Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Reasons R8635 fn21NC
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State of Tennessee Montgomery County: March 4th 1820

This day before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts in & for the State aforesaid presiding in said County came William Reasons aged 66 years resident in said County 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 late act of Congress entitled ["] an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" That he the said William Resons [sic] enlisted in Craven County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Rading Blount [sic, Reading Blount] of the 5th North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe on or about the 1st of the fall of the year 1775 a soldier for the term of 3 years on Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps & others in the Service of the United States until the 19th of September 1781 when he was discharged from service by Major John Nelson of the first Regiment & his said discharge is here with transmitted. That he was in the battles [sic] of Brandywine & in the Battle of Germantown where he received a wound in his right knee & was also in the battle of Monmouth Courthouse where he received a wound in his left hip -- that he was at the capture of Stony Point. When the Regiments were reduced he was moved over to the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patton from thence by furlough he returned to the State of North Carolina & joined the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Mebane and afterwards marched to Charlestown South Carolina where he was taken prisoner & was exchanged at Jamestown Virginia from whence he drove a wagon for Major John Nelson to Charlotte Town North Carolina joined Major Joel Lewis State Regiment, & at the close of the war stacked his arms at Hillsboro North Carolina.

That he is now in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support -- that he has no further evidence of his services than the foregoing now in his power.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid S/ P. W. Humphreys S/ William Reasons

Amended Declaration With Schedule

State of Tennessee Montgomery County: February Term 1823 on this first day of March 1823 personally appeared in Open Court of Montgomery Circuit Court aforesaid, being a Court of record for the said County William Reasons aged 71 on the 21st of October 1823 resident of Montgomery County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare he served in the revolutionary war as follows: -- See the Original

declaration formerly forwarded to the War department, and he with other companies this amendment. The following is the Schedule that is to say,

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and undetermined in law worth about	\$124.00
1 Carbin worth about	50.00
1 Bed & Clothing	10.00
1 Pot no top	.50
1 pr of And – Irons	.50
2 Horses	25.00
2 Cows & Calves	12.00
5 Pewter plates	1.00
3 Knives & forks	.25
1 Table	.25
2 Old Chairs	.25
2 old stools	.12 ½
	\$223.87 1/2

S/ Wm Reasons

The following are my family, that is to say, Sarah my wife aged 57 years much infirm, Richard Elliot aged 31 years, subject to fits from infancy and almost useless to me, Sarah P. Reasons aged 27 years subject to fits from her infancy, Zilph S. Reasons aged 19 years, Elizabeth A. Reasons aged 17 years & Plain William Reasons aged about 12 years of age. The 3 last named children are the only persons of my family that are able to render me any service. I am also getting infirm at my age & unable to work much. It is uncertain how long my 2 daughters who are able to do any work, will live with me. When they are gone the only person I can rely upon in my old age is my youngest son plain William who is now a boy as above stated.

S/ Wm Reasons

Sworn to and declared on the first day of March 1823 before me S/Robt. Mack, Judge

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I do hereby certify that William Reason a Soldier in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment heads as a good & faithful soldier served the full term of his enlistment.

Charlotte 19th of September 1781

[indecipherable and illegible signature]

State of Tennessee Montgomery County: This day being the 21st of August 1822 came William Reason before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit of law & Equity in & for the State aforesaid and made the following addition to his Declaration made on the 4th of March 1820 before the said Parry W. Humphreys for a pension he declares & says, that he did enlist as therein stated in the [year] 1775 -- & at the time of said Declaration he supposed his enlistment had been for 3 years but he now supposes that he must have been mistaken as to the term of his enlistment as the statement made in the War Department satisfies him that no enlistments for the tour of 3 years were made in that year 1775 -- but upon further reflection he believes his first enlistment was with a Captain Lewis Gill who had at that time in New Bern in said County of Craven that he marched in Gills Company under General Caswell to Moore's Bridge, & in the spring of 76 Captain Gill having retired he entered Captain Redding Blount's Company by

enlistment for 3 years as a private soldier & he continued to serve in Blount's company under different commanding Generals until the regiments were reduced at Valley Forge after which reduction he entered the company of Captain Charles Stewart and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patton which was the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina Brigade commanded as he believes by General McIntosh, and that Company he was in the Battle of Monmouth & White Plains,, where he was discharged, he then entered the service with Captain G. Bradley of the North Carolina line (for the term of 18 months to the best of his remembrance) he was then marched to Charleston in South Carolina under command of Colonel Robert Mebane & General Hogun at Charlestown he was taken prisoner in which situation he remained for nearly 18 months, & was exchanged at Jamestown in Virginia he was then marched into North Carolina, [born or more indecipherable words] Major Nelson who gave him the Discharged annexed to the former Declaration, that his term of service had expired 10 days before he was captured at Charlestown -- but he continued in service at the [one or more indecipherable words] of Colonel Mebane & was unfortunately taken prisoner as aforesaid.

S/Wm Reasons

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 24th May 1823

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that the name of William Reasons stands on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War as follows, viz. "William Reasons mustered Captain Blount's company 5th Regiment 10th September 1776 for 3 years, pt January 78 destd June 79 fee him reinlisted for 18 months." Again as follows: "William Reasons pt. Bradley's Company 10th Regiment first June 79 for 18 months fee him in 5th Regt."

Given under my hand at Office the date above S/Wm Hill