

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Richardson S31323

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State of Illinois Montgomery County Sct.

Court of County Commissioners Spatial November Term 1832

On this 10th day of March A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners now sitting James Richardson resident in the town of Hillsboro in the County and State aforesaid aged 75 years & nearly 3 months who being 1st 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 (to wit) he entered the service of the United States in the Captain Lemuel Smith's Company under Captain Peter Perkins in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia in the month of August 1781 as he believes, he marched through the Moravian Town in the State of North Carolina was on the Yadkin River also in said State he was in no battle he served 3 months this tour and was discharged on the Yadkin River below the Shallow Ford in the State of North Carolina. He again entered the service in October 1781 as he believes under Captain Mynor Smith under Colonel Robert Smith and General Rutherford at Richmond Courthouse on the Yadkin River in North Carolina. Marched to Salem thence followed the British to Wilmington then turned to the Waccamaw River in South Carolina to Drowning Creek Raft Swamp. He was in the Battle at a place called the Brick house and in several skirmishes in different places, also in a Battle between the Waccamaw & George Town he served 3 months this tour and was discharged about 10 miles from Wilmington near Cape Fear River he served with no Continental or regular troops during the whole time but was a volunteer, he has seen Colonel Leonard, Captain Knighton, Captain Lopp, Captain Enochs, Captain Hill, Captain Wright, though these officers were not Regulars. He has no documentary Evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure & who can testify to his service. I James Richardson do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Interrogatories to the said James Richardson) (viz.)

Quest. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Middlesex County in Virginia on the 25th of August 1757

Quest. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none that I now know of

Quest. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia when I entered the service since that time I have lived in North Carolina in Tennessee in Kentucky & lastly in Illinois where I have lived for the last ten [written over and unclear could be two] years. I now live in

Montgomery in the State of Illinois

Quest. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I entered as a Substitute and so continued

Quest. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. There were no Continental or militia Troops belonging to the detachment in which I served nor any other description of troops but volunteers.

Quest. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received discharges for both my tours of service but I got them burnt by the burning of my house

Quest. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I am acquainted with the Reverend Thomas A. Spilman & John Bostick
S/ James Richardson, X his mark

[Thomas A Spilman, a clergyman, and John Bostick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Montgomery County Sct.

County Commissioners Court September Term 1837

James Richardson of the town of Hillsborough County of Montgomery and State of Illinois, a pensioner of the United States, being known to the Court as the same person who made declaration, in this Court for a pension, at the Special term holden on the 10th day of November 1832 now comes here in Court and makes additional declaration for increase of his said pension – The said James Richardson, being first duly sworn according to the law saith. That in addition to the facts stated in his declaration aforesaid of 10 November 1832 (which are all true) That he entered the service of the United States immediately after the expiration of the first three months tour of duty, described in his declaration of 10 November 1832 – which entering the service again, he thinks was in November 1780 under Captain Robert Hill and Lieutenant Samuel Hampton in the County of Pittsylvania & State of Virginia; He marched after the Tories on the Yadkin River in North Carolina, to Richmond Courthouse thence to Salem, or the Moravian towns, thence to Spirgen's Settlement and out as far as Haw River – And thence back and forth, from place to place – He says this service was a kind of scouting service, but of regular, constant and active employment for nine months tour: And he thinks the service extended rather beyond that time. The troops, with which he served this nine months tour, were called militia: But were in Constant service against the Tories, and in defense of the Country during that time. During this tour of duty he was not attached to any Regiment: But the company continued detached. He was in no battle during this tour of duty, though there was occasional skirmishing with the Tories – He knows of no United States or Militia Officer in this Service, higher than the Captain he was under – He received no discharge for this Service – the reason why this tour of duty was not set forth in his declaration of 10th of November 1832, he was informed by E. Kilpatrick, who officiated in making his declaration, that this service was not calculated to aid in procuring him a pension.

Sworn and subscribed this 5th September 1837 in Open court

S/ James Richardson, X his mark

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