

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Richardson R8779

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State of Tennessee Sevier County: On this 1st day of September 1832 Personally appeared before me Robert Duggan and acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Richardson a resident of Sevier County and State aforesaid aged 86 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and 1772 and served as herein stated.

That he rendezvoused at the old Townhouse at or near Kings Salt works in Virginia and marched thence under the command of Colonel Cristy [William Christian], Captain Shelby and Lieutenant Joseph Drake through part of Virginia to StanTown [Staunton] Virginia where he remained for some time and was discharged and returned home to said James Salt works Virginia – And applicant further states that he entered the service of the United States again under the command of Captain John Renfro & Lieutenant E. Drake and marched under said officers in the North Carolina as a Company of spies to check the Indians who were committing cruel outrages & wanton depredations upon the frontiers of North Carolina, Virginia & Tennessee but had not marched along before he & Company were discharged & returned home to Jefferson County Tennessee to where he had moved a short time before.

That in November 1792 the Indians became more & more cruel killing the whites without regard to age, sex or condition and that the irruption of the Indians became so frequent and destructive as to call for the imposition of an armed force. General Sevier was ordered into service and with his main force was stationed at South West Point 39 miles from Knoxville. Said applicant states that he was again called out and joined a Company in 1793 under the command of Colonel John McNabb that on the 29th [could be 27th] day of June a small party of Indians came to one Loyd's house more than 60 miles above Knoxville and about 11 miles from Green Courthouse on the South of Nolichucky River and killed Loyd's wife & 2 children and plundered the house. Colonel McNabb immediately pursued them with 90 men and followed their trail to an Indian village on Tuchasigah River [Tuckaseegee River?] & we killed 2 Indians & returned home about this time – he again went out under the command of Captain George Dorherty [George Daugherty? or Doherty] & Captain James Henderson the latter was killed by the Indians & Henderson was one of his messmates. – That this last route they also killed 2 or 3 Indians.

That on Saturday the 22nd of December 1792 a party of Indians went to the house of said applicant viz. William Richardson in Jefferson City on little Pigeon [River] 25 or 30 miles above Knoxville & killed his wife and 2 children and his sister-in-law a Miss Schull with Tomahawks and was [indecipherable word, looks like 'chiles'] and also killed about [indecipherable word or words] James Reed, Jos Field [?], J. Tipton [?], T. Jones & J. Jones and robbed him of all he had

& took off his horses, cattle & hogs – he then went to Hank's Fort and then to Derrick's Fort in going to said Fort he was badly wounded in the face by an Indian who had shot from out of a swamp at him – for further particulars see Haywood's History of Tennessee page 268 &c. Said applicant states he served as an Indian spy & fought the Indians for about 8 or 9 years faithfully & 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 – and that he is confined now to his bed & unable to procure living testimony of his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Duggan, JP

S/ William Richardson, X his mark

[Daniel Layman, a clergyman, and Samuel Phariss gave the standard supporting affidavit.]