

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Richardson (Richards) S40345

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[Note on cover sheet: "Erroneously pensioned twice under names Richardson and Richards."]

State of Ohio Adams County

I do hereby certify that this day James Richardson a Citizen of the United States and of this State where he has resided many years personally appeared before me the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid, being duly sworn according to law made the following declaration under oath – First. That he has served in the Army of the United States of America in the revolutionary war against the common enemy in the Virginia line on Continental establishment.

2nd That he enlisted under Captain Dickinson but that after Captain Dickinson was promoted he served under Captain Paine. That he served under Colonel John Green in said Green's Regiment until the Colonel was wounded at the battle of the White Plains [October 28, 1776] at which time Colonel Hendricks took command of said Regiment that he remained in said Regiment until the Colonel was wounded at Germantown [October 4, 1777] at which time Colonel Fleming took command. That he served in the first Virginia Regiment for two years from the commencement of the war after which time he served in the first State garrison Regiment until the conclusion of Peace, that he served during the whole revolutionary war – That he served as a private Soldier for the term of two years and the balance of the time as orderly Sargeant.

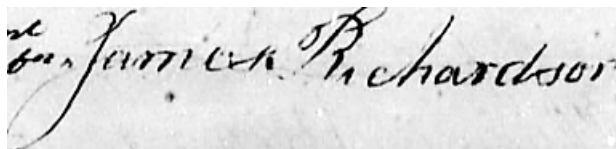
That as well as he now recollects he enlisted in the month of May 1776. That in the month of June 1782 he procured from Colonel Charles Dabney a regular discharge in due form and left the Army which said discharge he has since lost.

That he was engaged in the battles of White Plains, Princeton [January 3, 1777], Brandywine, September 11, 1777], Mud Island Fort [September 26 – November 15, 1777], German Town [Germantown] and at the Taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781].

That there is no person in this State within the knowledge of the said James Richardson by whom he can prove any of the foregoing facts.

That he never had or received any pension from the United States and therefore thinks it unnecessary to make any formal relinquishment of a pension and that by his reduced circumstances in life, he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ James Richardson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Richardson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Attested by Job Donning, JP, June 5, 1818]

State of Ohio Adams County: SS

On this third day of October 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Richardson age 65 years resident in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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. That the said James Richardson enlisted in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Edmund Dickinson of the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Green of the Continental establishment and that he the said James Richardson continued in the said Regiment until his said Colonel Green got wounded that Colonel Hendricks of Alexandria succeeded Colonel Green in the command of said Regiment and that he the said Richardson continued in the said Corps in the Service of the United States until the 1st month of March 1778 making in all two years service when he was discharged from service in the State of New Jersey that he then returned to the State of Virginia and in the month of May in the same year he again enlisted under Captain Waller in the State Garrison Regiment of the State of Virginia commanded by Colonel Mobile at the 1st and afterwards by Colonel Charles Porterfield in that Regiment the deponent served till the close of the War in all between 6 & 7 years that he was in the Battle of the White Plains, Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Mud Island Fort; and last and best of all at the taking of Cornwallis, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other Evidence now in his possession or power of his said service.

S/ James Richardson

State of Ohio Adams County: SS

On this 7th day of August 1820, personally appeared in the Court being a Court of Record having the power of fine and imprisonment for the County and in the State aforesaid James Richardson aged sixty-seven years resident in Adams County in the said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows

That he enlisted in April 1776 under Captain Edmund Dickinson of the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Green that he was in the Battles of the White Plains – of Princeton under General Mercer of Brandywine of Fort Mifflin or Mud Island and at the Siege of York and capture of Lord Cornwallis that he was discharged at Valley Forge by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] that he is inscribed on the pension List Certificate dated 27 March 1819 and Numbered 187 date of Original declaration October 3rd 1818. & 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

S/ James Richardson

No property of any kind save a walking Staff

No debts owing to me

No family

is in debt about \$35.00

unable to work, being nearly blind a cancer on the bottom of each foot which prevents me walking but with difficulty.

S/ James Richardson

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 11th day of August 1820

S/ Joseph Darlington, Clerk AC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 3, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]