

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

Pension application of John Reel (Riel)W9619

Catharine

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State of Indiana Gibson County: On the 8th day of November in the year of our Lord 1842 before the subscriber Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County & State aforesaid personally appeared Catharine Reel a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1832, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the Widow of John Reel who was a private in the Army during the time of the Revolution that she cannot speak certainly as to his service. That she knows of no record of his service unless it be the Records and Rolls in the War Department to which she begs leave to refer. That he served a tour of three months in the State of North Carolina a substitute for one (name not recollected) -- that he afterwards entered the service by enlistment for a term of eighteen months. She does not know under what Colonel he performed either of these terms of service, but she believes that one or both of them was under Colonel Lee. That she has often heard him give a minute account of the Battle at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] and that her said husband was as she verily believes in said Battle. She does not know whether he served the tour of eighteen months in Virginia or North Carolina the war in which of those states he entered said service. That he was sixty-four years of age when he died. She further declares that she was married to the said John Reel on the 14th day of November 1790, and that her husband the aforesaid John Reel died on the 3rd day of March 1828 -- that she was not married to the said John Reel prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 8th day of November A.D. 1842

S/ Wm French

S/ Catherine Reel, X her mark

[fn p. 5: Henry Reel (relationship, if any, to the veteran and his widow unknown) gave a supporting affidavit in Gibson County Indiana on the 8th day of November 1842.]

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"Marriage Register for Jefferson County in the year seventeen ninety November the Eleventh – John Beall – Catharine Stucky, daughter of Martin Stucky"

The above is a true copy of the record with this exception of the date which is expressed on the record in legible figures as follows –

"Marriage Register of Jefferson County in the year 1790 November 11 John Beall -- Catharine Stucky daughter of Martin Stucky."

I Arran Pope clerk of the County Court in & for the County of Jefferson and State of

Kentucky above named depose and say that I hold the office of clerk as aforesaid and that the above is a true extract from the records of the said Court with the above mentioned exception, Certified by me.
S/ Arran Pope Clerk [could be Curran Pope]

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The deposition of Samuel Stucky taken before David Miley Esquire a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Pike State of Indiana on the 3rd day of November 1842 -- this deponent being of lawful age and being sworn deposes and saith that Catharine Reel formerly Catharine Stucky was the wife of John Reel that she was married to John Reel in the 11th of November 1790 in the State of Kentucky Jefferson County, that he was present at the marriage that the said Catharine Reel who now applies for a pension is the same person, that the following children are their offspring, to wit, Frederick born in 1791 -- Henry born in 1793, Samuel born 1795: David born 1797 Elizabeth born the 1800 Moris born 1801 -- Emanuel born 1802 Nancy born 1808 Lucinda 1810 James 1813 and one other child name & birth not recollected -- this deponent further states that said John Reel that said name was signed by him Riel that being the Dutch mode of spelling said name & from the fact of said Reel having no English education he is inclined to believe it is the manner in which he in verily signed it.

S/ Saml. Stucky

[the widow's maiden name is also spelled Stokey in documents in this file.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Riel a private in Captain McRee's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 28th day of April 1781 for the term of 12 months and was transferred to the Legion in all 1781.

Given under my hand this 31st day of October 1842.

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 21: N/A filing dated April 12, 1843 filed in Gibson County Indiana Catherine Reel stated that she was then 70 years old.]

[in a letter dated Oct. 5, 1842, Catharine Reel states the following regarding her husband and his service: "My husband died in Gibson County State of Indiana on the 3rd day of March 1828 he was 64 years of age at his death he never had drawn a pension he was living in North Carolina at the time of the revolutionary [war] I do not recollect the Regiment but I believe it was Colonel Lee's he entered the service 3 months as a substitute then after that he enlisted in the service of the United States 18 months I have heard him say that he was in 2 or 3 skirmishes and the battle of the Eutaw springs they commenced in the morning and fought on until late in the evening and they was to begin next morning but it commenced raining and borne such a rain that the British Army left there excepting what was engaged in burying the dead and took care of the wounded I will be 71 the 12th day of October 1842 I do not know of any record evidence or discharge has 2 persons by whom his services can be proved I do not know of any person or his Brothers are all dead and I do not know of any person here or elsewhere that know about his services as to the time he entered the service or the time he was discharged I cannot inform you."]

[fn p. 33; on February 18, 1843, in Gibson County , Indiana, the widow stated that she married her husband on the 14th of November 1790 in Jefferson County, Ky, by Samuel Mow and that her name was Catharine Stokey, daughter of Martin Stokey.]