

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Christmas S16342

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State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

On this 31st day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open court before me, Richard Gantt, one of the Judges of said State and District aforesaid Richard Christmas a resident of the State and District aforesaid age Sixty-eight years who 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 7th of June, 1832.

That he entered the service of the Unites States by being drafted from the 3rd division of North Carolina Militia for three months and entered on said tour for three months at Hallifax [sic, Halifax] in the month of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty from which place he the said deponent marched to the South under the command of Captain John White of the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina Militia Commanded by Col. Richard Caswell and joined General Gates [Horatio Gates] near Lynches Creek in the State of South Carolina and was in the battle [Battle of Camden, 15-16, 1780]] when he (Gates) was defeated by Lord Cornwallis was in the 8th Platoon Commanded by Captain Ransom after the defeat the said deponent went to Charlotte from thence from place to place until the expiration of the three months and was discharged by Major Agrippa Nichols. In the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one he the said deponent was drafted the second time for three months and marched from Granville Old Court House sometime in February of the same year under Captain William Christmas who commanded a rifle company and Joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] near the high rock ford on Haw River was in battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] continued under his (Genl. Greene) command until his engagement with Lord Rawdon near Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781]] but was not in the engagement being out upon a scout. Served out his said deponent's three months tour and was discharged by General Thomas Eaton. The said deponent was called out sometime afterwards to guard a public store in Franklin County State of North Carolina how long he said deponent cannot now tell but will say two months at least making in the whole Eight months actual service. This deponent further saith that he hath no written documentary evidence on which to rely for the verification of the above declaration made and set forth.

The deponent 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.

[Standard certification of reputation for veracity and service given by Thomas Norris, clergyman, and William Robertson, both of Edgefield District, SC]

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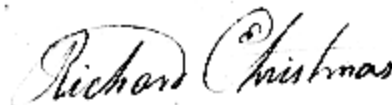
State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

On this the 9th of November personally appeared before me J. S. [?] Richardson, presiding Judge of the Court at Edgefield Ct. Ho., in open Court, Richard Christmas, who being first sworn doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress June 7th 1832. In addition to what he has stated in his declaration he says that in his last tour when sent to guard a public store in Franklin County, North Carolina he was ordered out by Major A. Nichols and was under the command of Sergeant Christmas. This tour lasted two months at least.

Answers to the interrogation propounded to Richard Christmas by the Court.

1. Was born 4th day of January 1764 in the county of Bute, now Warren & Franklin, North Carolina.
2. He has a record of his age at house.
3. Was living in Warren County, North Carolina which was a part of original County of Bute and lived in Warren until 1792 when he moved to Edgefield, SC where he has lived ever since & where he now lives.
4. Was drafted every time he was called into service.
5. At the Battle of Guilford, Captain Christmas just before the engagement (under whom I was drafted) was taken sick & Captain White took command of the company. My company belonged to Colonel Eaton's Regiment during the engagement. I do not recollect anything more in addition to what I have stated in the declaration.
6. Stated in the declaration.
7. Mentioned in the declaration.

S/ Richard Christmas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Christmas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Richard Christmas".

Sworn to before in an open court 9th Nov. 1833

S/ H. Boulware CCP

[p 12: On December four, 1834 in Muscogee County, Georgia, veteran applied for transfer of his pension payments to the Georgia agency having moved there from Edgefield district South Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]