Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Reeves (Reaves)¹ W56 Susannah fn30NC Transcribed by Will Graves 12/31/09

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District of West Tennessee

On this 20th day of September 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said district personally appeared Samuel Reaves aged sixty-six years resident in Lincoln County Tennessee in the said district 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 and naval service in the revolutionary war." That he the said Samuel Reaves enlisted for the term of 2 years & 6 months on the __ of May in the year 1775 in Surry County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Philips in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Polk 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 __ of November 1777 when he was discharged from service in the State [of] New Jersey. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown 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 now in his power of his said services.

S/ Saml Reeves

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ P W Humphreys, Judge etc.

[Solomon Burford and William Reaves gave a supporting affidavit in which they attested to the reduced circumstances of the veteran and his reputation as a man of credibility and a soldier of the revolution.]

Schedule

State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On the 11th day of March 1826 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Lincoln County in the State of Tennessee, being a Court of record possessing unlimited jurisdiction in civil cases declared such by the legislature of said State; Samuel Reeves resident in said County aged 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820. That he the said Samuel Reeves enlisted for the term of 2 years and 6 months on the __ day of __ in the year __ in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Philips in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued in the service until the expiration of the term for

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¹ See, <u>B35</u>

which he enlisted, when he was discharged from service in the State of Pennsylvania. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name has been placed on the pension list; that the number of his pension Certificate is 15804 and that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property partly because having experienced a great difficulty in obtaining his pension, he was apprehensive the difficulties were greatly increased, and he was at a loss due to apply to for assistance, and because he was unable to attend Court and never until very lately was informed of the provisions of the Act of March 1st 1823.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. That is to say, two spinning wheels 9 pewter plates, 2 pewter basons, 1 dish, a part of a set of knives & forks 4 cups & saucers, 1 churn, 5 chairs, 1 small bell, 1 iron wedge, 1 old musket barrel, 1 Dutch oven, 1 pot, 1 skillet, 1 frying pan, one cutting knife, 2 water pails (clothing & bedding excepted), that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, to wit, that on the 18th of March 1818 I owned the following property, which is not now owned by me, viz., a claim to 85 acres of land, 1 horse beast, 1 cow & calf, 2 sows & some shoats, 2 stands or hives of bees & some farming tools not now particularly recollected, that the aforesaid claim to 85 acres of land has since been sold for the sum of \$150 and the proceeds applied to the support of my family, but I never had a legal title and have now conveyed the same, and therefore cannot produce any a syndicated copy of the deed of conveyance. That the said horse has since died and the balance of the property mentioned has been applied to the support of my family, but I cannot now recollect the various dispositions of each article. That I am (or rather have been) by occupation a farmer but I am now entirely unable to pursue it by reason of age & bodily infirmity. That my family residing with me consists of myself and my wife Susannah Reeves now about 68 years of age; who was for about twenty years last past been afflicted with a sciatick [sciatic] complaint, and is not able to contribute much to her own support, and that we have both for about 2 years been pretty much dependent on private charity for a support. And the said Samuel Reeves doth further swear that by reason of disease called convulsive fits, with which he has for 4 years been afflicted, he is unable to attend Court.

Sworn to & subscribed on the 11th day of March 1826 before me S/ Joel Pinson, a justice of the peace S/ Samuel Reeves

[fn p. 14: on December 14, 1840 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Susannah Reeves, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Reeves, a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Wake County North Carolina on November 20, 1785; that he died in Lincoln County Tennessee on October 12, 1839 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 15: Malachi Reeves, 44 on the 23rd of July last testified Tennessee in support of the application filed by his mother for a widow's pension. Samuel Roan, 65, also gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage of Samuel Reeves to Susannah in Wake County North Carolina and

that he has known them for 45 years and they always lived together as man and wife.] [fn p. 28: Patsey Worfe [?], formerly Patsey Brock, 78, a resident of Marshall County Tennessee gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of her sister Susannah Brock to Samuel Reeves in the state of North Carolina and County of Wake on the 20th day of November 1785 by Harry Mekins; that her sister's first child was born exactly 9 months and one day after the aforesaid marriage took place and that she herself was married on the 9th day of June 1787 18 months and some days after the marriage of her sister Susannah to Samuel Reeves. This deposition was given him the summer 2, 1840 in Marshall County Tennessee.]