

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Richards R8762

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State of South Carolina Greenville District: In the court of Ordinary

Personally appeared Archibald F Richards before me L. M. McBee Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said district of Greenville & State aforesaid, and being duly sworn makes before me the following declaration in order to obtain for himself and the other heirs of William Richards deceased the pension money due to said William Richards deceased who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War. He makes this declaration to obtain the same under the Act of Congress of __

The said Archibald F Richards states that he is the son of said William Richards who was a private in the War of the Revolution and was enlisted or volunteered in the Virginia Continental line in the County of, and that he served as it appears from the evidence three years and __ months as such, during which time of service he was in the Battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], and other engagements – as this Deponent has heard from the said William Richards, but he relies upon the written Evidence herewith forwarded. That after the Revolutionary War the said William Richards married Ermon Lester [??]¹ in __ County Virginia and in the year 1808 removed to Greenville District South Carolina, where he died on the 24th day of February 1846 his wife died some years before him. The said William Richards left living at his death the issue of his said marriage the Deponent Archibald F Richards, William Taylor Richards, Hartwell Richards, three sons and one daughter Mrs. Sarah Bowe wife of Nepheus Rowe, Mr. Rowe lives in Franklin County Georgia, Hartwell Richards in __ County Alabama & William Taylor Richards in Spartanburg District South Carolina. He Archibald F Richards lives in Greenville District. There was also living at the time of the death of said William Richards Mrs. Letitia Sheppard, a daughter, wife of James Sheppard she has since died leaving children, prior to his death John Richards a son died leaving no issue. Lester Richards also son of said William Richards died before his father leaving a widow and children. His widow since married Josephus Aved fore his father said William Richards leaving one child. The evidence of the death of said William Richards and other evidence of the facts stated in this declaration is furnished herewith.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 14 September 1854

S/ A. F. Richards

¹ Ermon Lester

A. F. Richards

S/ L. M. McBee, Judge

[f p. 6: Philip C. Lester of Greenville District South Carolina gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Richards late of Greenville District; that Richards had the reputation of having been a revolutionary soldier; that affiant had heard Richards speak of being at Ninety Six South Carolina and probably other places not remembered; that William Richards married Ermon Lester, an aunt of the deponent; that William Richards and his wife had the same children as are named by Archibald F Richards in his application; that the affiant's father lived in the same County in Richmond as William Richards lived prior to his removal to South Carolina.

S/ P. C. Lester]

[f. 117: In 1850 Peter Nunnally, Junior, who was born August 27, 1768 20 miles from Petersburg Virginia, was living in Greenville District South Carolina gave testimony that he had become acquainted with the veteran, William Richards, in Prince Edward County Virginia; that he, affiant, married a sister of William Richards and moved about the same time to South Carolina and lived near William Richards until his death in 1846.

Peter Nunnally]

[f p. 22]

Executive Department Richmond August 2, 1850

Sir

It appears that William Richards was allowed Land Bounty of 100 acres for his service as a private in the Virginia Continental Line 3 years – & that the warrant issued in 1808 2 Thomas M Bailey of Accomack [indecipherable word]. It also appears that William Richards received a warrant for £4.16 balance of full pay under the act of 1781 – which certificate issued to Colonel Cropper of Accomack.

This is all the information I can give you – there is no evidence of his service in this department – that upon [indecipherable word] the land bounty was allowed cannot now be found.

[Indecipherable]

Your

Wm H. Richardson