

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abram (Abraham) Richardson R8763 Mary Richardson f24SC
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/26/09: rev'd 12/30/19

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State of South Carolina Sumter District} SS

On this 3rd day of September A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me William Lewis Judge in Ordinary within and for the State and District aforesaid James W. Richardson who first being duly sworn according to law declares that with Seeborn Richardson and Epsey Brunson widow of Manning Brunson deceased are the only surviving children of Abram Richardson deceased, who rendered important service in the cause of his country in the war of the revolution. That their said Father the said Abram Richardson entered the service sometime in the year 1780 and continued in said War until the close thereof in November 1783 as he has always understood and believes; that the said Abram Richardson was attached to General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade of Continental mounted man, and was engaged in all the battles with their distinguished commander, on the Pedee River, Lynches Creek, Black River, and Santee [River]; and more particularly the Battles of Georgetown, Blue House, Fort Watson, Fort Motte, Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] and Monks Corner [sic, Moncks Corner].

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which he may be entitled under the act passed by Congress in 1836, or under the provisions of any other act passed by Congress.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

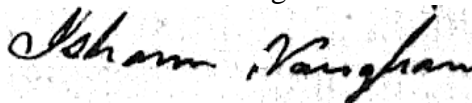
S/ J. W. Richardson



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State of South Carolina Sumter District} On this 8th day of September A.D. 1855 personally appeared before the subscriber a Magistrate in and for said District Isham Vaughan aged 67 years a resident of Sumter District in the State of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law declares that he was well acquainted with Abram Richardson and Mary Richardson his wife from early infancy up to the time of their deaths or thereabouts; that the said Abram Richardson died in this District on the 1st of March A.D. 1820. And that Mary Richardson widow died in the State of Alabama some time about the 12th day of January A.D. 1851 as he always understood and believes. That James W. Richardson, Seaborn Richardson and Epsy Brunson are the only surviving children of the said Abram and Mary Richardson.

S/ Isham Vaughan



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State of South Carolina Sumter District}

On this 7th day of September A.D. 1855, personally appeared before me a Magistrate within and for the District and State aforesaid William Vaughan¹ aged 90 years a resident of Sumter District in the State of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law declares that he was well acquainted with Abram Richardson whilst engaged in the revolutionary War; that they served together in said War under the command of General Marion for the space of 2 or 3 years, the exact period he cannot now remember,; that they were together engaged in the Battles of Georgetown, Fort Motte, Fort Watson, Eutaw, Moncks Corner, and a skirmish at Murray's Ferry on the Santee River and that he the said Abram Richardson continued in the service until the close of the war.

He further declares that he was present when the said Abram Richardson was married to Mary Vaughan (a distant relation of deponent) by the Reverend Mr Gerald a Baptist Clergyman; that said marriage took place sometime in the year 1792, the particular period he cannot state. That he deponent was married in February 1790 in the said Abram Richardson was married about 2 years afterwards.

S/ William Vaughan, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Sumter District} SS

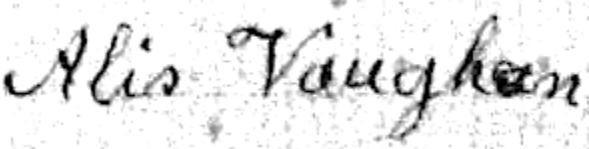
On this 5th day of June 1856 personally appeared before me a Magistrate duly authorized by law to administer oaths William Vaughan now in the ninety first year of his age a resident of Sumter District in the State of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical William Vaughan who was placed on the Pension Roll of the United States on or about the 24th of January 1834 at the rate of \$83.33 per annum & that he is still in the receipt of said Pension that he has heretofore given his testimony as to the services of Abram Richardson in the Revolutionary War and regrets to learn that the evidence has not been considered as conclusive upon that point. He now swears most positively that the said Abram Richardson did render the amount of service stated in his former affidavit (To wit, "2 or 3 years" and of which he cannot be mistaken as they were near neighbors, being not more than 3 miles apart during the whole period of the War, that they entered the service at the same time, were together in the service, and ate and frequently slept together and together left at the close of the war, that they entered the service some short time after the fall of Charleston in May 1780, the precise time he does not now remember but not exceeding 4 months after that event. That they were together at the following engagements with the enemy, To wit Georgetown, Fort Watson, Fort Motte, Eutaw, Moncks Corner and on Black River near Murray's Ferry on the Santee, and that the present claim is made for the service of the same and identical Abram Richardson. He further swears that the returns of the service of Marion's men on file the Comptroller's Office at Columbia are in many instances very imperfect and was so in his individual case. And that he and the said Abram Richardson were commanders of Captain Duke's Company which was attached to General Marion's command.

S/ William Vaughan, X his mark

[p 22: South Carolina Comptroller's certificate showing 78 days service by Abraham Richardson in the militia in 1782; 38 days service in General Marion's brigade as a private; 27 days ditto; the indent in the Comptroller's office indicates receipt for the amount view being signed by Abraham Richardson using a "R" as his mark]

¹ [William Vaughan W11691](#)

[p 19: On June 5, 1856 in Sumter District South Carolina, Alis Vaughan, 82, gave testimony that she was acquainted with Abram Richardson from 1790 until his death; that he was reputed to have rendered considerable service in behalf of American Independence; that she has reason to believe and does believe that he rendered over 2 years service as she has heard him and others say.


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[p 24: Benjamin H. Holladay of Pike County Alabama testified that he made the coffin in which Mary Richardson widow of Abram Richardson was buried and that she died 12 January 1851 in Pike County Alabama.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Abram Richardson AA9
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6376³
Transcribed by Will Graves 12/31/19

[p 2]
No. 491 Book P
Mr. Abra^m Richardson his Account of 75 days Militia Duty in 1782
Charged £5.6.3
deduct over .6.3
Stg. [Sterling] £5
Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina
1782 To Abraham Richardson Dr.
March 31 To 38 Days Service in General Marion's
Brigade (as a Private) at 1/5 £2.13.10
July 3 To 37 Days Do in Do as Do at 1/5 2.12.5
75 at 1¼ is 6/3 less £5.6.3
less 6.3
£5

State of South Carolina Camden District} Personally appeared Mr. Abraham Richardson, who
being duly sworn, maketh Oath That the above Account is just and true and that he has Received
no pay for the same

Sworn before me this

25 November 1783

S/ David Rogers, JP

S/ Abraham Richardson, R his mark

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

³ Note: Will Graves believes this file contains documents relating to 2 different veterans by the name of Abram (Abraham) Richardson, one being this veteran and the other being [Abram Richardson W13852](#).

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Gentmen pleas to deliver to Eli Freeman or Order All Such Indent or indents as Appears due to me for my Melitia duty your Complianse With this wil Greatly Oblige Gentlemen you Very
Hmbl Sevt.

S/ Abram Richardson, X his mark
(none in Charleston Office)

I do Certify the Above order
was Signed in my Presence
this 6th day of June 1792
S/ John Moore, JP

To Wm Hort Esqr. Treasurer
of the State So Carolina

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Abram Richardson claim by Ely Friedman
Entr'd

Two accounts in this office both paid & Indents see accounts in bundle letter, [undeciphered
word]
rejected – by the board

Richardson's Order