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Pension application of William Reed W5673 Violet fn89NC
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State of Georgia Hall County

On this the 22nd day of September 1835 personally appeared in open Court before Justices of the Inferior Court of said County William Reed a Resident of Hamilton County State of Tennessee aged 72 years, the 10th of December last, 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 under the following named officers and served as herein Stated To Wit on the first day of January 1777 he volunteered into the company of Capt. Waddy Tate under Lieutenants Davis & Poston as a private militia man for 3 months and marched through Salisbury in North Carolina to Camden in South Carolina to a Regiment under the command of Col. Shepherd where he remained until his term of service expired when he was discharged by Col. Shepherd and returned home to Caswell County, North Carolina.

About the first of May 1780 he volunteered again but his father being unwilling for him to leave home hired a Substitute by the name of Thomas Thaxton who served a tour of 3 months after crossing the South Carolina line.

And about the middle of August in the same year there being another call or draft for men he volunteered again for a 3 months tour as a private militia man (but was appointed Sgt. in about 10 days) into the company of Capt. John Graves and Lieut. Harold and marched to Lynches Creek crossing Pedee River at the mouth of Rocky River, at Lynches Creek he joined the Army under General Gates and was appointed Sgt. (as before stated) of the Pioneers to cut a road from Lynches Creek to Rugeley's Mills and from the Mills he was marched in the night to the battle & place known as Gates defeat a distance of about 7 miles from the Mills; he recollects to have seen Capt. Porterfield who was badly wounded in the engagement: from thence he returned to Hillsboro North Carolina and was marched from thence to a place called Lands ford on the Catawba River near the Waxhaw Meeting house, and from thence to a place called New Providence where he was discharged having been in Service 4 months though only called out for 3.

He immediately volunteered again for 6 weeks as a private Militiaman in Capt. James Wilson's Company which company belonged to a Battalion under the Command of Major Elijah Moore in the Regiment was commanded by Col. William Moore, General Smallwood having the command of the whole at this place, about this time Col. Rugeley and Major Cook with the Tories under their Command were taken by Col. Washington and he deponent was appointed one of the Guard and marched with them to Salisbury North Carolina at which place he was discharged and returned to Caswell County his place of residence.

In about 3 weeks he volunteered again under Capt. John Oldham as a private militia man for a tour of 2 months was attached to Col. William Moore's Regiment and marched to a place

called Powels Race Paths¹ joined the Army under General Pickens and defeated a body of Tories, his term of service having expired he was discharged and returned home.

1. He was born in Caswell County North Carolina the 10th day of December 1762 [sic, at that time the County would have been part of Orange County -- Caswell County was not formed until 1777.]

2nd. I have a record of my age at my place of residence

3. He lived in Caswell County North Carolina when called into service. He has resided the most of his time since the Revolutionary War in Pendleton District South Carolina or until the year 1800 when he removed to Jackson County State of Georgia and from Jackson he removed to Hall the adjoining County and from thence into the Cherokee County & from thence to the State of Tennessee where he now resides.

4th. He volunteered into every tour rather than stand a draft. He received but one written discharge which was from Col. Shepherd for his first tour of Service which is lost or destroyed.

5th He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his service.

6. He recollects the following General officers viz. Generals Sheppard, Smallwood & Pickens Col. Williams & Col. Moore

7. General Bates, Col. Byrd, Andrew Thompson & Edward Cowen Esquire our intimately acquainted with him who can testify to his character for veracity and their opinion of him as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any state.

S/ N. Garrison, JIC

S/ Wm Reed

[James Whitten, a clergyman, and Hardy Strickland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amendment to the Declaration of William Reed

State of Georgia Hall County

On the 28th day of May 1837 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Inferior Court of said County William Reed aged 74 years the 10th day of last December -- who being 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

On the first day of January 1777 I entered the Service as a volunteer for 3 months as a private under the command of Capt. Waddy Tate Lieut. Jeremiah Poston & Ensign John Oldham and was marched from Caswell County North Carolina where I then lived by way of Guilford Court house & Salisbury to the neighborhood of Camden in South Carolina and placed under the command of Col. Shepherd where I remained until the first of April when I was marched back to Caswell County & discharged Col. Lock's [sic, Frances Locke's] Regiment was stationed within about 2 miles of us in the neighborhood of Camden.

Being at a distance from home and not able to see my memorandum of Services cannot say positively in what year my 2nd tour of Service commenced but believes it was in the year 1780, and I think in the month of May when the Militia was classed into 3 classes and myself & father both having fallen into the 3rd class, it was agreed on by the officers that we should not

¹ This is probably a reference to the engagement known as Pyle's Defeat. That engagement occurred on February 25, 1781 at Holt's Race path. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>

both be taken from home at the same time upon which I volunteered under Capt. George Oldham and John Oldham Lieut. for 3 months as a private. We were required to serve 3 months from the time we entered the State of South Carolina. I hired a Substitute to perform this tour by the name of Thackston.

I think sometime in the month of July in the same year I again volunteered as a private for 3 months after getting into South Carolina; under Capt. John Graves Lieut. A. Parks & Ensign Harrell and marched to Big Lynches Creek where we joined the Army under the command of General Gates the day after my arrival I was ordered with 4 other lads to join the Pioneers in cutting a Road from that place to Rugeley's Mill 13 miles from Camden, in which Service I continued until the defeat of General Gates. I then strayed back with many others back to Hillsboro North Carolina & from that place I marched in Capt. James Wilson's Company to a place called New Providence below Charlotte where General Smallwood lay with his Army. I was then ordered under a Lieut. to Land's Ford on the Catawba River near the Waxhaw meeting house where my term of Service ended and I was then marched back to New Providence and discharged.

I then Substituted in the place of a man (whose name I don't recollect) for one month and a half as a private in Capt. James Wilson's company and was attached to Col. William Moore's Regiment and Major Elijah Moore's Battalion and remained at New Providence until General Morgan & Col. Washington arrived on their way to Rugeley's Mills. We joined them but Col. Washington with his Regiment being in advance of us took Col. Rugeley & Major Cook with about one hundred & ten prisoners or Tories, this was accomplished by a Stratagem of Col. Washington on a foggy morning by causing the Enemy to believe that a parcel of pine logs were Cannon. General Morgan placed the prisoners under the care of Col. Moore who took them to Salisbury where I remained until my term of Service ended. I was then marched back to Caswell County and discharged. I omitted to name that on our march from the place where the prisoners were taken we met the Maryland Continentals at Charlotte at which place General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] took command of them.

After being at home about 2 months Lord Cornwallis passed through our County in pursuit of General Greene. I then volunteered as a private under Capt. John Oldham and Major E. Moore's Battalion & Col. William Moore's Regiment and marched down on the waters of Hyco Creek where we joined General Pickens and Col. Lee. We then crossed Haw River at General Butler's plantation and went on to Powels Race paths where we found and defeated a party of Tories. We had with us at this place a party of the Catawba Indians. The next morning we chased Col. Tarleton across Haw River at the same Ford we crossed at the previous evening, this was a 2 months tour from first to last at the end of which time I was discharged.

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Barrett, JIC

S/ Wm Reed

[On April 2nd, 1844, in Hall County Georgia, Mrs. Violet Reed, 76, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of William Reed; that she married him on January 4 1789 in Pendleton District South Carolina; that he died January 15th 1843 in Hamilton County Tennessee.]

[William P. Reed, age and relationship, if any, not stated gave a supporting affidavit as to the date

of death of William Reed. W. P. Reed was a resident of Lumpkin County, Ga.]

[fn p. 19, on March 30, 1855, in Hall County Georgia, Violet Reed, 87, filed for her bounty land entitlement; in this document she states that her maiden name was Violet Brown.]

[The following data is contained in the file regarding the births of the veterans children by his wife, Violet:

Clayton born October 25, 1789

Cyntha born March 9, 1791

Alfred born May 24, 1794

Elizabeth Brown born January 22, 1796

Jane Brown born May 16, 1799

William, Junior born May 14, 1801

Edey Shotwell born September 25, 1804.

Nancy Adams, a widow in 1836, referred to the soldier, William Reed, as her older brother; she was born October, 1765 in Caswell County, North Carolina, and was reared there, and in 1836 made affidavit in Henderson County, Georgia.]

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Before me Curtis Ledford a Justice of the Peace personally appeared Nancy Adams (Widow) who being duly sworn, deposed and saith that to the best of her knowledge she is 71 years of age next October and that William Reed who is present is her older brother and that him and her was born and raised in Caswell County North Carolina and that she well remembers her Brother that is now present (when young) in the old revolutionary war; Going into service with his schoolmaster by the name of Poston who was an officer as she understood and that some time after there was a man employed as a substitute in his place by the name of Thomas Thaxton as well as she recollects her Brother's return from General Gates Defeat. Likewise of his after which going into the service and that not long after he returned home the British Army coming through the settlement and his entering the service and coming home sick and telling of the defeat of the Tories at the Alamance (Powels race paths) and of the Indians shooting the Tories with other Passages also of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and of her Brother being out in the service about said time and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this August 19th A.D. 1836

S/ Curtis Ledford, JP

S/ Nancy Adams, X her mark