

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Pension Claim of Reuben Earthen VAS1168
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[From [pension claims in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with John Dye.]

This is to Certify that Reubin Earthen inlisted in the 3^d Virginia Reg't. the fifth day of February One Thousand Seven Hundread and Seventy Six, and was discharged the ninth of Dec'r. One Thousand Seven Hundread and Eighty, he having served the full terme of is his enlistment. He has also one full suit of Clothes due, he rec'd. his pay in paper currency up to the first of Dec'r. One Thousand Seven Hundread and Seventy Nine

Given under my Hand this 10 Day of Nov. 1783

Copy
Reuben Burnley

John Blackwell Capt./ 3 Virg'a Reg't.
John Green Colo/ 6 V. R.

On the Examination of Reuben Earthen who appears to be about forty years of Age find he has received several severe wounds on the Head by a Sword, two of which wounds have seperated the Tables of the Skull. he complains that at times one of the wounds is very painfull which, I think not at all improbable – he has some other evident wounds which at present appear to be but slight but complains of an Injury in the Chest from having been rode over by a Dragoon he alledges that the wounds &c were received at Buford Defeat [defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], which I am inclined to believe is really the truth as I have some recollection of his having been under my care not long after that unlucky accident – the man has no doubt suffer'd greatly, & if his assertions are just, which I am induced to believe they are he is in some measure disabled from obtaining a support by hard Labour only & merits assistance from his Country. W. Foushee

The above Reuben Earthen Received the wounds mentioned in the above Certificate at Colo. Buford's Defeat James Wood lat B.G. [Brigadier General] Jan. 4 1788

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Reuben Earthen aged about 40 years, late a private in the 3^d Virginia Regiment, whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States by several severe wounds received on his head, and that he is allowed the sum of Eight pounds yearly, to commence from the 1st day of January 1788

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 4th day of January 1788

T. Meriwether

Edm. Randolph

Culpeper County towit April Court 1789

It appearing to the Court that Reuben Earthen is an inhabitant of this County and that he has a Certificate recorded in this Court allowing him a pension of Eight pounds p ann'm Ordered that the Sheriff pay the same agreeable to Law. Copy Teste John Jameson Cl. C. C[?]