

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Joy S25182

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Virginia to wit

This day personally appeared before me one of the judges of the General Court & State aforesaid, Richard Joy, of Henrico County, in the said State, aged 64 years who being first sworn by me according to law made the following Declaration, on oath, in order to obtain the Pension authorized by the late Act of Congress respecting the Officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

That he the said Richard Joy enlisted in the year 1779 for 18 months in the County of Loudoun under Colonel Peyton; that he served out the said Time; and then enlisted at Chesterfield Court house (Virginia) in the year 1780 in Colonel Richard Campbell's Regiment (1st Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment) for the whole war; Captain James Culbertson was then the affiant's Captain and afterwards Captain Archibald Denholm; that he was in the Battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781], where he was wounded in the ankle; that he was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], where he received four severe wounds, one in the Breast with the Bayonet, one in the left arm with a Broad Sword, and two wounds with musket Balls one in the right thigh & the other in the right shoulder; after which he obtained a furlough from General Green [Nathanael Greene] and then returned home. That he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the Assistance of his country for support. That he now produces the Certificates of Captain Richard Denholm, & General James Wood in proof of his said Services, which he request may be copied – Given under my hand this 20 June 1818
S/ Wm Brockenbrough

(copies of his Certificates)

Richmond September 13, 1811

I do certify that Richard Joy enlisted in Colonel Richard Campbell's Detachment sometime in the year 1780 (in the Virginia Continental line) for during the war, and that he continued with the Troops till he was badly wounded at Eutaw Springs, after which he obtained a furlough from General Greene on account of his receiving a number of wounds at the Battle of Guilford courthouse & Eutaw Springs.

Given under my hand the day & year above written

S/ Arch'd Denholm, formerly a Captain

in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment

Captain Archibald Denholm was and Officer of great merit during the whole revolutionary war. I have been acquainted with the above named Richard Joy for upwards of twenty years, and know that he languished under his wounds for many years and had no prospect of recovering until an amputation took place. Since my acquaintance with him he has conducted himself as a Respectable Citizen.

Given under my hand this 14th September 1811

S/ James Wood, formerly Brigadier General Continental Army

(Copy)

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Schedule

District of Virginia SS

On this 20th day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the City of Richmond Richard Joy aged sixty-seven years, a resident in the City of Richmond in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in Colonel Richard Campbell's detachment – first Regiment Infantry, in a company commanded by Captain Richard Denholm, on the Continental line, in the revolutionary war – his original declaration was dated the 10th day of June 1818 and the number of his pension certificate is 7168

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: that his real estate consist of 2 ½ acres of land and two small wooden houses, lying in Henrico County near Richmond: and his personal estate is as follows, necessary clothing and bedding excepted: – One horse, one cow, one Negro woman about 60 years of age, one do about 28, one boy about 19, one girl about 14, one boy about 14, one about 12, and one girl about 7 years of age. He has no occupation and has no family, and in consequence of having lost one of his legs, he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to and declared on the 20th day of September 1820 before the Hastings Court for the City of Richmond

S/ Richard Joy¹

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City of Richmond to wit

This day Richard Joy personally appeared before me a Magistrate of the City aforesaid and made oath that he was the same Richard Joy who relinquished his Pension as an invalid pensioner from known wounds received in the revolutionary war to avail himself of the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the first day of May 1820 to provide for certain Persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War and that he begs now to be Restored to the Pension so relinquished and that he is entirely helpless having only one leg

¹ not the actual signature of the veteran

and his little Property entirely unproductive that he was struck from the list of pensioners on the 28th October 1820 agreeable to the above act of Congress.

Given under my hand this 19th day of March 1820

S/ John Goddin

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United States of America Eastern District of Virginia SS

To Doctor William Tazewell & Doctor Daniel Norborne Norton both of the City of Richmond in the District aforesaid.

Pursuant to an act of Congress of the United States entitled "an Act to revive and continue in force an act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War, and for other purposes," you are hereby appointed and authorized to examine Richard Joy, late a private in the Army of the Revolution, who is inscribed on the pension list of the United States, and is a Claimant for an increase of pension, conformably to the 5th section of the Act of the 10th of April 1806 revived as aforesaid; and you are to report in writing, and on oath, or Affirmation, your opinion of the nature of his disability, and in what degree it prevents him from obtaining a subsistence by an manual labor; and in your proceedings in the premises you are to be regulated & governed by the said Act.

Given under my hand & seal at Richmond in the District aforesaid this 5th day of April in the year 1822

S/ P. G. Tucker

Under the authority of the above commission to us directed we have carefully examined into the present situation of Richard Joy, and find that he is disabled by wounds as follows; the left leg entirely lost from below the knee, the right knee joint much injured and in a state of contraction besides other wounds from which he has recovered. We are decidedly of opinion that the said Joy is entirely unable to procure a subsistence by any bodily labor of which she is now capable. Given under our hands this 5th day of April 1822

S/ William Tazewell

~~S/ D. Norborne Norton~~

Sworn to before me a magistrate of the City of Richmond, this 5th day of April 1822

S/ R. A. Carrington

City of Richmond to wit

Daniel Norborne Norton M. D. made oath to the truth of the forgoing certificate before me this 5th April 1822

S/ William A. Fitzwhylsonn [???

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 20, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Richmond December 17th 1783

I do Certify that Richard Joy enlisted with me for the war at Chesterfield Courthouse [text obliterated and illegible] not applying before this was owing to his being badly wounded at

the Eutaw Springs.

S/ Wm L. Lovely, Capt. [William L. Lovely]

Copy Auditors Office December 17th, 1783

S/ Charles Jones, Clerk

N. B. The above Soldier is certainly discharged with the men for the war for the reason above mentioned would not attend in order to obtain one.

S/ Wm L. Lovely, Capt.