

Pension Application for Amos Reed

S.14274

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this Eleventh day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, now sitting Amos Reed a resident of Rutland in said County, aged Seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the year 1778 then living in Blandford, was drafted for nine months or to pay thirty Dollars which sum he paid—and on the first of October of the same year 1778 volunteered for three months in the company commanded by Capt Carpenter (1) of Brimfield—Lieutenant Martin Smith of Westfield both of Massachusetts—No—colonel it being what was called a Captain's guard—and was stationed at the Barracks on Gallows Hill East Springfield, Massachusetts. There was no other force there at that time—was dismissed the first of January at Springfield—no written discharge, having served three months a private soldier in sd [said] company.

About the middle of July 1779 at Blandford Massachusetts in the company commanded by Capt. Ely (2)—Lieuts. Smith, Fowler & Stiles, (3) Major Root (4), Colonel Brown's Regiment Massachusetts State Troops. For three months marched to Albany from thence to the Mohawk River and were employed most of the time in the different forts on that River Small squads & guarding the inhabitants against the Indians while they secured their crops—on the 19th October our Regt 200 in number surprised by about 900 Tory's & Indians under command of Sir John Johnston, (5) Butler & Brant into Stone Roby Fort (6) 26 of the 40 (7) composing the company I was in were killed—I was discharged the 20th day of October at the fort but remained one day [?] in burying the dead—in the year 1780 was classed with 6 or 8 who [?] to furnish a continental Soldier which we did a paid \$200—Was born in Newton, Massachusetts July 15, 1762 Lived in Blandford Mass. At the time he performed militia services since the Revolution. Lived in Norway NY 15 years, Brownville NY 10 years & now in Rutland. Have a record of his age in a Bible given him at 10 years old In the two above mentioned he faithfully served his country in the capacity of a private volunteer more than six months, never received a written discharge – has no documentary evidence – knows of no witness.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) Amos Reed.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Peleg Burchard Clerk

Letter in Pension Folder

July 16, 1921.

Fred P. Wright

90 Liberty St.

Oswego, NY

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that a careful search of the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau, fails to show a claim for pension on file for a soldier named Amos Reed, under any spelling of that name, who served as a Drummer, or who served in the New York Troops, or who lived in Russia, Herkimer County, New York, or in Mexico, Oswego County, New York. You are herewith furnished the history of the only Revolutionary War pensioner named Amos Reed, who lived in New York State.

It is proper to add that the Census of Pensioners of 1840, was compiled from the returns of the marshals of the several judicial districts, under the Act for taking the sixth census, and without references to the archives of this bureau, and it is not always possible to verify the data contained therein.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, Survivor File 14,274, it appears that Amos Reed was born at Newton, Mass. February 15, 1762, and resided in Blandford, Mass. When he volunteered and served as a private in the Mass. Troops as follows: From October 1, 1778, for three months in Captain Edward Carpenter's Company of Guards. From the middle of July 1779, in Capt. Ely's Company, Colonel Brown's Regiment, was at the battle of Stone Arabia, and was discharged October 20, 1779.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1839, at which time he was living in Rutland, Jefferson Co., New York; the place of his residence in 1840 is not on record, and he died May 11, 1847, place not stated. There is no data on file as to his family.

Very respectfully, Washington Gardner, Commissioner.

End Notes—S.14274—Amos Reed

1. Captain Edward Carpenter and his company were Massachusetts Militia.
2. This service was in 1780. Amos enlisted as a private in Captain Levi Ely's Company in Colonel John Brown's Regiment of Massachusetts State Levies on August 9, 1780. He was discharged on October 22, 1780 having served two months and twenty one days.
3. Lieutenants Martin Smith, Bidad Fowler and Gideon Stiles. All three were appointed as lieutenants on June 30 to Captain Ely's Company and they were discharged on October 22, 1780.
4. Oliver Root was the major and second in command of Colonel Brown's Regiment. Major Root was also the second in command at the Battle of Stone Arabia.
5. Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Johnson, Lieutenant Colonel John Butler and Captain Joseph Brant.
6. Another name for Fort Paris in Stone Arabia.
7. Captain Ely was killed and also his company suffered the most killed in the battle.