

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Richardson S30680

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State of Kentucky Pulaski County Court Sgt.

On this 21st day of September 1835 personally appeared before the County Court of Pulaski County aforesaid in open Court now sitting as a Court Jesse Richardson of Pulaski County State of Kentucky aged about seventy-five 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 provision 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 after stated. That while a resident of Bottetourt [Botetourt] County State of Virginia some time in the latter part of the spring or first of the summer of the year 1778 he volunteered for a six months tour of duty in the Company of Captain James Newell, Jesse Evans Lieutenant he belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Preston [perhaps William Preston] – after the company rendezvoused we were marched to the frontiers of the borders of New River near a place called Mapps Valley. We were stationed sometimes at Cumptons [Cumpton's or Compton's Station?] & sometimes at Davidson's Fort and was engaged in ranging to protect & defend the frontiers against the depredations of the Indians. He served out in this kind of service fully said six months for which he volunteered and at the expiration of the six months was discharged from Service. He received no written discharge. Afterwards in the fall of the year 1779 – he removed to the West – what is now Kentucky and sometime in the summer of the year 1780 him volunteered to serve under Captain George Adams, William Moore Lieutenant Joseph Kenneday Ensign, belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Benjamin Logan – he volunteered for no particular period according to his personal recollection. After the Company was rendezvoused we were marched in pursuit of British & Indians in a northern direction. We were at Manme [?]¹ Towns [Miami towns?] and from thence we were marched back we were detained in service at least three months we volunteered and entered the service at a place called Boonsboro on the Kentucky River. We were discharged from service by our officers. He received no written discharge. Afterwards in the Summer of the year 1782 while living in what is now Lincoln County Kentucky he volunteered to serve in the Company of Captain John Snoddy belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Benjamin Logan – the Regiment rendezvoused at the Craborchara [?]² and was marched to the mouth of Licking River where we joined with another Regiment under

¹ *Manme*

² *Craborchara*

[Crab Orchard?]

the command of Colonel Floyd at which place & time General George Rogers Clarke [George Rogers Clark] assumed the command. After this the regiments were marched West of the Ohio River against the Shawnee Indians upon the Miami River and the Pickawa [Piqua] Indians & some others and we had a Battle with the Indians at the Miami towns at which place we defeated the Indians. After this we were marched further and had another Battle with the Indians at a town I do not now recollect, and again defeated them, and from thence we were marched back to the place from where we first set out, and we were discharged from service by our officers. We volunteered for no particular or specified period, we were detained in actual & active Service at least three months immediately before starting on this expedition, he served a tour of duty of one month in the Company of Captain George Adams under Colonel Benjamin Logan, ranging against the Indians at and around the upper Blue licks on the frontiers.

He has no documentary evidence whatever of his services. He has the deposition of Joseph Chrisman by whom he can prove a part of his service. He can also prove by William Owens a Revolutionary pensioner a part of his Service, different from that portion testified to by the said Chrisman who served with this affiant. He is known to Martin Owens a clergyman of Pulaski County who resides in his neighborhood and to Joseph Porter Esquire a member of the Pulaski County Court a resident of said County who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

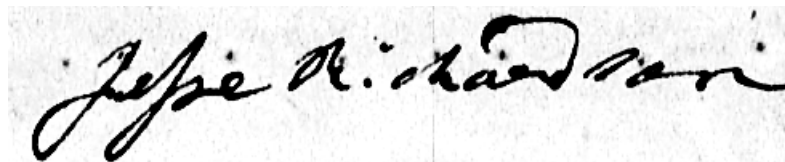
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

I was born on the early part of the year 1760 in the County of Loudoun State of Virginia, he has no record of his age & never saw one – his father died while he was very young and he states his age from what one of his Brothers told him, and he does not know the day or month in which he was born. He has stated in his Declaration where he was living when called into the service. Since the revolutionary war he lived some time in what is now Garrard County Kentucky and then moved back to and lived in Lincoln County at three years – and then moved to what is now Pulaski County Kentucky in which he has lived ever since its establishment except three or four years he lived a part of his time below the mouth of the Tennessee. He owns land in Pulaski now and considers this County his residence at this time. He has stated in his Declaration the manner in which he entered the service. He has stated the names of the regiments & officers who were with the troops where he served together with the general circumstances of the service.

He did not receive any discharge for his different Terms of service as stated by him and his Declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court.

S/ Jesse Richardson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Richardson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

and the said William Owens³ aged about 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he does of his own knowledge know that the above named Jesse Richardson in the year 1778 while a resident of the State of Virginia volunteered his Services as a private in the Revolutionary War in a company of Militia commanded by Captain James

³ FPA W8493

Newell, Jesse Evans Lieutenant & belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Preston – and was in the Service of the United States engaged in defending the frontiers of Virginia from the depredations of the Indians, this affiant states that he believes that said Richardson was in actual service in said Company at least six months, this affiant belonged to the same company and was in service at the same time with the said Jesse Richardson.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

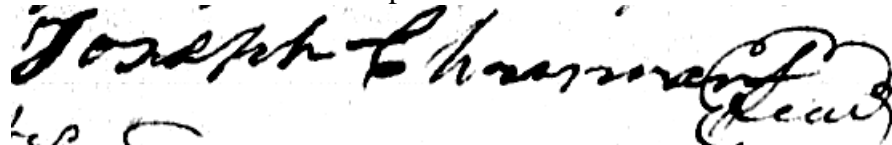
S/ Wm Owens, Senior, X his mark

[Martin Owens, a clergyman, and Joseph Porter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Wayne County Sct.

This day personally appeared Joseph Chrisman⁴ before the undersigned (B Haden) a Justice of the Peace in and for Wayne County State of Kentucky and made oath to the following facts in relation to the services of Jesse Richardson in order that said Jesse Richardson may obtain the benefit of the Acts and Resolves of Congress in relation to the Soldiers who served under General George Rogers Clarke. He states that said Richardson volunteered into the service of the United States at the craborchard [Crab Orchard] (now in the State of Kentucky) in the year 1782 under Captain John Snoddy, Benjamin Logan being the Colonel commandant of the Regiment in which said Regiment Richardson volunteered – which Regiment marched from the Crab Orchard – he states that __Floyd was the Colonel of the Regiment they marched from the falls of the Ohio about the same time and said Regiments having rendezvoused at the mouth of Licking there General George Rogers Clarke assumed the Command of them – After the two regiments had rendezvoused as aforesaid they marched against the Shawnee Indians upon the Miami River at the Miami towns at which place we met and defeated the Indians. After marching 16 miles further into the Indian Country we again met and defeated the Indians at another town the name of which is not now recollected – and from thence we returned to the place from which we first set out – He states that from the best information he has upon the subject he believes said Richardson to be about 75 years of age – and further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ Joseph Chrisman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Chrisman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

The Statement of Joseph Kennedy⁵ of Madison County, State of Kentucky, aged 79 years on the 28th day of August last, in relation to the application of Jesse Richardson, now of McCracken County, Kentucky, but lately of Pulaski County, Kentucky. He says he became acquainted with Jesse Richardson in the fall of 1779 when said Richardson moved to English's Station. In the summer of 1780 I think in the month of July there was a campaign commenced and carried on against the Shawnee Indians under General George Rogers Clark, Colonel Benjamin Logan &c Jesse Richardson was out on this tour under General Clark. He served under Captain John Kennedy. This deponent was an Ensign in the Company when Jesse Richardson served. We had an engagement with the Indians at Pickaway and the Indians evacuated Chillicothe. We cut down their corn crop etc. we were two months engaged on this

⁴ FPA R1936

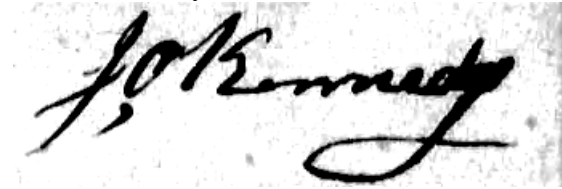
⁵ [Joseph Kennedy S13600](#)

expedition and Jesse Richardson was with us and discharged his duty faithfully during that period.

In the year 1782 after the battle of the Blue Licks in the month of August, Jesse Richeson served another tour of one month against the same nation of Indians. We marched again to the Pickaway Towns and destroyed them etc. This campaign was also conducted by General George Rogers Clark, Colonel Benjamin Logan etc., Jesse Richardson was (I think) at this time under the immediate command of Captain John Snoddy. Richardson discharged his duty faithfully on this tour. Richardson was generally out on the Indian Campaigns, and was considered and had the reputation of being a very active man in the service of his country. Richardson went in company with deponent from English's Station to the ground where Bockman [?] was defeated by the Indians on Dicks River and was a few days engaged on this tour in scouting and burying the dead, etc.

Given under my hand at my own residence this 6th September 1839

S/ Jo, Kennedy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. O. Kennedy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]