

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Reynolds W5683 Mary Reynolds VA
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Virginia, Bedford County,

On this 25th day of Septem'r 1832 personally appeared before Thomas Sale a justice of the peace in and for the said County of Bedford, Jesse Reynolds, a resident of the said county, and State of Virginia, aged 78 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Regular army of the United States in the year 1776 under one Groos Scrugs [sic: Gross Scruggs], and served in the 5th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line. That he enlisted in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, and marched from thence to Norfolk, and after remaining there some short time, proceeded to join the northern army, under the command of Gen'l [Horatio] Gates. That he was attached to Colo. Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] command, and was engaged with the Regular army at Saratoga, when Gen'l Burgoyne was taken [17 Oct 1777], and received a bad wound in the hand and had his gun broken. That he entered the army as a private soldier, but in some short time thereafter was promoted to a Sarjent, in which capacity he continued to act until he returned home.

That he was also in the battles of Princetown [Princeton NJ, 3 Jan 1777] and Trentown [Trenton NJ, 26 Dec 1776], and aided in capturing about 400 hessians, and was commanded by one Capt. Henderson, and Ensign Washington. That after he returned to the County of Bedford, he served in the militia six months at one time, and three at another time, and that he served in the Regular army upwards of Two years, and that his discharge has been lost or mislaid.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension rool of any agency, in any state.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "in any state. Jesse Reynolds". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Virginia, Bedford County to wit, This day personally appeared before me Thomas Sale a justice of the peace for the aforesaid county, Captain George Lambert [pension application S8810] of the said County, a Revolutionary officer and made oath that he is well acquainted with the above applicant, Jesse Reynolds, and knows that he the said Reynolds is a Revolutionary Soldier, and was attached to Genl. Morgans Rifle Corps while engaged at Saratoga, and that the said Reynolds served in the Regular Army two years. Given under my hand this 25th day Septem. 1832. Th Sale J.P.

NOTES:

On 21 Sep 1838 Mary Reynolds, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Jesse Reynolds "about the year 1778 or 1779 and she thinks on the 2nd day of April," and that he died 22 April 1836. On Reynolds's pension certificate, however, is the notation "Died Apr. 23, 1834 according to Agency Book."

For a thorough analysis of Jesse Reynold's military career see the study by Becky M. and Larry D. Christiansen (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vabedfor/reynolds.doc>).