

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Richards S15967

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State of Virginia County of Goochland: SS

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Goochland now sitting John Richards, a resident of the said County & State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight years, the 30th day of November next, 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 served as herein stated as a militia man, he entered the service in the County of Goochland he thinks in the year 1778, and marched to the Barracks in Albemarle County in said State under Captain John Curd, for the purpose of guarding prisoners, his other Company Officers he does not recollect. Colonel John Taylor¹ commanded, the other field Officers not recollected, he served a tour of duty at this time of four weeks – he again entered the service he thinks in the year 1779 under Captain Gideon Hatcher, Lieutenant David Rutherford, Ensign not recollected and marched to Mackey's Mills in Isle of Wight County in said State, field Officers were Colonel Harrison, Major McGill [perhaps, Charles Magill] & Major DeCluman [Christian Charles De Klauman], Adjutant William Kennedy, at this time he served a tour of duty of 2 months.

He again entered the service, he thinks, in the year 1780 under Captain William H Miller, he thinks, the other Officers not recollected, and marched to Cabin Point in Surry County in said State & crossed James River to the city of Williamsburg, and various other places, field Officers Colonel Nathaniel G Morris & Major Armistead, others not remembered, and served a tour of two months.

He again entered the service in the year 1781 and thinks he served two or three Tours from the said County of Goochland under Captain Edmund Duke [Edward Duke], Captain Stoakley Towles [Stockley Towles], Ensign Thomas F Bates, other Officers not recollected, he was at the Siege of York & surrender of Lord Cornwallis in October 1781 [October 19 1781], field Officers General Washington, General Lafayette, General Stephens [Edward Stevens], General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & various others in these last tours of duty he served at least five months, he was in no battles during his service. He hereby are 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 whatever.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

¹ This may be a mistaken reference to Colonel Francis Taylor who was the commander at the Barracks at Albemarle during most of the war.

S/ John Richards²

I John Rutherford³ of the County of Louisa State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I served with John Richards of Goochland County of said state, in the time of the Revolutionary war viz. 1st Tower [tour] 1778 to the Barracks under Captain John Kird [John Curd], the other officers not recollected.

2nd Tower in 1779 to the best of my recollection under Captain Gideon Hatcher, Lieutenant David Rutherford Ensign not recollected, to Mackey's mill Isle of Wight County Virginia Field Officers Colonel Harrison, Major McGill & Major Decluman Adjutant William Kennedy.

3rd Tower 1780 at different places below Richmond and rendezvoused at Cabin Point Surry County Officers not recollected.

4th Tower 1781 under Captain Stokely Towles below Richmond.

Goochland County to wit

John Rutherford personally appeared before me Henry [last name missing] a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath to the above statement [several indecipherable words]

Given under my hand this 3 day of September 1832.

S/ Henry Massie, JP

State of Virginia Goochland County

On this 15th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting John Richards a resident of the said County and State aged 78 years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following supplementary Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he was born on Licking hole Creek in the said County of Goochland on the 30th day of November 1754 and has no record of his age – that all his services were properly recounted in his former declaration as far as he can recollect, except that, he is now of opinion that the service mentioned last and set forth as one tour, was in fact two separate tours, though they were probably connected. He recollects no other officers than those formally mentioned, but remembers distinctly that he was at Richmond under Towles when a detachment of the British Army under Cornwallis came to Manchester – Saw them firing at the shipping on the River and afterwards, on the Army, and then was sent up the River to guard a ferry – that he thinks returned home by the permission of the officers, but did not remain at home many days before he was again drafted marched into service and was at the siege of York on the York side – That in each of these tours he served two and a half months as a private – that he was always a private and that he was always drafted –

To Question 1st he answers on Lickinghole [sic], of whom Goochland County on the 30 November 1754.

To question 2nd – I have no record of my age

To question 3 – I have always lived in Goochland County Virginia

To Question 4th – I was always drafted

To Question 5th – Answered to the satisfaction of the Court

² I do not believe that the document is signed by the veteran as the handwriting on the signature is identical to the body of the rest of the document.

³ FPA S6038

To Question 6th I received a written discharge at York from Major Grigg but have lost it – I never received any other
to Question 7th – the Reverend Lewis Chandoin, John Underwood and Doctor Andrew Kean. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Richards, X his mark

[Lewis Chandoin, a clergyman, and John Underwood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia County of Goochland

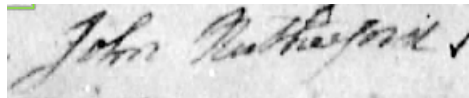
Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Rutherford a resident of the County of Louisa and State aforesaid aged 73 [unclear] years and as appears to me a credible person and being duly sworn deposed That he served with John Richards in the revolutionary war the first Tower [tour] in 1778 to the Barracks under Captain John Kird [John Curd], Colonel Taylor, Major Roberts

Second Tower in 1779 to the best of my recollection under Captain Gideon Hatcher Lieutenant David Rutherford Ensign not recollected to Mackey's Mills Isle of Wight County Virginia Field Officers Colonel Harrison, Major McGill, Major DeCluman Adjutant William Kennedy

Third Tour 1780 at different places below Richmond and rendezvoused at Cabin Point Surry County Officers not recollected

Fourth Tower 1781 under Captain Stokely Towles below Richmond Field officers [too faint to discern] Morris & Major Mosby.

S/ John Rutherford

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Rutherford" with a checkmark at the end. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]