

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Copeland S39335

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State of Tennessee Overton Court of pleas and quarter Sessions: October Term 1824

On the twenty sixth day of October in the year while Lord 1824 personally appeared in open Court it being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law, denominated a court of pleas and quarter Sessions held in the County of Overton and in the State of Tennessee Richard Copeland aged about sixty-four years, resident in the said County of Overton, who being first duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God according to the laws of the Land, doth on his oath declare and state that he enlisted and served as a regular soldier in the revolutionary war of the United States of America in the Continental establishment as follows to wit: that is to say he entered as a regular soldier and the United States service under Captain James in it for the Term of two years and six months on or about the 15th of May 1776 at Chatham Court house in the State of North Carolina that he served out his full term and tour of service (to wit) two years and a half in the third Regiment of North Carolina under the command of Colonel Sumner and was discharged in the State of Connecticut that in the course of his service he was under the command of several different officers, when discharged he was under the command of Captain Benjamin Williams he was in the battle of the Sign of the White horse in Pennsylvania besides several little and inconsiderable engagements he states that for some time before his discharge he served in the light infantry, he states that he has lost his discharge, he states that there is no person within his reach or power by whom he can prove his service and his enlistment – that he has got two affidavits proving his service one of the affiants is dead, the other from his age and infirmity cannot be procured to give evidence, the affidavits are filed and marked A & B and named John Christian¹ and Robert Scypeart² the said Christian has been drawing his pension for some years.

And the said Richard Copeland further maketh oath that he was a 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 whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me 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, which is a true and perfect inventory of the said

¹ [John Christian W6668](#)

² [Robert Scypeart \(Seypeart\) S39066](#)

Robert Copeland's whole estate of every kind and description

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| some little household & kitchen furniture | |
| not worth more than | \$15.00 |
| One bed worth \$25, one Cow & year old calf \$15 | 40.00 |
| twenty-four head of young hogs worth | 24.00 |
| six sheep worth | 6.00 |
| An old horse laboring under a disorder called the stiff disorder, which renders him of no value but and expense – making in all \$91.00 he further states that he has a wife living, who as well as himself is very infirm from old age, and neither of them is able to earn a living by labor. He states that he has no children, that he never has had any family more than his wife, whereupon he prays that benefit of the acts of Congress. | |

S/ Richard Copeland³

Sworn to and subscribed in open court
S/ J. V. Harris, Clk.

State of Tennessee Overton County: April Sessions 1825
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

On the 27th day of April 1825 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, Richard Copeland, resident in said County aged about sixty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in addition to his original declaration made in this same Court at the October Term of said court in the year 1824 an authenticated copy of which is herewith enclosed and considered by this applicant (Richard Copeland) as a part of his declaration in order to be placed on the pension list, under the acts of Congress of the United States of America the first passed on the 18th of March 1818 and the second on the 1st of May 1820

First the said Richard Copeland in open court, on his oath declares that the reason for his not making earlier application for a pension, is that he has hitherto been able to support himself by his own labor – And that he determined never to call upon his Country for aid and assistance while he continued able by his own labor, to support himself, But the said Richard Copeland now states upon his oath that from his age and infirmity, when taking into consideration his indigent circumstances: he cannot support himself with[out] the assistance of his Country. The Said Richard Copeland on his oath states that his occupation has been & is that of a farmer. The said Richard Copeland makes the following statement as to his estate on the 18th day of March 1818, including all property, securities, debts or contracts due to him. The said Richard Copeland states that on the 18th of March 1818, he had one horse worth \$80 which is the same one mentioned in his schedule in the original declaration & is now of no value, that sometime about the year 1821 purchased a horse of Richard Copeland Junior and gave cattle for him estimated at \$50 and afterwards sold the same horse in the State of Alabama to a man by the name of Owens for \$50 on the 18th of March 1818 he states he had about six head of cattle worth no more than \$40 at the same time had about 20 head of hogs worth about \$30 at that time had six sheep worth about \$12. The balance of his said the state then consisted of his little household & kitchen furniture which has underwent but little change and was not then worth more than about \$50.

He further states that he has almost every year since the 18th of March 1818 sold some

³ The signature is in the identical handwriting and that of the application itself which leads me to believe that it is made by the scribe and not by the veteran himself

pork & bacon amounting in the whole to know more than \$50 worth the proceeds of which has been applied to the support of himself and his wife.

He further states that the \$50 which he received for the horse he sold to Owens he has applied to the support of himself and his wife the said Richard Copeland states on his oath that the foregoing is substantially.

The said Richard Copeland states that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state.

S/ Richard Copeland

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court April 27th 1825

S/ Jo. Harris, Clk.

State of Tennessee Wayne County: This day came Robert Sipent before me James Annett one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath that Richard Copeland enlisted in the revolutionary War under Captain James Emmet for the Term of two years and six months and that the said Copeland well and truly served in the third Regiment of North Carolina under the command of Colonel Sumner and was honorably discharged. Sworn to and subscribed this 26th of February 1823

Test S/ James Annett, JP

S/ Robert Scypeart

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subscribed this 26th of february 1823

Test James Annett JP } Robert Scypeart

State of Tennessee Smith County: This day came John Christian before me Thomas Tub one of the acting Justices of the [peace] in and for said County and Made oath that he saw Richard Coppland Enlist in the Revolutionary war under Captain James Emmit for the Term of two years and six months and that the said Coppland well and truly served in the third Regiment of North Carolina under the command of Colonel Sumner and was Honorable Discharged. Sworn to and subscribed this 24th of March 1820

Test: S/ John Tubb, JP

S/John Christian

State of Tennessee } This day came John Christian
Smith County } before me John Tubb one of the
acting justices of the inland for said County
and made oath that he saw Richard Copeland
enlist in the Revolutionary War under Capt James
Emmet for the Term of Two years and six Months
and that the said Copeland ~~was~~ well and
truly served in the Third Regiment of North
Carolina under the Command of Colonel
Sumner and was Honourable Discharged sworn to
and Subscribed this 24th of March 1820
Test John Tubb (96)
John Christian

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 25th of January 1825

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Richard Copeland a private in Captain Emmets Company of the 3rd Regiment was mustered on the 15th of May 1776, for the term of 2 1/2 years, and discharged in October 1778.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing April 30, 1825, for service from May 15 1776, to October 1778 as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]