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Pension application of Zachariah Reaves (Reves) S41973

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Cumberland County [North Carolina]

On this first day of November 1819, before me, John D. Toomer one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the said state, personally appeared Zachariah Reaves of Cumberland County North Carolina aged sixty-two years, resident in Cumberland County aforesaid in said state, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Zachariah Reaves enlisted for the term of 9 or 12 months on the __ day of __ (Spring) in the year 1775 (as well as he recollects) in Elizabeth Town in the state of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Allen of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moore (afterward General Moore) in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the spring of the year 1776, when he was discharged from service at Brunswick Town now Wilmington state of North Carolina -- that he was in the battles of none: and the said Zachariah Reaves reenlisted for the term of two years & a half in the Spring of the year 1776 in Wilmington in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Griffith Mac Ree [sic, Griffith John McRee (or McRea)] of the first Regiment (General Moore) in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in said corps in the service of the United States until the year when discharged at Wilmington North Carolina: -- in Battles none, but continued in service between 9 & 12 months -- reenlisted under Captain J. Yates for in North Carolina for ten 3 [sic] months Col. Kenan North Carolina General Caswell and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services except the annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ John D. Toomer, J.L.C. & E

S/ Zachariah Reaves

State of North Carolina Cumberland County: This day personally appeared before me John D. Fromer one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law & Equity in & for the State of North Carolina: Ratio [?] Hammons of Cumberland County & State aforesaid. After being duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that he Deponent is personally acquainted with the within named Zachariah Reaves the present claimant for pension and this deponent further saith that he was personally acquainted with the said Zachariah Reaves at Wilmington North Carolina at the time of the declaration of American Independence in the year 1776, and this deponent further

saith that the said Zachariah Reaves was at that time a Sergeant in Captain Griffis Mac Ree Company in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina line of the Continental Army of the Revolutionary War of the United States and that the said Zachariah Reaves continued in service as aforesaid upwards of nine months to the best of this deponent's knowledge & believe. This deponent further saith that he deponent is personally acquainted with the circumstances in life of the said Zachariah Reaves and that they are so reduced as to require support from his Country. Further this declarant saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Fayetteville this first day of November 1819.

S/ R. Hammons, HR his mark

State of North Carolina Cumberland County

On this 8 day of March 1821 Personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County & state aforesaid Zachariah Reaves aged sixty-three years, resident in the County & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that the said Zachariah Reaves did enlist for the term of 9 or 12 months in the spring of the year 1775 at Elizabethtown in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Allen in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moore (afterwards General Moore) in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in Garrison at Brunswick Town North Carolina in the said corps or in the same until the spring of the year 1776 when he the said Zachariah Reaves did reenlist for the term of 2 1/2 years [indecipherable word] in the spring of the year 1776 in Wilmington North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Griffith Mac Ree of the Regiment of General Moore in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment & that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the Service of the United States until sometime in the year 1777 when discharged. Afterward in the year 1778 as well as he can recollect and the said Zachariah Reaves he joined Captain Cofields company of Militia under Colonel Shepard at Fayetteville North Carolina & marche to Camden South Carolina & continued in said service 3 or 4 months; after which he joined Captain Yates company of Militia under Colonel Kenan & General Caswell in the year 1778 & march to the assistance of Charleston South Carolina which was then besieged & surrendered before the troops reached the city: then returned back to Fayetteville North Carolina & was discharged: Afterwards joined Captain Pike Robeson's company of Rangers in the Militia under Colonel Robeson & continued to serve in scouting parties after the Tories in North Carolina for the time of one year:

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

1 Cutter Plough (Valued at)	\$1.50
2 weeding Hoes	.75
3 Axes	3.00
1 Saddle & bridle (common half worn)	4.00
2 Tables (pine)	2.50

2 Earthern Dishes		.90
1 doz. Plates		1.00
1 Sett Knives & forks (old)		.50
1 Sett Cups & Saucers		.25
6 Table Spoons		.25
2 Iron Pots		2.00
1 Dutch Oven	old cracked lid	.50
t Tea Kettle		1.00
1 Forging Pann	old & broken	.25
1 Bake Pann		<u>18.40</u>

The said Zachariah Reaves is a farmer by profession, by the loss of the use of one of his hands prevents him from being able to do anything of consequence for his support & he has and afflicted wife disabled at times by the Rheumatic Pains: and one daughter 12 years of age who is unable to get his support; the name of his wife is Deborah Reaves aged 57 years: the name of his daughter is Eliza Ann Reaves aged 12 years: James Reaves age 16 able to do, and were.

S/ Zachariah Reaves

State of North Carolina Cumberland County

This day personally appeared before me P. J. Tillinghart one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Sherwood Fort¹ Esquire formerly of Robeson County now resident in the County and State aforesaid, After being sworn according to the law deposes and saith that he is personally acquainted with Zachariah Reaves the present claimant for pension that the said Zachariah Reaves and this deponent were acquainted and Associates when boys before the Revolutionary War of the United States at Halifax North Carolina. That the said Reaves moved to Bladen County North Carolina some years before the declaration of Independence. That at the time of the declaration of Independence in the year 1776. This deponent was a Soldier in Wilmington North Carolina and there did see the said Zachariah Reaves and for performance of his duty as Sergeant of the company commanded by Captain Griffith McRee in the Continental Army of the Revolutionary war of the United States of America and did faithfully perform his duty as a soldier in the Continental Army as aforesaid upwards of 9 months as this deponent verily believes and always understood: further this deponent saith not and to whose oath and affidavit due faith and credit is attached. Fayetteville 25th of February 1826

S/ Sherwood Fort

North Carolina Secretary's Office 3rd April 1826

Sir

I have examined the Declaration of Zachariah Reaves and the Depositions etc. accompanying the same, and am of opinion notwithstanding his name does not appear on the rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that he did serve therein as stated by him. His early discharge may be the reason why his name does not appear in said Rolls.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant
S/ Wm Hill

¹ [Sherwood Fort S8499](#)

State of North Carolina Cumberland County

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Ruffin Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity now holding for the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina aforesaid the same being a court of record Richard Singletary (commonly called Little Hick Singletary) Planter of Bladen County in said State aforesaid (and formerly an Ensign in the Continental Army of the Revolutionary war of the United States of America) who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he the deponent was personally acquainted with Zachariah Reaves the present claimant for pension that he was a citizen born in said State aforesaid and an acquaintance and Associates of this deponent in their childhood and that the said Zachariah Reaves claimant for a pension as aforesaid did enlist at Elizabeth town in Bladen County in the State of North Carolina in the spring of the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Griffith McRee in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lillington & Major Molton under General Moore in the North Carolina Line in the Continental Army of the Revolutionary war of the United States of America and that the said Zachariah Reaves claimant for pension as aforesaid did march to Wilmington North Carolina and did join his Regiment as aforesaid & continued in service as aforesaid of about 12 months to the deponent's certain knowledge and this deponent being in bad health was compelled to return home from the service and that he deponent at the time of leaving the service as aforesaid left the said Zachariah Reaves aforesaid and acting Sergeant in said company & Regiment aforesaid and that this deponent verily believes that the said Zachariah Reaves aforesaid did continue some considerable time in the service as aforesaid. This deponent further saith that the said Zachariah Reaves aforesaid was a true Whig & friend to his Country during the whole war until the year 1782, that the said Zachariah Reaves aforesaid did faithfully perform his service while in the Continental Army as aforesaid & afterwards under partisan officers in the Militia until the close of the war aforesaid both in this State and South Carolina. This deponent further saith that he deponent was an Ensign in Captain Griffith McRee's company under Colonel Lillington & Major Molton in the North Carolina Line in the Revolutionary War of the United States and join his company in the spring of the year 1776 and commanded the said Zachariah Reaves during his deponent's continuance in service as aforesaid, upwards of 9 months. This deponent further saith that the said Zachariah Reaves was a resident citizen of the United States of America on the 18th day of March 1818, and that the said Zachariah Reaves is in very reduced circumstances in life and aged about 67 years & is maimed by loss of one of his thumbs & has a helpless family to support and actuate doth stand in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Further this deponent saith not.

S/ Red Singletary [sic]

State of North Carolina Cumberland County

In Explanation in the case of Zachariah Reaves Claimant for pension I the said Zachariah Reaves in my first application for pension & which declaration was headed before his Honor Judge John D. Toomer Esquire on the first of November 1819. I set forth that I reenlisted for the term of 2 1/2 years in the spring of the year 1776 in the town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Griffith McRee (of the first Regiment to the best of my recollection) under the command of General Moore in the Line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment. That I continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until ___ year when discharged at Wilmington North Carolina and had continued in service as aforesaid between 9 & 12 months. Through the goodness of my Captain Captain Griffith McRee and the circumstance of my being in particular acquaintance & recruiting

Sergeant and being very sick at the time he Captain McRee march their way from Wilmington North Carolina I was discharged by said Captain McRee before my time of service had expired but did serve as stated between 9 & 12 months as aforesaid under Captain McRee in the Regiment commanded by General Moore until General Moore was [indecipherable word]. Then I was mustered by Major White to [indecipherable word] General Lee on his arrival at Wilmington North Carolina at the time he took command of the southern troops and that I continued to serve as aforesaid until sometime after the arrival of General Lee and until the troops marched to the South. That I was Captain McRee's Sergeant & Quarter Sergeant. That Captain McRee at the [time] he marched from Wilmington to the South discharge me but requested that I should remain with the sick soldiers who were left in Wilmington at the time the other troops marched as I had died a little better I continued with & attended on the sick soldiers for about 6 weeks after which I returned home; My discharge as aforesaid was taken by the Tories on the march to Wilmington from the Battle of Guilford a plundering party broke open my brother's house or entered the house & broke open my chest & took away my papers with the said discharge.

The entire loss of my left thumb and the use of my hand altogether with my reduced circumstances in life compelled me to urge my claim for pension, otherwise I never would have solicited my Country the United States for assistance: I am fully persuaded that the Justice of my claim will entitle me to the assistance my situation requires. I am in [indecipherable word or words]

Fayetteville February 16, 1822

York Humble Petitioner
S/ Zach Reves