

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Richee (Richie) R8785

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State of Tennessee Smith County Court, always Term 1832

On this 28th day of August A.D. 1832 James Richee a resident of said County & State
aforsaid aged Seventy-seven years personally appeared before Solo. Debow, John Chambey[?], & H. P. C. Harrison [?],
Justices of said Court

, 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.

The applicant states that he entered the service of the United States as a minute man from Lunenburg County & State of Virginia when about twenty-four years old, and was born in the year 1754 which makes the time of entering the service about the year 1778 or 1779. The time of enlistment was for twelve months but thinks they was all discharged after serving some eight or nine months – He never received any written discharge. He enlisted and served under Captain Samuel Garland until discharged. He was under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] during that tour. Was in no battle or engagement: – Knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the foregoing tour.

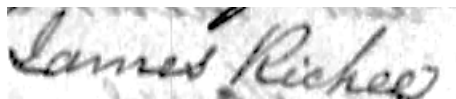
He also states that he afterwards performed a tour as a Militia man from the same State & County of some two or three months first under the command of Captain Walker and afterwards under Captain Moore – And was at Guilford North Carolina as one of the Continental horse guard at the time of the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], but was not in the engagement: – He was under the command of General Green during the last tour also. There is no person now living to his knowledge by whom he can prove the last tour before mentioned.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Bickett, Clk

S/ James Richee



[John Bransford, a clergyman, and John Gammon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 25]

State of Tennessee Smith County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Ritchie, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; for 9 months and 15 days, I served as a private

under Captain Garland; for 3 months, I served as a private under Captains Walker and Moore and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of July 1833.

S/ James Richie, X his mark

[f p. 9: On December 9th, 1842 in Weakly County Tennessee, Martha Richie, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of James Richie a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him June 20, 1774; that they were married by Parson James Craig at the residence of said Parson Craig in Lunenburg County Virginia; that her son David Richie formerly had possession of the family record but it is now lost; that David Richie was her 7th child her other children having all died at their births or were born dead; that David Richie is her eldest living child; that David Richie was born in 1781; that her husband died in Smith County March 6, 1836 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: family record:

Births

David Richee was born November 14, 178? [Last digit written over and illegible]¹

Martha Richee was born November 5, 1804

James Richee was born January 6, 1806

Lewis Richee was born April 14th, 1808

Mary Richee was born October 7th 1809

Master Richee was born April 7th 1812

Deaths

Hannah Richee departed this life on the 30th of October 1831

Lewis Richee son of David and Hannah Ritchie departed this life August 16 1823

James Ritchee son of David and Hannah departed this life September 21 1832

[f p. 12: On October 31, 1853 in Weakly County of Tennessee, David Richie, administrator of the estate of Martha Richie deceased a resident of said County filed an application for a pension under the 1836 act stating that Martha Richie was the widow of James Richie a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that Martha Richie died June 10, 1847 in Weakly County Tennessee leaving affiant, David her oldest child, Sarah Legrand, Daniel Richie, Elizabeth Nichols and Nancy Needham.

*David Richee administrator
of the estate of Martha Richee*]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service

1783

as a private for one-year in the Virginia militia.]

The [Library of Virginia](#) online digital collection of documents relating to bounty land claims appears to have a discharge signed by Colonel Charles Dabney discharging someone named James Richie after service in the 2nd Virginia Regiment; the discharge appears to be dated sometime in 1780. The image of the discharge is too compromised to transcribe and may or may not relate to this veteran.]