direct range & intercourse of the foreign invading army, as among them the laws of war observed among civilized nations at this period of our revolution began to be observed by the British but the most unprincipled robberies and murders were perpetrated by the Tory neighbors in that part of Carolina to which his services were confined.

During the summer or fall of 1780 Col. Glenn left the Regiment & Captain Waters was promoted to the station of Colonel Commandant of the regiment and this applicant was commissioned as he believes and is certain he received the appointment of captain in the place of Waters but what has become of the commission or appointment he is now unable to state but he held & exercised the office of Captain until the fall of 1785 when he received a commission from Governor Moultrie. He received the command of the company for about two years before the close of the revolutionary war & for several years thereafter. Two years before the close of the war & the year or most of the year after, he was in active service as a captain of the militia a greater part of his time for the military force in the part of South Carolina where he resided was kept up & were frequently called to assist the civil authorities in the execution of the laws & suppressing robberies & other outrages as late as the year 1783-4 (view Col. Water's order hereto attached). That while he was Captain there were two drafts for Eight men each made from his company to supply deficiencies or to increase General Greene's army--one draft was made he thinks about the close of the year 1780 and the other in 1781 or 82 but the latter draft of 8 men he recollects distinctly were sent back their services being dispensed with for some reason not now distinctly recollected. The under officers of his company when he took command of it were as follows--Peter Julian Lieut. John Lester ensign--Simon Tadford first Sergt. and Wm Golding 2nd Sergt.

In the years of 1780 and 1781-2 while acting as Captain he & his company met with several adventures while on scouts. They were present & assisted in hanging a number of Tories and two of considerable note in the neighborhood of the Stations viz one Striplin Harvey and one Dorman Hinson who were hung at the Upper or Perdue's Station in 1780 or 1781—This applicant was sent by his Colonel with his Company to guard Neel's Mill on Bush River which runs into the Saluda [River] sometime he believes in the Spring of the year 1782 and while proceeding on horseback in the direction of the Mill his company turned off to a spring to get water, when from an adjacent thicket a shot was made by a straggling Tory, at this applicant, as it was then believed, he being the commanding officer and the ball passed very near him & wounded one Ichabod Wood riding next to him who fell from his horse and died the same evening.

Deducting the time he was at home while he held the office of Captain, endeavoring to keep his own domestic concerns in some order he believes he was in active service as such Captain about Eighteen months before peace was concluded in 1782. He has no discharge and thinks he never received any either when acting as a private, Lieut. or Capt. When he was promoted to the Captaincy he received a commission or appointment in writing through his Colonel and before examining his papers in his own hands and the hands of connections, he

believes he had documentary evidence to show the time he served as captain the two last years of the revolution; he has changed his places of residence five or six times and has not been in a situation to keep his papers safe from the weather. He would further state that the want of any regular civil or military authority in that part of South Carolina, the theatre of his action in the revolution as above stated, precluded all regular military promotion for a greater part of the time. Frequently officers belonging to his regiment became disaffected or abandoned the cause of Liberty & others, without ceremony, were selected to fill their places. This applicant however has been able to find among his papers one order issued to him by his Colonel in 1783 and a commission to him as captain from governor Moultrie in 1785 which this applicant is proud to state is somewhat expressive of his attachment to the cause of Liberty & Independence both of which are hereto attached & marked (A) & (B). He does not recollect the names of any other officers or Regiments of the state or continental lines than as above named, nor does he recollect of seeing any than as above stated.

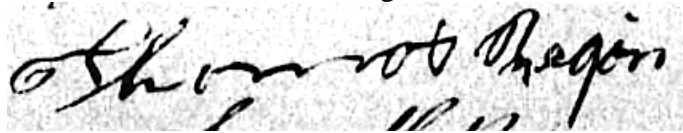
This applicant knows of no person living who has a personal knowledge of his service as a soldier or officer of the army during the revolution except one George McKinsey who accidentally came into the county of Clinton some short time since on a visit to his children—that McKinsey was a resident of Newberry County South Carolina in the year 1781 and this applicant then knew him, however McKinsey never served as a soldier with this applicant but believes he was a private in a company of militia and with that company came once to the upper or lower station. At the time this applicant met with McKinsey & took his affirmation marked (C) & hereto attached. He was unacquainted with the particular provisions of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 and never had seen the instructions from the war department--that he procured McKinsey to go before a Justice of the peace in order to take his disposition--that he relied on the Justice to take the same in form, who was incapable of writing it as it has since proved and he even forgot to date the informal instrument here exhibited, that he does not know whether said McKinsey can give a detail statement of this applicants services as they did not serve together nor never met but once as he recollects while he was commanding as Captain--that McKinsey has returned to Warren County, State of Ohio & in consequence of his bodily infirmities & pecuniary circumstances it would be very difficult for him if not impossible to make a Journey in person to see McKinsey at this time--the place of this applicants present residence in Clinton county is about forty miles distance and from the recent settlement of that county he knows no person at this time residing there who has the necessary instructions & capable of making out his application that he has had but about two years residence in that county and is better & more extensively known in the county of Marion than in Clinton as he resided in Marion County about one year and among many of his old neighbors who knew him in South Carolina as well as in Ohio previous to his removal to Clinton. This applicant was born in Frederick County Virginia. When very young & before the Revolution a school master made a record of his birth & age in a bible belonging to him--that is the only record ever made of his age, the bible he gave to a daughter who was then married but is since dead--& the bible has been lost or passed into other hands not in existence to his knowledge. This applicant would refer to Thomas Neel of Marion County & one of the present commissioners of that county who can testify as to his character for veracity and his belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution that he the said Neel has been personally acquainted with this applicant for more than thirty years and he would also refer to William Reagan who has known him about the same time who can testify to the same facts and this applicant would further state that he does not know of any clergyman within can testify as to his character. But is acquainted with one John Harlin—a

clergyman in the county of Clinton as also one Mordicai McKinsey residing in that County who can testify as to his good character if the Court requires it but his acquaintance with said Harlin has not been more than a month last past.

After the close of the revolution and he believes in the year 1790 he left Newbury County with his family and moved to Broad River, Burke County in North Carolina where he resided about two years and returned again & resided in Newbury County until about the year 1804 then he moved to Hamilton County Ohio and resided until about the year of 1812 when he again removed with his children to Warren County Ohio and in the year 1829 he left Ohio and came to the county of Marion Indiana where he resided about one year--then with one of his sons he went to live in Clinton County where he now resides. That he is destitute of means of support and dependent on one of his sons for a living who has supported him and his wife for the last fifteen years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever. Sworn and subscribed to this day & put first above written in court as above.

S/ Thomas Regin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Regin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Test: S/ James M. Ray, Clerk of the Marion Circuit Court

We, Thomas O'Neal & William Reagan, residents of the County of Marion and State of Indiana, (being first duly sworn according to law) do hereby certify, that we have been well acquainted with Thomas Reagan who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, for upwards of thirty years; we believe him to be about Eighty three years of age, that he was reputed and believed to be a captain in the Revolutionary war during all the time we have known him, & he has always been reputed and believed in the several Neighborhoods in which we have known him in South Carolina, in the State Ohio, and in this State to have been a Captain & soldier in the revolution and We concur in that Opinion. We are also personally acquainted with Character of George McKinzie who it is said has made his affidavit which to this declaration is attached, and we can say that he has always been esteemed and reputed to be a man in good standing and of veracity. We further State from our acquaintance with Thomas Reagan at this time and his circumstances he is unable from old age & such circumstances to go or sent to McKinzie for a more detailed Statement of his Services than is set forth in said Affidavit before mentioned and hereunto Attached --

S/ Thomas O'Neal

S/ William Reagin

Sworn & subscribed this 24th day of September--AD 1832 in open Court

Test: S/ J. M. Ray Clerk

[p 16: family record]

Thomas Reagin, Senr was born May 6<sup>th</sup> [digit very faint, could be 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>] Anno Domini 1749

Hannah Reagin his Wife was born November 21<sup>st</sup> 1754

Children born to Thos Ragin by Hannah his Wife

Rezin Reagin was born July the 7<sup>th</sup> AD 1777

Jesse Reagin was born December 29<sup>th</sup> AD 1779

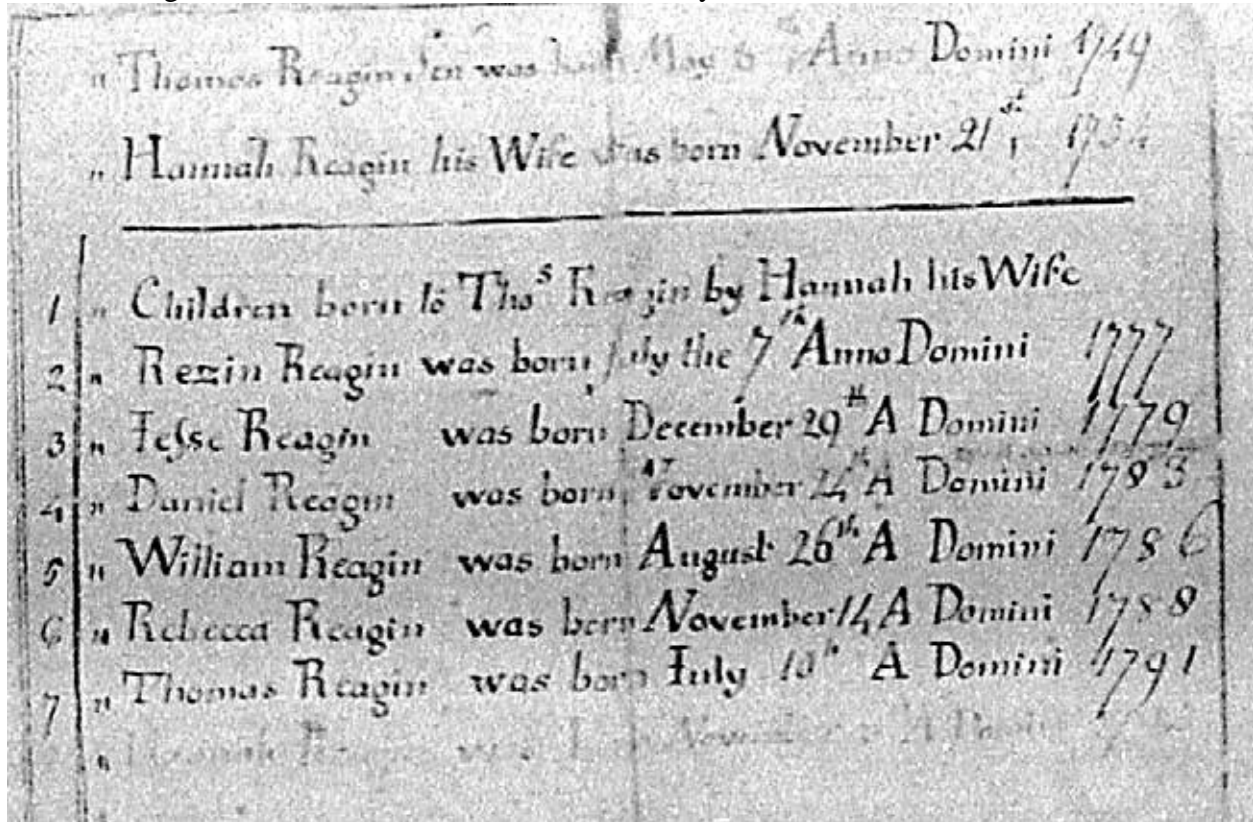
Daniel Reagin was born November 24<sup>th</sup> AD 1783

William Reagin was born August 26<sup>th</sup> AD 1786

Rebecca Reagin was November 14 AD 1788

Thomas Reagin was born July 10<sup>th</sup> A D 1791

Hannah Reagin was born November 3d AD 1795 [very faint]



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State of Indiana County of Clinton: in the Probate Court Nov 1839}

On this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord, 1839 personally appears before the Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County in term time in an open court, Hannah Ragin a resident of the said county of Clinton and State aforesaid aged about Eighty four years born in the year 1755 whom being first duly sworn in open court according to law, Doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of congress in relation to pensions, That she is the widow of Thomas Ragin who was a private and captain in the army of the Revolution and who was at the time of his death a pensioner of the Federal Government at the rate of one hundred and eighty dollars a year. She further declares she was married to the said Thomas Ragin on the twentieth day of September in year Seventeen hundred and Seventy five, that she and her husband were Joined in marriage by a Mr. Sigard as she believes a Justice of the Peace. She further states that when they were married they lived on Kings Creek near Kings Mountain. She further states that there is no person living that she knows of & who saw them married. And if any of them should be living they are in parts of the Country unknown to her.

She further States that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Ragin died in the said county of Clinton on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 and that she has remained ever since and now is the widow of the said Thomas Ragin as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn & subscribed in open court on this day and above written

S/ Hannah Ragin, X her mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$180 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for 18 months as a private and 6 months as a Captain in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]