

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Richards S35621

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 16th day of July 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared George Richards aged sixty-eight years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Franklin; and that he was enlisted for one-year at King & Queen County in the state of Virginia on or about the \_\_ day of August 1775 by one Nathaniel Smith and served in the company commanded by Captain John Scaris [?] of the 1st Regiment of Virginia Troops in Continental Service, commanded by Colonel P. Henry [Patrick Henry] & afterwards by Colonel Charles Scott, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the \_\_ day of July 1776 – when he was honorably discharged from the service at Fredericksburg in the state of Virginia; that he was in service about ten months and a half – and in the battles of old James Town, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than what is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

### Schedule

State of Kentucky – Montgomery County & Circuit Sct.

On this 25th day of June 1824, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said circuit and County George Richards aged 74 years, resident in said County and circuit who, being 1st duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted in the 1st Regiment of the regular Army in Captain John Sears Company aforesaid Regiment Commanded by Colonel P. him & afterwards by Colonel Scott, full one-year and served out his time as stated in his former application.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Viz. – I have 40 or less due me in bad debts which I shall never be able to collect, in all probability: and I have no land, no any Negroes, or personal property of any kind, except my clothes: and no money of any kind except a bad [?] not [note?]<sup>1</sup> for five Dollars & 12 ½ cents in good money.

Sworn to, and declared, on the 25th day of June 1824 before me a Circuit Judge now sitting in open Court in the said County & Circuit of Montgomery & State aforesaid

S/ Silas W. Robbins

Montgomery County – State of Kentucky Sct.

This day same George Richards before me one of the Circuit Judges of the State aforesaid, in open court the same being a Court of Record and made oath to the following Schedule of his Estate, in addition to the Declaration and statement heretofore sent to the war Department, and now on file in one of its offices to which, That he had no estate real or personal on the 18th day of March 1818 other than as heretofore stated – That he had about \$40 due him since that date of bad debts, which he does not expect to collect. That he has sold no property of any kind real or personal since the 18th of March 1818 or at any time for the last 16 years. That he has nothing but his clothes and now and then a small sum of money not exceeding \$10 at a time for the last 16 years and such sums were obtained by keeping school but he is now too old and blind to teach school and has no means of obtaining a subsistence but by the charity of his friends. He states further that he did not know of his claim being established until shortly before he made his last application to get his Pension. That in fact he was not able to ride nor had he the means of pressing his claim on account of his poverty – And it so happens that someone showed him a list purporting to be a list of names published on a newspaper giving the names of persons to whom Pensions had been allowed and not seeing his name among them he thought he was rejected but he has been since told that such list was not authorize, and upon further inquiry he found that his pension had been allowed and then he came forward to draw the money and found new difficulties which he hopes will be removed by this statement made September 14th 1824

S/ Silas W Robbins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 10, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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