

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Richard (Richards)

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State of Kentucky County of Union: SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Joseph Hoy, Daniel McKinney, John G Fenner, John L Dikey & George Johnson Justices of the County Court for the County of Union now sitting Lewis Richards a resident of said County of Union and State of Kentucky aged Sixty-eight 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 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.

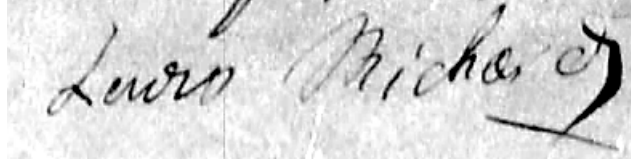
In the latter part of the year 1778 or 1st of the year 1779 he lived in the County of Culpeper Virginia and then and there enlisted for the term of two years in the company of Captain Benjamin Roberts, __ Saunders Lieutenant and William Asher Ensign – he was immediately appointed Sergeant to the company – marched from Culpeper Courthouse under Captain Roberts & Captain Mack Thomas's Companies under the command of Major George Slaughter to Winchester, where he with others were dispatched to Staunton for arms – returned with the arms to Winchester and were then marched to the Monongahela River at the place then called the New Store, built boats and descended the River and then to the falls of the Ohio [River] at Louisville where General George Rodgers Clark [George Rogers Clark] took the command and erected a Fort and wintered – In the summer 1780 some militia joined General Clark at Louisville and he with the whole were marched to where Cincinnati now stands where we erected a Block house on the way to Cincinnati they were joined by other militia – then were marched to Chillicothe [Chillicothe] where the Indian Towns and crops was destroyed – were marched to the Piquia [Piqua] Towns, defeated the Indians destroyed the Towns and crops and then marched to Louisville the militia having been discharged – the Companies of Roberts and Thomas were quartered in the Fort at Louisville during the winter – Shortly after they arrived at Louisville Colonel Crockett arrived there with three companies and the five companies remained there under General Clark until the term of his enlistment expired when he received his discharge signed by Captain Roberts and Major Slaughter – which discharge he has lost – He has no documentary evidence of his services – nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his service – At the time of his enlistment he was very young, marched so far from the place of his nativity, – after his discharge – he remained in Kentucky till after the battle at the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782] in which he was a volunteer – After that he returned to Culpeper County Virginia – married and again came to Kentucky in the year 1804 lived in the County of Franklin one-year and then moved south to Green River Henderson County and has lived in Henderson & Union County taken from it for 27 years – He has never received a dollar for his

services nor any land which he was entitled to.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis Richard

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lewis Richard", with a large, stylized flourish at the end of the name.

[Claiborne Duval, a clergyman, Lain [could be Sam] Casey, William Baylis, and John M. Waring gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sargeant for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]