

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Darby S32203

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State of Georgia, Fayette County

On this fourth day of November 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Swanson, William Pace & Finlay G. Stewart Justices of the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid now sitting, Richard Darby, a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Georgia, aged seventy-eight years (past) 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In Columbia County, State of Georgia, in the Spring of the year 1779, he volunteered as a private in Captain Cartledge's Company of which Drury Manning was a Lieutenant, under the Command of Major Candler and was marched thence by way of Augusta to Ogeechee River where he was stationed a short time, thence to Fulsom's old Fort where he was also stationed for a short time, thence to the Altamaha River, & thence up that River as high as the Seven Islands on the Ockmulgee [sic, Ocmulgee] River, where he was discharged by Captain Cartledge, having been in the Service three months, and was engaged in no civil pursuit during that time, and said Company was called into service under authority of the State of Georgia.

In the fall of the same year 1779, in the County of Columbia State of Georgia, in the same Company Captain Cartledge's, under the Command of Major Candler, which Company was as before called into service under the authority of the State of Georgia to march against the Indians & Tories, he volunteered as private, and was marched thence to the Ocmulgee near the Seven Islands on that River where after "Scouring" the Country in search of the Indians he was discharged by Captain Cartledge at the expiration of two months, and was engaged in no civil pursuit during that time.

In the same County, Columbia, State of Georgia in the same Company, Captain Cartledge's, under the command of Colonel Benjamin Few in the year 1780, he volunteered, as a private which Company was called into service under the authority of the State of Georgia, and was marched to Shoulderbone & was there stationed about six weeks or one month & a half, thence he was marched in Captain Cartledge's Company under the Command of Major Candler to the Burnt Fort on the Altamaha, and was stationed at the Goose Ponds near Beard's Bluff on the Altamaha River for two months and a half, and was discharged by Captain Cartledge near the White Bluff on the Oconee River, at the expiration of four months from the time he entered the service in Columbia County, and during that time was engaged in no civil pursuit.

In August of the year 1780, in Columbia County, Georgia, in Captain Cartledge's Company, which Company was called into service under authority of the State of Georgia, and was called minute men, he again volunteered as a private and under the Command of Colonel Benjamin Few and General Glascock, was marched to a place on the Ocmulgee River near Booth's Island which was made head Quarters or a general place of rendezvous from which place in frequent excursions reconnoitering the

Country & protecting the frontiers and at different places on the Oconee, Ocmulgee & Altamaha rivers he was kept in almost constant & very hazardous Service against the Indians, but Captain Cartledge could never bring the Indians to a regular battle, his business being mainly to guard the frontier and at the expiration of six months was discharged on the Oconee River by Captain Cartledge & during that time he was engaged in no civil pursuit.

On his return home in Burke County Georgia in the Spring of 1781 he volunteered in Captain Dyes's Company, which was also a Company of minute men, called into service under authority of the State of Georgia, and was marched to the frontier on the Ogeechee River where after guarding it at the expiration of three months he was discharged, by Captain Dye, having been engaged in no civil pursuit during that time.

Then in the fall of the year 1781 in Captain Dye's Company in the County of Burke Georgia, to which place he had changed his residence, he volunteered as a private and was marched to the frontiers to guard them against the Indians whose predatory excursions were excessively annoying to the whites, & which Company was called into service under authority of the State of Georgia where he served three months and was discharged by said Captain Dye, and during that time was engaged in no civil pursuit whatever.

That he now has no documentary evidence having lost all his discharges – that he now knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services – that since the Revolution he has resided in that part of Burke County afterwards cut off into Richmond County State of Georgia – that afterwards he removed to the Territory of Mississippi where he resided six years & 11 months – he then returned to Columbia County Georgia where he resided until 1825, he then removed to Fayette County Georgia where he now resides – that he was born in Marlboro district State of South Carolina, he thinks from his recollection of his mother's statements, in the month of April 1755 – that he has no record of his age – the Reverend Edward S. Duke and James C. C. Brown can testify to his character for veracity, the believe of the neighborhood where he resides, and their own 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Darby, R his mark

To the first Interrogatory he answers

In Marlboro district South Carolina, he thinks in the year 1755.

To the second, he answers – he has no record of his age.

To the third, he answers, In Columbia County & Burke County Georgia – in Burke, Richmond (cut off) Columbia and Fayette counties, Georgia, and in Mississippi Territory, and now in Fayette County Georgia.

To the fourth, he answers, As a volunteer.

To the fifth, he answers:

That he must refer to the body of his declaration which contains [indecipherable word] the answers to this interrogatory.

To the sixth, he answers: by Captain Cartledge & Captain Dye.

& that he has lost or had destroyed all his discharges.

To the seventh, he answers

The Reverend Edward S. Duke & James C. C. Brown.

[Edward S. Duke, a clergyman and James C. C. Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: On July 10, 1848 in Randolph County, Georgia, Salsy Darby, aged about 101 or 102, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Darby; that she believes her husband was residing on the Pedee River in South Carolina when he entered the service and that he

was at the siege of Augusta; that he died in Randolph County, Georgia on April 1, 1843; that they were married on March 8, 1784. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$64 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months and 6 days in the Georgia militia.]