Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Reams (Reames) S39037

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The State of South Carolina Edgefield District: By the Honorable Waddy Thompson Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Equity in the State aforesaid

To All to On these presents shall come

Greeting:

Know ye that Joshua Reames citizen resident of the District and State [illegible word or words] did this day appeared before me and made oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty God that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary War in the year 1777 under Captain William Fauine [?] of the Infantry in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogun was marched to West Point and there stationed and that he served faithfully for the term of fifteen months and was discharged by Colonel Mayben [sic, Robert Mebane?] which discharge he has lost.

He further deposes and saith that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the aid of his country for support

S/ Joshua Reams

In testimony that the above named Joshua Reames did this day make oath before me of the truth of the above affidavit I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Court to be affixed this 2nd day of June in the year of our Lord 1818 and in the Independence of the United States of America the 42nd S/W. Thompson

From the affidavit of Colonel Abner Blocker of Edgefield District I am satisfied that the within named Joshua Reames is in necessitous circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support.

Given under my hand this 26th of June 1818

S/W. Thompson

State of South Carolina District of Edgefield: On this 4th day of October 1820 [could be 1821] Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said District and State, Joshua Rings aged 60 years, resident of a branch of __Creek in this District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, viz. in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment under Captain Wm __ Company of the North Carolina line, said Regiment being commanded by Colonel James Hogun, that he is on the Pension roll, by virtue of the act of the 18th March 1818, that his certificate is dated the 18th of September 1818,

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as "William Fawn" and an officer by that name did serve in the Third NC Regiment of the Continental Line

the pension having commenced on the 2nd day of June 1818, and that he has already received his pension up to the 4th March 1820 [could be 1821], 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 following children [sic], viz,---

Two Cows and Calves, the one old worth about Eight dollars, the other ten	\$18.00
One Small mare worth about	30.00
One Sow five pigs and 13 shoats	21.00
five old sitting chairs	2.50
1 Weavers loom	8.00
2 Pots	3.00
2 plows, two axes & one grubbing hoe	9.50
10 Earthern plates & one dish	2.75
½ Dozn. cups & saucers & 4 or 5 old knives & forks	1.50

That he is as well as the infirmities of old age, and great hardships will permit; but he cannot pursue with any constancy are bigger, his occupation of an agriculturalist so as to maintain himself, has having and in term wife and 8 children, but 3 of whom (daughters) are able to support themselves -- That he lives on land the property of another man, who from charity suffers it. -- That he has no one on whom he can depend, or to whom he can look, or from whom he can expect support.

S/ Joshua Reams