Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Reed (Reid) R8656 Elizabeth fn87SC Transcribed by Will Graves 11/23/09

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State of Kentucky County of Garrard

On this the 18th day of July 1853 before me C. D. Clinton Esquire a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Rachel Carpenter a resident of this County of the highest respectability aged 65 years past who being first duly sworn as the law directs on her oath makes the following declaration to wit that she is the daughter of John Reed deceased who was a Captain in the South Carolina State Troops in Sumter's Brigade Hampton's Regiment she believes, and served not quite a year in that capacity and served some 3 or 4 years as private in Martin's troop and Polk's Regiment as she has always been informed by her said father who performed the above service in the Revolutionary War and of Elizabeth Reed his wife both now deceased that the said John Reed and Elizabeth her father and mother were married in the Parish, County or Shire of Down Ireland about the year 1773 and that her said Father died in Garrard County State of Kentucky in February 1808 leaving the said Elizabeth this affiant's mother a widow who did not again marry but died a widow of the said John Reed on the 3rd day of July 1843 and the County and State above named. She further states her said mother left surviving her this affiant who is the only surviving child of her deceased Father John Reed and Elizabeth his wife. She states the reason her mother never applied for a pension she had for some years previous to her death lost her mind that since her said mother died she has spoken to several agents to attend to the pension due her said mother at her decease but she never could get anything done that her said Father and Mother had a child 2 or 3 years old when they landed in the United States at Savannah in the first of the war and moved out some distance and her said Father entered the service and served through the war that they moved from Greenville district South Carolina when they came to Kentucky that she was 5 years old when they removed to Kentucky. She was informed by them that Richmond Kirkendoll married her oldest sister & came to Kentucky and settled in Garrard County needed them and her said Sister and in a few years that she has often heard her said father [indecipherable word] about his Revolutionary scrapes that she makes this application under the act of Congress passed for July 1836 and any other act or resolution that may embrace the case July 8th 1853.

S Rachel Carpenter

I James H. Letcher Judge of the County court of this County and State above mentioned do certify that the most satisfactory evidence has this day been exhibited to me in open court for this County above stated by the accompanying deposition of Andrew Reid, Elizabeth Kirkendoll, Richmond Kirkendoll and Martha Maceberry hand accompanying papers that Elizabeth Reid the wife of John Reid both now deceased has now but one living child Rachel Carpenter and that

said John Reid died in this County in the year 1808 and that his wife Elizabeth Reid died in this County the 3rd day of July 1843 and that said John Reed served several months as Captain in the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary war and some 3 or 4 years as private and from reputation must [several indecipherable words] revolutionary war and the deposition of Richmond Kirkendoll &c that I am not interested in said pension nor acting as agent. State of Kentucky County Garrard November 7th, 1853

S/ James H. Letcher, PJGCC

State of Kentucky County of Garrard

On this the 18th day of July 1853 personally appeared before me GD Clinton a Justice of the peace for this County and State aforesaid Richmond Kirkendoll a resident of this County aged 87 years who being first duly sworn as the law directs on his oath makes the following statement that some 3 or 4 years before the close of the Revolutionary war he became acquainted with John Reed and his wife Elizabeth Reid (both now deceased) that his first acquaintance was in Greenville district South Carolina though he had seen said Reed previous to that in the service of the United States acting private that said Reed and wife Elizabeth had some 3 children when his family came to Greenville district South Carolina where I was born and raised till he moved to Kentucky that he lived close by said Reed's wife until they moved to Kentucky which was a few years after the Revolutionary war that he often seen the above stated John Reed in actual service in the United States in the Revolutionary war acting as Captain in Sumter's brigade he thinks not more than a year if not long that from what he seen and heard from Reed above named and the soldiers of the Army the above John Reed must of served several years as private at said Reed and wife Elizabeth shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war moved to Garrard County Kentucky in company with him that they all the close together and lived neighbors till the their said deaths that day John and Elizabeth Reed passed and always from his first acquaintance live together as man and wife and was reputed as such and was persons of the highest respectability that the said John Reed departed this life in the year 1808 that he was present and saw and buried and that his wife Elizabeth Reed survived him her said husband John Reed and never married to her death and died a widow on the 3rd day of July 1843 that he was present and saw her. And examined the date on her tomb son this day which has the above date 3 July 1843 and that the only living children of the said John Reed and Elizabeth Reed his wife both deceased is Rachel Carpenter who is now applying for a pension due her said mother at her decease and that the above Elizabeth Reed wife of the said John Reed deceased for many years previous to her death had lost her mind the said Elizabeth Reid died in this County and he knows the claim can be a just one at all to be allowed that he has no interest in said pension claim nor acting as agent for same period July 18th 1853

S/ Richmond Kirkendoll

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State of South Carolina Greenville County: George Reed of Union County and State aforesaid personally came before me and made oath that he served as a Sergeant ten months under the command of Captain Samuel Neeley of Colonel William Hill's Regiment of State Troops, and this deponent further saith that he never gave any order to any person nor sold nor disposed of his wages due him for said service except John Reed to whom he sold his wages and gave him in order to draw the same. Sworn to the 15th day of October 1791

S/ George Salmon, JP

S/ George Reed