

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Richardson S39043

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At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Cumberland County the 26 day of May 1818

Robert Richardson personally appeared in Court and made oath that he is Sixty years old from his best information – that in the fall 1776 or 7, he enlisted as a soldier under Captain Charles Fleming of the 7th Virginia Regiment in the Army of the United States, for two years and that he faithfully served out his enlistment in the Revolutionary Army, and that he was discharged in Pennsylvania at the Piscataway falls, that his discharge is lost or destroyed, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and several others, that he is now in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the support of his country, which with the Certificate of Willis Wilson¹ all ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War.

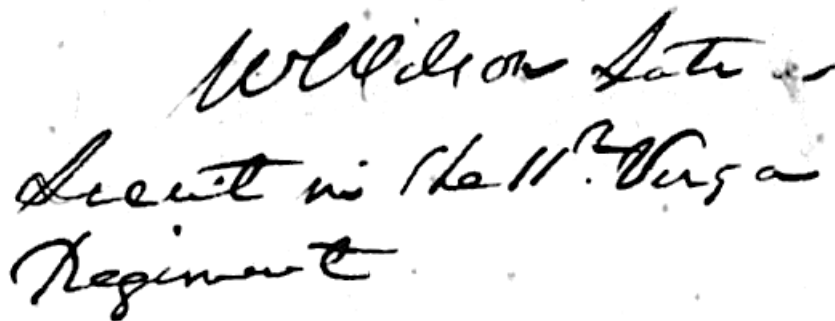
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Test S/ Miller Woodford, Clk

I do hereby Certify that the Bearer Robert Richardson of Cumberland County & State of Virginia enlisted a Soldier in Captain Charles Fleming's Company of the 7th Virginia Regiment of the United States Army of the Revolution for 2 years & that he served his time of Enlistment out. That he is now poor & needs the support of his Country in my opinion.

Given under my hand this 22nd of May 1818

S/ W. Wilson, Late a
Lieut. in the 11th Virga Regiment



Willis Wilson Late
Lieut. in the 11th Virga
Regiment

I certify that I am personally acquainted with Willis Wilson, that he was an officer in the revolution War, as I have no doubt, he is a justice of the peace and highly respectable, all due faith and credit is due to his certificate.

S/ Archibald Austin

¹ This may be the same as [Willis Wilson BLWt2434-200](#)

Virginia

At a court of Quarterly Session continued and held for Cumberland County the 24th day of October 1820, which is a Court of Record for the said County Robert Richardson aged about 65 years by trade a bricklayer, subject to severe rheumatism, able to labor but little wind free from pain, came into court and made oath according to law that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, he enlisted in Captain Charles Fleming's company in the 7th Virginia Regiment in the year 1776 for two years commanded by Colonel McClanahan [McClanachan] and served out his 2 years and reenlisted under Captain Mayo Carrington for three years and was discharged at Piscataway falls, he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, and is enrolled on the pension list under a certificate No. 5554 signed J C Calhoun and 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.

50 acres of land held in the right of his wife's dower

2 milk cows, 4 young cattle, 14 sheep, 7 hogs & 6 pigs, 1 horse 9 years old 4 feet 8 or 9 inches high, one bed & furniture – 8 common chairs with split bottoms, one table, one desk, 12 plates, 3 dishes, 3 pots, 2 Dutch ovens, one skillet, 1 frying pan, 6 knives & forks, 6 pewter spoons, 2 plow hoes, 1 cart, 4 hammers, 4 trowels, 1 white wash brush, one [several indecipherable words] all of the value of \$230 adjudged by the court.

Debts due by me to wit, Isham Bradley \$100, Robert [indcipherable name] \$35, archer Taylor & Co about \$10

Debts due to me John Hudgins \$12 [indcipherable name] Jenkins \$4.70. There are small debts due you to & from a to the amount of about \$40 which when settled I do not know that I am entitled to any over plus.

His family consist of a wife Betsy 65 [last digit unclear could be 63]² years old infirm not able to wash or cook – Polly Bradley daughter to his wife 22 years old, Patsy Bradley do do 21 years [word interlined and illegible] & Isham Bradley son to his wife 19 years plowman who labor for themselves except the assistance they afford the family for which they get their board. Robert Richardson; which is ordered to be certified to the war Department: Sworn to and subscribed by Robert Richardson on the 24th day of October 1820, before the Justices of the County Court of Cumberland.

[f p. 20: the veteran filed another application dated August 28, 1826 which is substantially identical to the earlier application in its description of his services. In this application he states that his family consists only of his wife Patsy who is 71 years old and very infirm. He gives his occupation is that of a bricklayer but is afflicted with rheumatism and able to do little work.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 26, 1818 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]