

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Reeves S17645

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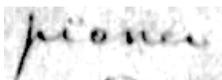
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The State of Ohio Brown County: SS

On this 29th day of April 1833 Personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of Brown County Ohio now sitting William Reeves a resident of Scott Township in the County of Brown and State of Ohio aged sixty-eight years 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 command of Captain John Britt of Prince William County in the State of Virginia as a substitute for Joshua Graham for the term of three months in the militia about the first day of October in the year 1780. That Colonel Glenn commanded the Regiment and General Stephens [Edward Stevens] of Culpeper was General of the Brigade and the whole were under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] of the regular Army. That the troops assembled at Dumfries and marched from thence to Fredericksburg and Virginia where we drew up our arms thence to Petersburg from thence to Taylor's Ferry on the Roanoke River where we lay 3 or 4 weeks thence we marched to Hillsboro North Carolina thence to the Trading Ford on Yadkin River thence to Salisbury where he thence to Charlotte town where we lay 3 weeks from thence to the Cheraw Hills on the Pedee River where we remained about one month from thence we marched into the neighborhood of Salisbury in the rear of General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan] after the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and assisted to cover his retreat to Guilford courthouse and from thence to Spittsylvania [Pittsylvania] old court house where we delivered up our arms and from thence we were marched to our own County where we were discharged about the 1st of March 1781 after having been detained in the service five months being two months over the term of his draft owing to the particular situation of the American forces prior to the battle of the Cowpens. That when the troops were in the rear of General Morgan they had a skirmish with the British – that he was in no battle during his time of service.

That afterwards he was drafted in his own right about the beginning of August 1781 as a private and placed under the command of Captain Valentine Peyton of Prince William County Virginia and afterwards detached under the command of Lieutenant William Reeves to repair the road from Alexandria to Dumfries for the Northern Army under General Washington to march with their baggage. This pioneer [?]¹ party was under the superintendence of Colonel Henry Lee of Prince William County – that they were employed in this service about two weeks – that then he was detached under the command of his former Captain John Brent and employed in foraging



for the Army under General Washington until sometime in October when he was discharged having served two months. He states that for his services for the first engagement he was allowed and paid \$15 per month in good money which was paid in Continental money at \$30 for one – For his second tour of service he never received one cent of pay although he furnished himself with a horse and rigging for eight days and found his own rations for six weeks & 4 days which was promised to be paid Fort – That he was not in any engagement in either tour of service. That he never received any written discharge from his officers for his last tour of service. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Joab Read² with whom he served his 1st tour but whose place of residence is unknown to him. 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.

Answers to Interrogatories

To the 1st – I was born on the 8th of April 1765 at Prince William County Virginia

To the 2nd – I have no record of my age myself But there was a record made of my age at the time I was baptized (as an infant) in States Run church which I understood has been transmitted to Dumfries Virginia. This was in the Church of England.

To the 3rd – I lived in Prince William County at the time I was called into service. I'm moved from there to Kentucky in the year 1790 where I lived about 22 years and then moved into what is now called Brown County of Ohio and now reside in Scott Township in said County.

To the 4th – Answered in detail

To the 5th He served under General Greene he knew one Captain Thomas Ewel of the Virginia line. In the militia he belonged to the 1st Regiment commanded by Colonel Glenn – he knew Major Morris and Stubblefield of said Regiment – In his 1st tour the 1st & 2nd Regiments served together the 2nd was commanded by Colonel Lucas. The General circumstances of his service are answered in detail as well as can he recollect

To the 6th – I received a pass or discharge from my Captain which has been lost or mislaid for my 1st tour of service

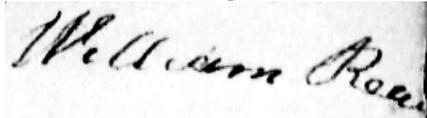
To the 7th James McCall Captain John Stansberry John Stump, Richard Pettyjohn, Esquire Hugh Gunion, Samuel Jones, Tapley Jones Judge James Moore together with many others are persons to whom I am known and believed to be a soldier of the Revolution and who can testify to my character for truth and veracity.

I am not known to any Minister of the Gospel as a revolutioner except some traveling Methodist whose testimony I am unable to procure at the present time.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ G. W. Iing, Clk

S/William Rea[signature runs off the page]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Rea". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Daniel Reynolds and Enoch Ellsberry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]

² Sic, Joab Reid FPA S4057