

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cader Rabey VAS55

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The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection relating to bounty land claims made by veterans [or their heirs] serving from that state contains the following documents relating to the above named veteran:

The heirs of Cader Rabey pray an allowance of Bounty Land from the State of Virginia for his Revolutionary Services. They file the certificate of Abraham Riddick proving that said Cader Rabey enlisted in the service of the United States during the Revolution in the Western Army and did not return until the close of the War. Cader Rabey is reported to have served 3 years in the Illinois Regiment.

S/ Rich'd D. Webb for the heirs

May 16th, 1834

State of Virginia County of Nansemond: SS

I Abraham Riddick, aged seventy-nine years, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Cader Rabey of this County, that he was a near neighbor of mine before and after the Revolutionary War – That said Cader Rabey entered the service of the United States during the revolution in the Western Army and went to the West and did not return to the best of my recollection until the war was over; but I cannot swear as to the precise length of time that he was gone.

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of April 1834

S/ Abraham Riddick



Petition for bounty land

Cader Rabey Soldier ?? (Illinois volunteers)

One credible witness – Abraham Riddick – says that Cader Rabey, who was his near neighbor entered the Army during the Revolutionary War – & that he went to the West, and did not return until the war was over; but does not say for what time the said Rabey enlisted & served.

This soldier has been reported by me entitled to land, for a service of three years in the Illinois Regiment (see [indecipherable word] Illinois list No. 4)

I find that the pay roll of Captain John Williams' Company longing to the Illinois Regiment, shows that Cader Rabey was paid as private from April 10th 1778 to May 31st 1779.

He was a volunteer under General Clarke [George Rogers Clark] and remained with him until the taking of the British post in the Illinois Country & is entitled to two hundred acres of land. The volunteers was discharged in 1779. But many of them enlisted afterwards in the Illinois Regiment & continued in service to the end of the war.

Captain Williams afterwards commanded a Company in the Illinois Regiment which served to the end of the war. If Cader Rabey was one of that company he would be entitled to 300 acres of land.

To his Excellency
Gov. Tazewell

Respectfully submitted
S/ John ? Smith Commissioner [?]
May 26, 1834