

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Richardson S11304

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Virginia Louisa County SS

On this ___ day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court of said County of Louisa, now sitting Richard Richardson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 77 years, who being 1st 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 at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, he joined as a volunteer, the company of minute man, raised in the County of Louisa, of which James Dabney was Captain, John Crutchfield Lieutenant and Robert Barret in some, and was a private – was drilled with that company at Cuckoo Ville in the same County near twelve months, and entered the service in the first of May 1776 – That the company was organized at the fork Meeting house in the same County and he perfectly recollects a sermon preached on the occasion by the Reverend John Todd, from this text in Joshua: "Be valiant, play the men, let the Lord do what seemeth to him good"¹ – That he marched with the company thence, into the lower country at Hanover Town met the company's from Hanover under Captains Dabney & Winston – passed thence by New Kent Courthouse and Williamsburg, through York to Hampton, and was there stationed with the Regiment of minute men under Colonel Samuel Meredith, for some time – That they were employed at Hampton in guarding the country and that he was sometimes sent as guard to a place called New Port News [Newport News] – That he was at Hampton when the Declaration of Independence was received, and well remembers the bonfires and war dance on account of it – That in the last of September or the first of October, he obtained a furlough on account of ill health, and returned to his home for a short time, and before it expired that his Captain also came home for a short time, enlarged his furlough, and told him that he should be recalled when wanted – that he always held himself in readiness but was not recalled, and therefore cannot relate any further events of the service till the company was finally discharged about the end of the year – and that this service was for 9 months – that he saw all no regular troops but was well acquainted [with] Meredith, Charles Dabney, John Overton and William O. Callis afterwards in the regular Army – that there was only the one Regiment at Hampton under Colonel Meredith – that he never had a discharge, has lost his furlough, and has no documentary evidence – and that John Gibson is the only person who knows of who can testify to his services – 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 or Territory.

¹ I could not find any text that matched what I see. The closest I could find was a quote from 2 Samuel 10:12 which reads: "Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God, and may the Lord do what seems good to him."

Questions by Court

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in the County of Louisa on the 20th of July 1755

2nd. Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it Western mark

Answer. I have none.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer. Always in the same neighborhood

4th. How were you called into service? Were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I volunteered

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services? Answer. There were no regular officers & for the rest, the declaration contains the facts.

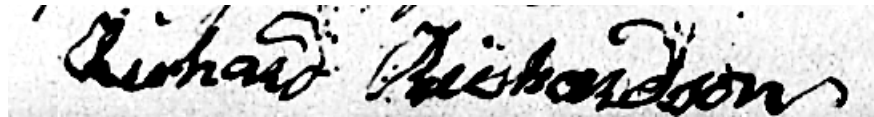
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I never received a discharge.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution? Answer. The Reverend T. T. Swift, Colonel Henry Timberlake & Colonel Charles Dabney.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Richardson



[Timothy T Swift, a clergyman, and Henry Timberlake and Charles Dabney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I John Gibson a citizen residing in the County of Louisa hereby certify that the above Declaration was in the minute service with me in the beginning of the War of the revolution in the company from the County of Louisa commanded by Captain James Dabney – that he continued in the service for some time at Hampton and that afterwards he obtained a furlough on account of sickness and went home.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Gibson



Virginia Louisa County SS

On this ___ day of ___ 1834 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Louisa County, now sitting, Richard Richardson a resident of said County and State aged seventy-eight 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 in the commencement of the troubles which proceeded the War of the Revolution,

when companies of Minute men were raised in his state, he became a member of the company of his County (Louisa) of which James Dabney was Captain, John Crutchfield Lieutenant and Robert Barret Ensign – was trained for three or four days at a time, at a place in that County called Cuckoo Ville for at least twelve months; and in the spring of the year 1776 his company was called into service, and he marched in that company as private. The company rendezvoused at the Fork Meeting house in the lower end of the same County, where a sermon was preached to the men by the Reverend John Todd – marched thence to Hanover town and remained at that place until the Hanover minute men formed, of whom there were two companies, one under Captain Dabney, the other under Colonel Winston – marched to Williamsburg and thence to Hampton. At Hampton, Colonel Samuel Meredith commanded & James was Major, he thinks the minute men occupied the barracks left by the regular troops who left Hampton when they arrived – served at Hampton in guarding the Country from the enemy's fleet, which was frequently seen in the Bay – the American fleet called Barron's boats were laying there – each evening and morning they sailed out into the Bay, and one evening they brought in a small vessel laden with slaves for the enemy's fleet – was at Hampton when the news of the declaration of Independence was received and remember the [indecipherable word], and that there were no sentinels stationed that night – sometime after the troops were ordered to Portsmouth, and he received a furlough in consequence of ill health – that he did not go to Portsmouth and before his furlough expired the troops were discharged; as he understood, for the purpose of enlisting the men, and that he served at least seven months as a private in the infantry – That he saw no regular troops, those from Hampton having left there before he arrived – That there was only the one Regiment of minute men under Colonel Meredith and he recollects the company of Captain Allen of Amelia in addition to those already mentioned. That he has lost his furlough and had no written discharge as his Captain when he returned home, paid him his full pay and informed him that the company was disbanded. And that he has no documentary evidence – that John Gibson is the only person he knows of who can testify to his service; and that he refers to the Reverend T. T. Swift and Henry M. Bundy for his character and reputation of his neighborhood, as to his being a Soldier of the Revolution. –

To Question 1st he replies I was born the 20th of July 1755 as stated in my Father's register in Louisa County.

To Question 2nd I have seen my Father's register & have no other record

To Question 3rd I always lived in Louisa County

To Question 4th I volunteered

To question 5th Is answered to the satisfaction of the Court

To Question 6th I never received a written discharge

To Question 7th the Reverend Timothy T Swift & Henry M Burnley

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Richardson

[Timothy T. Swift, a clergyman, and Henry M. Burnley [Bumley??] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Louisa County: SS: Personally appeared before me William C. Nelson a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Gibson a resident of said County aged eighty-four years and as appears to me a credible person and being duly sworn according to law, saith he was in the Revolutionary War with the said Richard Richardson in the years seventy-six and they marched from Louisa County to Hanover Town from thence to Hampton together in Captain

