

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Vernon S38451

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Virginia: At a Court held for Charlotte County 2nd day of April 1832

On this 2nd day of April 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County Richard Vernon aged about 86 years being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the acts of Congress of 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, that he the said Richard Vernon did enlist in the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia for three years on the 12th of November 1776 under the command of Lieutenant W. Bouldin [Wood Bouldin] recruiting officer, and rendezvoused at Little Roanoke Bridge in 1777 marched in a company commanded by Captain Michaux [probably Captain Joseph Michaux] to Dumfries and was then inoculated for the smallpox after I got well marched by Alexandria to Baltimore from thence to Philadelphia from thence into Jersey and joined my Regiment at Rattle snake [Rattlesnake] Camp from thence were countermarched to German Town [Germantown]. I was in the battle at Brandy Wine [Brandywine September 11, 1777] and also at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Afterwards went into winter quarters at Valley Forge – when the campaign opened I was placed in the advance Corps under the command of General Scott [Charles Scott] and was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] from thence marched to the White Plains from thence to West Point from thence we crossed the River and took up winter quarters at middle Brook [Middlebrook] after the expiration of three years I enlisted again under Captain Nathan Reid for during the war, he gave me a furlough for three months to come home. After it ran out I joined the new recruits at Fredericksburg from thence we marched to Petersburg Virginia where I remained about eighteen months. I then furnished a Substitute for whom I gave 100 acres of land and obtained a full discharge which I have lost he has no other evidence of his service than the affidavits of William Paylor¹ and Wittshire Cardwell Senr. [Wiltshire Cardwell²] – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 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

¹ [William Paylor S41941](#)

² [Wiltshire Cardwell W6632](#)

other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed
S/ Richard Vernon, X his mark

A list of family of Richard Vernon
Richard Vernon aged 86 years
Sally Vernon 44 afflicted with Rheumatism
one Negro man slave named Ben 24
one do woman Phyllis 26
one child July 7
one do Sarah 5
one do Nancy 3
one do Pittman 2
one do Emiline 6 months

And the said Richard Vernon produced in court the affidavits of William Paylor & Wilcher Cardwell Senior in these words: The affidavit of William Paylor of lawful age taken at Rough Creek church, Charlotte County, Virginia the 9th March 1832 – William Paylor having first sworn saith – That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the year 1777 and joined the Army at Valley Forge, in the year 1778 when he first met with Richard Vernon who was then in the service had been for some time but how long he had been in the service I do not now recollect to have understood. Richard Vernon & myself then served together in the same company commanded by Captain Nathan Read [sic] – we were marched from Valley Forge to the battle of Monmouth after the battle the British Army went to New York & we were marched to the White Plains – from the White Plains I went to West Point and was taken sick & sent to the Hospital & never saw Vernon anymore in the Army.

S/ William Paylor [not his actual signature]

The above affidavit was sworn to before me in due form according to law
Given under my hand this night day of March 1832S/ J. H. Marshall, JP

The affidavit of Wittshire Cardwell Senior of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia taken the 29th day of March 1832: – Wittshire Cardwell Senior says that in the fall of the year 1776 Richard Vernon enlisted for three years as a soldier in the revolutionary Army under the command of Lieutenant Wood Bouldin recruiting officer that the recruits as they enlisted rendezvoused at Little Roanoke Bridge where my father then lived and kept a public house and boarded the soldiers during their stay and the said Richard Vernon was one of the number, in the spring of 1777 they all marched to join the Army somewhere towards the North, when they started I accompanied the said Richard Vernon with the others about 3 miles.

S/ Wittshire Cardwell, Senior [not his actual signature]

A Schedule of Richard Vernon's Estate real & personal

170 acres of land worn out with scarcely any timber valued at \$2 per acre	\$340
Ben a Negro man slave aged 24 years valued at	480
one Negro woman Phyllis aged 26 years valued	300
one child July aged 7 valued at	100
one child Sarah aged 5 valued at	80
one child Nancy aged 3 valued at	60
one child Pitman aged 2 valued at	60
one child Emiline aged 6 months valued at	40

2 horses very old valued at nothing	
one yoke of oxen and a car valued at	25
8 head of cattle at \$5 each	40
9 Hogs at \$9 – 14 pigs at \$2	11
one wooden clock at \$10	10
2 beds and furniture at \$10 each	20
one cupboard \$4	4
one Walnut dining table at \$4	4
one old pine chest and one pine table at \$1.50	1.50
one lot of plates and other table furniture at \$2	2
one shot gun at \$7 one looking glass at 25 cents	7.25
3 stone pictures at 50 cents each	1.50
5 split bottom chairs at 75 cents one coffee mill 75cents	1.50
2 gallon jugs at one dollar – 2 iron pots \$5 – one oven \$2	8
18 barrels at 25 cents each	3.75
2 Sythes and cradles at \$3	3
1 grass sythe 25 cents one lot of hoes \$2.50	2.75
2 spades \$1.50 one log chain \$2 one lot plows \$2	5.50
one Oak cutter one pot rack and one frow at \$1.50	1.50
one grindstone \$2 – one oven 75 cents one sifter 50 cents	3.25
one spinning wheel \$1.50 one old water pail and noggin 25 cents	.25 [sic]
1 tray 1 washing tub 10 cents	.10
1 hand saw injured at 50 cents one water pale 50 cents	1
3 old augers and one plane \$1.25 one drawing knife, one?	
One chisel 75 cents	2
one pair smoothing irons 50 cents some old broken shoemakers tools 25	.75
1 hide of upper leather and a piece of injured seal leather	2
1 pr. compernz [?] 25 cents 3 old dagon ploughs \$5	5.25
2 sets old plough gear \$2.50 4 Raw hides \$4	6.50
	<u>\$1, 628.20</u>
	<u>5.25</u>
	\$1,633.45

S/ Edwin J. Spencer

S/ Anderson C. Morton

Charlotte County State of Virginia

On this 16th day of April 1832 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County, Richard Vernon, resident in said County, aged 86 years, who being first duly sworn according to law Says that he enlisted for the term of 3 years on the 12 day of November in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain ___ and was attached to the 14th Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis. After the first campaign terminated Colonel Lewis resigned and Colonel Davis was appointed to the command of said Regiment.

The following all the reasons why I have not earlier made application for a pension. I did not know that such a law existed until many years after its passage, and when informed of it, was ignorant of its requirements in order to establish my claim, having no relations in this part of the country qualified to aid me, and unable from bodily infirmity to do it myself, and also my

necessity annually increased having lost by death a Negro man slave about two years since.

I have not sold or given any property to any of my children or other person since the passage of the law of the 18th of March 1818 neither have I bought any.

Charlotte County to wit

This day Richard Vernon came before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that the above statement contained the truth.

Given under my hand this 16th day of April 1832

Archibald D. Alexander, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 19th, 1832 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Richard Vernon S38451

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Virginia Charlotte County toWit [8 October 1833]

This day Richard Vernon aged about 87 or 88 years personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made Oath that he inlisted on the 12th day of November 1776 for the term of three years, under the command of Lieutenant Wood Bouldin [W18637], a recruiting Officer that he received a bounty of twenty dollars in Money, and was promised also a bounty of one hundred acres of land, which I have never as yet received After I inlisted, I was sent to the rendezvous at Little Roanoke Bridge, where I remained until the Spring of 1777 when I marched in a Company Commanded by Capt. Micheux to Dumfries, where I was inoculated for the small pox. After getting well, we were marched to Baltimore. from thence to Philadelphia, from thence into Jersey and Joined our Regiment the 14th Commanded by Col [undeciphered] at Rattle Snake Camp I was in the battle of Brandy Wine, and also in the battle of German Town, afterwards went into winter quarters at Valey Forge. When the campaign opened I was placed in the advance Corps under the command of Gen. Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] and was in the battle of Monmouth. from thence marched to the White plains, then to West Point. from thence we crossed the river and took up winter quarters at Middle Brook. After the expiration of the three years, I inlisted again for during the war under Capt. Nathan Reid, who gave me a furlow for three months to come home, After it expired, I joined the new recruits at Fredricksburg, and from thence marched to Petersburg Virginia After remaining about eighteen months at that place I hired a substitute, to whome I gave one hundred acres of land which I owned in the County of Charlotte, and obtained a full discharge – which I have lost. I have the affidavits of William Paylor, and Wiltshire Cardwell to prove my services, a copy of which is hereto annexed

William Paylor being first sworn saith, that he inlisted in the service of the United States in the year 1777 and joined the Army in 1778 when he first saw Richard Vernon who was then in the service, and had been for some time Richard Vernon and myself served in the same Company commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Reid. we were marched from Valey Forge to the battle of Monmouth, After the battle the British Army went to New York and we marched to the White Plains, from the White Plains I went to West Point and was taken sick and sent to the Hospital and never saw Vernon afterwards

William Paylor

Wiltshire Cardwell after being duly sworn says that in the fall of the year 1776 Richard Vernon enlisted for three years as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army under the Command of Lieutenant Wood Bouldin recruiting Officer, that the recruits as they inlisted were [undeciphered] to the rendezvous at Little Roanoke Bridge, where my father then lived and kept a public house, and boarded the Soldiers, during their stay, and that Richard Vernon was one of the number. in the Spring of 1777 they all marched to join the Army some where towards the North. When they started I accompanied the said Vernon with the others about three miles

Wiltshire Cardwell

Charlotte County towit

This day David Bartee [S6586] personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made Oath that Richard Vernon inlisted for during the War and that some time afterwards (he does not recollect how long) that the said Richard Vernon gave one hundred Acres of Land to one Richard Worsham [S38478] a revolutionary Officer as a substitute to take his place for the remainder of the war and believes that Worsham gave the said Vernon a discharge – and well knows that the said Worsham sold the land to Lewis Jackson of this County.

Given under my hand this 12th day of November 1833

Arch D Alexander J.P.