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Pension application of John Reeves R8684

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State of Missouri County of Madison

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared before Thomas Cooper, William Anthony and Henry Clubb Justices of the County Court of Madison County, and State of Missouri aforesaid, and now sitting John Reeves, a resident of St Michael Township in the County of Madison, and State of Missouri aged seventy-two years, who first being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In September 1780, applicant volunteered in the company of Captain Thomas Price and at that time lived near the State line separating North and South Carolina contiguous to Colonel Earle's Fort in North, and Balus [sic, Bayless?] in South Carolina. Captain Price's company marched from Watauga River to Ferguson's [sic, Patrick Ferguson's] defeat on Kings Mountain 120 or 30 miles: said applicant states that he was not in the battle of Kings Mountain, but Captain Price's company was, said applicant was sent with his brother, my Captain Price previous to the company reaching Kings Mountain on an express down Broad River, near the mouth of Green River for a body of men in Georgia to direct them to join Colonel William Campbell's forces by whom Ferguson was defeated, at Kings Mountain. Applicant states that he was in the service of the United States about 12 months after Ferguson's defeat: and during that time was stationed at Earle's Fort in North, and Balus' Fort and South Carolina as occasion required: which forts were built and manned to protect the inhabitants from the Indians and Tories; and this applicant was stationed at one or the other during 12 months; and this applicant was at Earle's station when Tarleton was beaten by Morgan, guarding the inhabitants. Applicant recollects that in the fall after Tarleton's defeat he joined a volunteer company of militia raised by Captain John Miller of Rutherford County North Carolina (James Miller Colonel), which company marched against the Cherokee Indians in the State of Tennessee. In that tour we marched to Cowee town on the Tennessee River, had some skirmishes with the Indians, killed some and destroyed their fields. The time of this march applicant does not recollect. Applicant states that he never had any written discharge for his services, that his services were voluntary, that at that day his suffering country required every arm to protect her defenseless inhabitants that it did not once occurred to him that any written evidence of his having fought for life and liberty was at any future day benefit him: and for the many perils and privations which he suffered, he has nothing now can testify but a recollection dimmed by protracted age -- Applicant

lastly states, that living at this time far from the scene of his revolutionary struggles he does not know of any person by whom he can prove the services stated: Those services were about the period of 12 months.

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 Reeves, Senior, X his mark

[William M. McMurtrey, a clergyman, and Elijah O'Bannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Missouri Madison County: In the County Court of the County of Madison in the State of Missouri, Term of August 1833

On this 27th day of August A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices thereof, in the aforesaid County Court now sitting John Reeves, and makes the following declaration to amend his Original declaration in order to obtain a pension:

That he was first mustered into the service of the United States in the month of September 1780 in Captain Thomas Price's company as a volunteer which company was raised in Burke County North Carolina. Said company was raised to march against Furguson [sic, Patrick Ferguson] at King's Mountain, and the troops were not levied for any specific time. Applicant marched with said company as in original declaration stated, and his general duties are therein detailed = Applicant here states that having discharged the duty assigned him and his brother in going to Georgia to inform a body of men to join Colonel Campbell's forces, he rejoined Captain Price's Company at Colonel Walker's, where nine Tories were hung, among whom was Ambrose Mills: After rejoining Price's company we were marched from Walker's to Earle's Fort, where applicant continued in constant duty, as in original declaration stated, for 12 months, with the exception of one tour mentioned in original declaration under the command of Captain John Miller = The field officers commanding the company officers were Colonel James Miller, Colonel Joseph McDowell, and General McDowell.

"Applicant says that he never received or had any written discharge that he was discharged verbally for his tour or service of 12 months --

Applicant removed to this County in the year 1803, and from the great distance he lives from the place where his services were rendered he does not know of any person by whom he can prove his services, and that he cannot prove them by any living witness, and that he has no documentary evidence to establish his revolutionary services. His relinquishment is made in the original declaration --

And to the interrogatories as prescribed by the war department and put by the court, the said John Reeves answers and says as follows.

1st I was born in Frederick County State of Virginia 1760 and at the age of 5 years my father removed to Guilford County North Carolina.

2nd I have my age put down in my Bible at my house about 7 miles from this place -- It was put down according to the information of my father.

4th The militia in my section of country word never properly classed. From the number and extent of the Tories, disaffected etc., we were subject at all times to repeated and constant calls, and generally volunteered -- I myself volunteered, and served a tour of 12 months and then was discharged.

5th. I was acquainted with Captain Thomas Price, Captain John Miller, Colonel James Miller,

Colonel Earls, Colonel Joseph McDowell and General McDowell. I am also acquainted with William Anthony & Thomas Cooper Justices of this Court, William M. Newberry Clerk of this Court & the Circuit Court, Micajah Stone Sheriff, John Matthews Senior Senator to the State Legislature, Theodore T. Long Member of the House of Representatives and Caleb Cox Justice of the These all of whom can testify to my character for veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

Test: W. M. Newberry, Clerk

S/ John Reeves, R his mark

[fn p. 9: on April 19, 1855 in Madison County Missouri, Rachael Reeves, 78, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Reeves stating that she married him in South Carolina on or about the year 1796; that they were married by a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Rachael Barnes; that her husband died in Madison County Missouri on or about April 30, 1834 and that she remains his widow.]