

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Paul Richards S35048

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State of Maryland

City of Baltimore Sct

On this twenty third day of April in the year of Our lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen, personally appeared before me the undersigned Paul Richards residing in the City of Baltimore, aged about sixty two years, an applicant for a pension under the 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," and then and there made the following declaration on Oath, by me administered, "that he enlisted in the early part of 1776 at Annapolis into Capt [Joseph] Marbury's Company of Colonel Smallwoods [William Smallwood's] Regiment, — was then marched to the northward, engaged in the battles of "White Plains" [28 Oct 1776], "Long Island" [27 Aug 1776] and "Monmouth" [28 Jun 1778] — after which was marched to the southward, and was at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina [16 Aug 1780], where he was severely wounded in the head, served during his Enlistment in many campaigns and was in the service until the close of the war, a term of near seven years and was discharged at Annapolis by General Orders. — that his name hath never been enshrined on any pension list therefore has none to relinquish, and from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support. [signed] Paul Richards

United States of America

Maryland District SS

ON this fourteenth day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court, in the District Court in and for District of Maryland Paul Richards aged Sixty five years, resident in the City of Baltimore 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: That he enlisted at Annapolis in the State of Maryland about the year 1776 in Captain Marbury's Company in the Regiment commanded by Col Smallwood in the Maryland line on the continental establishment was at the Battles of White plains in the month of November [sic] 1776 after which returned with the remains of the company to Annapolis; there came under the command of Col. Nathaniel Ramsay in the 3^d Regiment of the Maryland Line and continued under said captain Marbury in said 3^d Regiment to the end of the war when he was discharged at Annapolis in 1783. That he hath been placed on the Revolutionary Pension List of the Maryland Agency at the rate of \$8 per month to commence from 23^d April 1818 as will appear by certificate bearing date 22^d March 1819 and numbered 8033.

and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

Schedule referred to within viz

That he hath about a Dozen common chairs, some old Tables, some Crockery Ware Knives and forks and Irons, Shovels and Tongs and some articles of Kitchen furniture the whole not worth Fifty Dollars \$50

That he is by profession Confectioner but has neither capital or health to enable him to carry on the business being in such ill health as to disqualify him from any kind of business. That he has a wife named Mary aged 61 years. Three Daughters. viz, Eveline aged 20 yrs or thereabouts. Augustine aged 18 years, Eliza 17 years one Grandchild 2 years old all live with him and their sole dependence is on sewing but since the present stagnation of trade they would not be able to

support the family with common necessities were it not for the assistance received from Government or from public or private Charity.

[signed] Paul Richards