

Pension Application for Samuel Reynolds

R.8717

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.
State of New Jersey
County of Somerset SS

On this fifteenth day of August personally appeared in open court before the Judges of Court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting Samuel Reynolds a resident of the Township of Hemsted (then) in the County of Orange in the in the state of New York and am now in my sixty ninth year of age. I continued to reside in Hemsted till the year 1791, when I removed to the township of Bernards in the County eversince.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as hereinafter stated sometime in the year of 1780. I believe in June I entered the service under the command of Capt. Garret Acker of the militia marched ton Hackinsack from there to Tappan and from there to Harveystraw [Harvestraw?] we were then permitted to return home with orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march at a minute's warning—continuing while even at home of taking our turn standing sentry along the Hudson river between Harveystraw & Tappan.

The two last years of the revolutionary war I was out on scouting parties & keeping guard nearly all the time under the above named captain acker belonging to Col. Gilbert Cooper command or regiment. In actual service I was on duty more than one year but have much longer I am unable to say.

As I have no documentary evidence of my service & having left this place where I then resided & performed the services I know of persons now living by whom I can prove it.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Saml Reynolds

Sworn & Subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. Wm B. Gaston

Letter in folder dated June 28, 1934 written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Samuel Reynolds, born in the Township of Hempstead, Orange County, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.8717, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Samuel Reynolds.

He was born May 14, 1764 in the Township of Hempstead, Orange County, New York. His father was a "warm whig" and was living during the Revolutionary War in Hempstead, New York as was also his mother and two sisters; names of parent and sister not given.

Samuel Reynolds lived during the Revolution at said Hempstead, and in 1791 moved to the Township of Bernard, Somerset County, New Jersey.

While residing in Bernard Township, New Jersey, he applied for pension, August 15, 1832 and stated that he enlisted in 1780, served at various times in Captain Garet Acker's company, Colonel Gilbert Cooper's New York regiment, was out in many scouting parties and kept guard on the western shore of the Hudson River and served until in 1782.

The claim was not allowed as proof of six months' service as required by the pension law, was not furnished.

The soldier, Samuel Reynolds, died July 22, 1839 in Somerset County, New Jersey, and his widow, Sarah, died in April 1851. The date and place of their marriage are not shown, nor the maiden name of the widow given.

The following children survived their mother, Sarah Reynolds: Samuel Reynolds, John Reynolds, Abraham Reynolds, Benjamin Reynolds, Hezekiah S. or L. Reynolds, Sarah, wife of John Utter, Phebe, wife of Ira Connet (?), and Mary, wife of William Smith.

Benjamin Reynolds, brother of the soldier, Samuel Reynolds, served in the revolution, as did another brother, whose name is not given.