

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Richards S39042

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Virginia Rockbridge County: SS

On this 6th day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Rockbridge proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and possessing the power of fine & imprisonment Edward Richards aged 63 years & 6 months resident in the said County of Rockbridge who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he enlisted as a private soldier in the Army of the revolution in the company of Captain Thomas Bowyer that he served in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Woods and in the same Regiment when it was commanded by Colonel Guest [perhaps Nathaniel Gist] that he has heretofore received a pension from the government of the United States as will appear by the certificate of the Secretary at war bearing date of the 20th of September 1819 that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring himself within the provision of the act of Congress entitled an act &c passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

S/ Edward Richards, X his mark

Schedule

Real property

Personal

Debts

none

none

none

S/ Edward Richards, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 15, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Note: this file does not contain the original application filed by the veteran September 15, 1818. I searched both Fold3.com and HeritageQuest.com versions and neither has the original application posted in it.]

The [Library of Virginia](#) has the following additional document that may relate to this veteran. The digital images of these documents are posted in the bounty land filings in the Library of Virginia.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1785, in the name of Edward Richards, as a Soldier of infantry for £102.3.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
5th day of December 1832.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Note, There is also a completely illegible document that appears to be a petition seeking the bounty land due the veteran or due his heirs.]