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Pension application of Joseph Reid (Reed)W9249

Isabella

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State of South Carolina district of Pickens

On this 9th day of January 1844 personally appeared before James H. Dendy Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary (at her own residence being unable to attend the Court) for the District and State above named, Mrs. Isabella Reid, a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged 83 years, the 15th of October last, 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 July 4th, 1836:

That her maiden name was Isabella Baskin, that during the Revolutionary War she resided with her mother who was a widow, on Rocky River in Abbeville District South Carolina and during the war, married to Joseph Reid, who resided about 20 miles distant from her at Reid's Mills on Long Cane Creek in the same District, and who was a Private and Lieutenant in the War of the Revolution, that during the year 1782, the same year of their marriage her husband, the said Joseph Reid was out in the service of his country, that she cannot recollect the names of the officers under whom he served except Captain John Bowie and Colonel Robert Anderson, she does not now know whether he was a volunteer, or whether he was drafted or enlisted, that after marriage day still resided at her husband's place on Long Cane and remained there until fifty-two years ago the 2nd day of July last, when they removed to the place where she now resides, on Keowee River in Pickens (then Pendleton) District, she is unable to state at this late day much of the service of her late husband, or the country through which he marched, or the length of time he was in service; he was in the service both before and after marriage, and she thinks was a Lieutenant most of the time, that he was also called Captain about the close of the War, but she paid so little attention to such things and thought so little of promotions of that kind that she does not know how he obtained it. She understood her husband to have marched through parts of North and South Carolina and Georgia, and that he was at the Battle at Ninety Six; recollects well to have heard him speaking of being in company with a Tory by the name of John Sloan was killed, & that the Army or company in which he was, were on their march into Georgia at the time.

She suffered much individually during the war, both before & after marriage, by the depredations of the Tories, recollects well that taking her mother's stock of horses which were in the range, and all other depredations which were usual in those days, she was once at her uncle William Baskin's and in company with 2 other female friends stripped by the Tories of all their clothing except that their undergarments. She declares also, that she has not in her possession any documentary evidence in support of her claim; but understands that a copy of her late husband's indent has been obtained from the Comptrollers Office, Columbia South Carolina.

She further declared that she was married to the said Joseph Reid, on the 28th day of February in the year 1782; that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Reid, died on the 10th day of October 1828, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Isabella Reid

Sworn to, and Subscribed, on the day and year written, before me  
S/ James H. Dendy, Judge

[fn p. 6: Alexander Ramsey testified that he has been intimately acquainted with the family of Joseph and Isabella Reid and that he has seen the following entry in their old family Bible: "Joseph & Isabella Reid Married February 28 1782' -- with a record of Births below on the same page of Margaret Reid, Thomas Baskin Reid, Joseph Reid Junior &c &c"]

[fn p. 8: George W. Liddell of Pickens District South Carolina gave testimony that he was born November 6, 1787; that the daughter of Joseph & Isabella Reid named Margaret Reid was, he thinks about 5 years older than himself. He also testified as follows: "This deponent has been shown a Family record of the Family of the said Joseph Reid in the first volume of Witherspoon's Works on a blank sheet at the first in the following words, viz.:

Joseph Reid Senior born the 5th day of June 1756

Isabella Reid born the 15th October 1760

Margaret Reid born the 26th the summer 1782

Thomas B. Reid born the 12th of January 1787

Joseph born the 15th March 1780s 9

Mary Reid born the 16th May 1791

Elizabeth Reid born the 13th of November 1793

Isabella Reid born 22 May 1796

Rose Reid born the 3rd May 1799

Samuel Reid born 25th February 1802

That he was well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Joseph Reid in his lifetime, and believes the record above alluded to to be in his handwriting."]

[fn pp. 11 & 12 & 14 is the actual original of the family register torn from the books]

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State of Alabama Dallas County

Before me personally appeared Major George Bowie a citizen of the said County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law, that he formerly resided in Abbeville District South Carolina, that he is now nearly seventy-four years of age, and that he left Abbeville District about 24 years ago --

That from his earliest recollection he needed Joseph Reid Esquire who was his maternal uncle, who then resided in the District of Abbeville; that the said Joseph Reid married Isabella Baskin about the close of the revolutionary war -- And that the said Joseph Reid some 50 odd years ago removed to Pendleton now Pickens District in the same State, and settled on here we River, where he died some 17 years ago, and where the deponent understands and believes the said Isabella Reid widow of the said Joseph Reid now resides -- deponent further saith that he well recollects and believes that the said Joseph Reid performed active service during the

revolutionary war, first he believes under Captain Samuel Moore who commanded what was then called a ranging company of militia -- And after the fall of Captain Moore the said company was commanded he believes by Captain Robert Maxwell. Deponent further saith he does not positively know what rank the said Joseph Reid held in the said company, but he has no doubt from the best of his recollection that he held the command and the said company not lower than a Lieutenant. Deponent further saith according to the best of his recollection the said Joseph Reid had the command of the said company at the close of the war. Deponent further saith that for many years he was in the habit of doing business for the said Joseph Reid, and he has no doubt that a receipt signed by him in the Treasurers Office in South Carolina for the indent of the said Joseph Reid on the amount of it was signed by said deponent -- And that the said Joseph Reid in whose favor the said indent was issued for which this deponent receipted as above was the husband of the Isabella Reid now of Pickens District South Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 29th day of November A.D. 1845

S/ Sanford Blaum, Clerk

S/ George Bowie

[fn p. 90: on December 30, 1844 Mrs. Elizabeth Thomson of Anderson district South Carolina gave testimony that she attended the marriage of her half-sister Isabella Baskins to Joseph Reid.]