

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Riely (Reily) S\_\_ [X621]

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The State of Ohio Butler County Court of Common Pleas of the term of July A.D. 1832: SS

On this 3rd day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the honorable the Judges of the Court of common pleas in and for the County of Butler and State of Ohio James Reily aged seventy-seven years a resident of the County of Butler aforesaid, who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

In the Spring of the year 1776 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, he enlisted under Captain John Frost in the 5th Regiment under command of Colonel Clappum, of General Green's Brigade of the Pennsylvania Line on the Continental Establishment, in which company he served about 6 months: deponent was marched with the company as aforesaid under the command of said officers to oppose the British on Long Island, in which battle [August 27, 1776] deponent was engaged – In their retreat after the battle of Long Island deponent was marched with the company as aforesaid to Valley Forge where they were encamped about two months when they took up their line of march for the South under General Green, soon after which deponent left the service, completing the term of about 6 months as aforesaid – Early in the spring of 1777 deponent again entered the service in Captain Joseph Thomas' Company of horse in the 6th Regiment of Light Horse under the command of Colonel John Lee, in the Pennsylvania Line and on the Continental Establishment as aforesaid, stationed at Leesburg Loudoun County Virginia deponent was marched with said Company to the South where he served in North Carolina and South Carolina during the war – deponent was engaged in the battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], Guilford [March 15, 1781], and Hanging Rock, and likewise in some 7 or 8 skirmishes with the enemy deponent left ankle was badly fractured by a bullet during the battle at Eutaw Springs in consequence of which wound deponent is frequently unable to labor, his ankle being at times still very painful – deponent also lost the thumb of his left hand during the battle of Guilford which thumb was severed from the hand by a broadsword while in close combat with the enemy in the company of Light Horse as aforesaid – deponent was in actual service during the war of the revolution nearly 6 years, till the Army was disbanded when he received a written discharge signed by Colonel Lee at Charleston South Carolina which discharge deponent has since lost – deponent has a written record of his age left by his father by which it appears that deponent was born on the 15th day of June 1755, near Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania. Deponent removed from his residence after the war in Jefferson County Virginia about 21 years ago, to Butler County Ohio where he has since lived and where he now resides – deponent knows of no person by whom he can prove his services except his brother, whom deponent believes to be living somewhere in the state of Ohio and by whom he hopes to prove the same if he can be found deponent is well known to John Walker & David Fawcet & others by whom he can prove

his character for truth and veracity and his general reputation as a soldier of the revolution. 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.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Reily Clerk

S James Reily, X his mark

[John Walker and David Fawcet gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Butler County SS

Before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Butler aforesaid came personally James Reily a resident of said County who has subscribed & sworn to the within declaration and said James Reily being duly sworn deposed and saith that the statement in the foregoing declaration that he served in the Regiment of Colonel Lee of the Pennsylvania Line is incorrect & was stated by a mistake, deponent first enlisted in the Pennsylvania Line as he has stated in the foregoing declaration & he continued to serve under Captain Frost in the Regiment of Colonel Clappum for the term of six months – He then enlisted in the Legion of Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Rodolph [John Rudolph] for the term of three years. Deponent served the term of three years in the company of Captain Rodolph in Colonel Lee's Legion in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. The mistake respecting state line to which deponent belonged was made by interlining the name of the State after the declaration had been written and before it was sworn to in court. There is also a mistake in the foregoing declaration in the Christian name of Colonel Lee which was Henry as deponent believes and not John as stated in the foregoing declaration. Deponent by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory cannot state & swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than three years in the Regiment of Colonel Lee in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment – he also served 6 months in the company of John Frost in the Regiment of Colonel Clappum. He also served 6 months in the militia of Virginia under the command of Captain Thomas and Captain Hugh Douglass – Deponent knows of no person by whom he can prove his services further than he has already done and he knows of no clergyman by whom he can prove his reputation as a soldier. Deponent heard of one John Spitzfathom who served as Sargeant or some office in the company of Captain Rudolph by whom he hoped to prove his service but when he reached the place where he had resided he found that said Spitzfathom had died 2 months before. Deponent has no other testimony of his service than is presented in the foregoing declaration & in this affidavit & he knows of no other testimony which he can obtain.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th February 1833

S/ William Hunter, JP

S/ James Reily, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Pennsylvania and Virginia service.]