

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Richardson S14293

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky, County of Cumberland

On this ____ day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court now sitting George Richardson a resident of said county aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath doth make the following statement or declaration in the order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress passed June 7th 1832--

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers served as hereinafter stated.

In 1774 I went a tour driving beef cattle for the use of the army in the Shawnee Expedition under Capt. Taylor. This tour lasted not less than two months.

In 1777 I enlisted a volunteer under Capt. Watkins for 6 months in defence of Kentucky. Was stationed at Boonsboro [sic, Boonesborough] and was discharged 1778 by Capt. Watkins after serving eleven months.

In 1778 I went a tour in McIntosh's campaign as a driver of packhorses loaded with flour from Fincastle, Bottetounte [sic, Botetourt] County, Va. on toward Pittsburg commanded by Capt. McReynolds and was discharged by him after 41 days service.

In 1779 I went a militia tour for 3 months under Capt. Adams and was discharged by him at the lead mines on the New River in Va. I was out 3 months.

The first of 1780 I went a tour driving a United States waggon for the use of a company of new recruits to Petersburg commanded by Capt. Cummins, from thence I went to Richmond and gave up the waggon and team to the waggon master as I was directed. I was gone this time two months.

In 1780 went a militia tour under Capt. Leftridge [probably Capt. Thomas Leftwich] in the south States. I was with the army under Genl. H Gates [Horatio Gates] before his defeat at Camden [August 15-16, 1780]. I was gone this tour 3 months.

In 1780 I went for 8 months under Capt. Tate and Capt. Webber. I was discharged by Capt. Webb in 1781. I was in that tour through North and South Carolina. Wintered at Cheraw Springs on Big Pedee [River]. I was gone 8 months.

In 1781 I was employed by Capt. Irvine in providing beef for the armory kept at New London, Bedford County, Virginia where I served 6 months for which I was allowed 2 tours for which I got a receipt – But lost it among all my papers by the destruction of my house by fire.

In 1782 I was engaged by the agent of the United States in gathering the scattered property belonging to U.S. in Bedford & Campbell Counties Virginia such as cattle & horses. I was engaged in this business no less than 2 months.

I was in no engagement during my revolutionary services. I resided in Bedford County Virginia when I entered the service. I was drafted when I served under Capt. Leftridge and served as a draft 3 months. I served as a substitute for Revolutionary War 8 months. All the rest a willing volunteer. I was born in Bedford County Va. in 1758. I have no record of this age and never has. I have lived since the war in Bedford & Campbell Co. Va. until about 34 years ago when I moved to Tennessee where I

lived 4 years and then moved to Cumberland County Ky. where I now live. I was known to Genl. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Col. Washington [William Washington], Genl. Lee [probably Henry "Light Horse Harry " Lee] & Col White. I received several discharges from the service but they were lost amidst the universal destruction of my property by fire. There are many persons in my neighborhood who are ready and willing to testify as regards my veracity and services in the Revolutionary army among whom I will name John Emerson, Milton King, Dr. Ivel Owsly &c.--I hereby relinquish every claim to any pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any State. I served all 3 years and 2 months and for this I claim a pension according to the act aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ George Richardson¹

We Noah Lansford a clergyman residing in the county of Cumberland State of Kentucky and Edward J. Bullock residing in the same county & State hereby certify that we are well acquainted with George Richardson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 75 years of age. That he reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resided to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

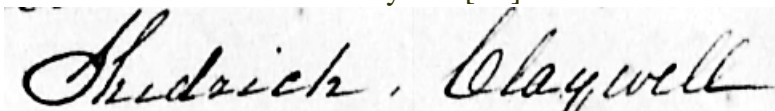
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Noah Lunsford

S/ E. J. Bullock

I Shadrack Claywell² of the County of Cumberland & State of Kentucky formerly a resident of the County of Bedford State of Virginia and a near neighbor of George Richardson who on oath States that I am now 72 years of age and was in a situation to have a personal knowledge of the facts which are hereafter detailed. I know that George Richardson enlisted a volunteer under Captain Watkins in 1777 and went a tour to Kentucky and returned next spring having been gone 11 months. To the best of my recollection I believe he went a tour commanded by Captain James Adams in 1779 and was gone three months. I know of his having gone a militia tour to the South States in 1780 under Captain Leftridge and that he was gone three months. I saw him in the Army at the Cheraw Hills in '81 – but do not know how long he served that [tour] but I believe that Greene allowed him to be discharged saying that he had served eight months.

S/ Shadrack Claywell [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shadrack Claywell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the late 18th or early 19th century.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

¹ I do not believe that the signature on this document is the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting appears to me to be identical to that of the scribe who wrote the application.

² <http://www.revwarapps.org/s30929.pdf>

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Addendum to George Richardson S14293

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 10 Feb 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky. Cumberland County Sct.

This day Came before me the undersigned being a Justice of the peace in aforesaid County, Mr. George Richardson of said County aged Seventy three years who made oath that he served in the revolutionary war against Great Britain in the line of the State of Virginia for near four years, that he served or rather Continued his service in the war in the year 1778 and was discharged from service at the close of the war by Capt. or Colo. Webb in in Virginia that he served under Capt. Webb the latter part of the service, the Colo. not recollected, but was in the ranks under the Command of Gen'l Green, and that he has not received any Compensation in money or land for his said services.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of September 1830

George Richardson