

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Starke R10071

Sally

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State of Virginia Hanover County: SS

On this 27th day of August 1846 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Mrs. Sally Starke a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-nine years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1838.

That she is the widow of Richard Starke deceased who was an officer, but does not know his rank, in the war of the Revolution and who died in the County of Henrico Virginia in the month of February 1832. She cannot at this time set forth the particulars relative to the service of her said husband or as to its duration, only that he left home under the command of a Captain Thomas Richardson, and towards the last of the war at York Town during what was called the Siege of York and was long time from home, and that he returned at the close of the war or at any rates when all the Troops left York, that she was married to the said Richard Starke in the County of Hanover by Parson John D. Blair in the year 1791, and that he died as above stated in February 1832 without ever receiving his pension so far as she knows or believes, and the reason she has never taken any steps to recover his pension was that she was never apprised of the fact that her said husband was entitled to any pension until recently. She further more declares she has remained the [paper compromised and text missing] the said Richard Starke ever since his death as will [paper damaged and text missing] appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed.

S/ Sally Starke, X her mark

[f p. 5: Power of attorney dated June 1, 1853 executed in Hanover County Virginia by John W Starke, Richard Starke, Sarah S. Starke, & Jos. Starke as heirs of Richard Starke.]

[f p. 50: copy of a marriage bond dated April 1, 1791 issued to Richard Starke & Wyatt Jones conditioned upon the marriage of Richard Starke to Sally Tinsley, Spinster; issued in Hanover County Virginia.]