

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Richey (Richie) S40347

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Original Claim

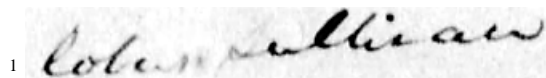
United States of America Western District of Pennsylvania: SS

On this 15th day of October A.D. 1825 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the District aforesaid Abraham Ritchie Senior aged eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Abraham enlisted by Lieutenant Walter Garner for the term of three years (which was returned for during the war) in the month of May in the year 1776 about sixty miles from Pittsburgh in what was then Washington County Pennsylvania in the company first commanded by Captain Robin Sullivan [¹] afterwards commanded by Captain Uriah Springer in the night the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the line of the State of Pennsylvania [sic, Virginia] on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until February 1780 or 1781 when he was honorably discharged from the said service in Pittsburgh by Colonel John Gibson which said discharge was burnt that he was in the battle of Trenton [December 26, 1776] when he was shot by a ball through the leg during the action there that he has no other evidence of his said services than the annexed deposition of Jacob Springer,² Jeremiah Wright³ & ~~Galbreath Wilson~~ and that his said services were continued at one time for more than 3 years.

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 or property whatsoever. That he has 5 children living 3 sons and 2 daughters & that he lives with & is supported by his son Abraham being totally unable to support himself.

S/ Abram Rihy





² [Jacob Springer S40495](#)

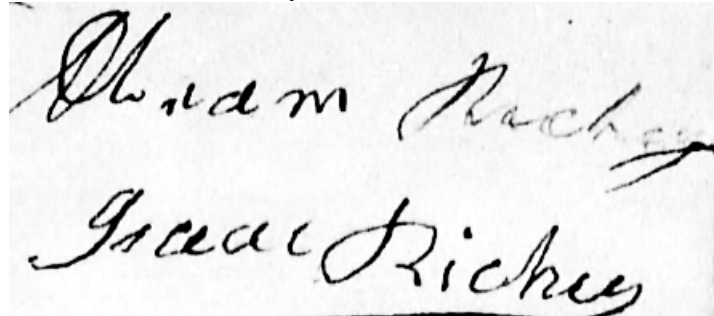
³ [Jeremiah Wright S32617](#)

Abraham Ritchie Jr. & Isaac Richie being sworn say that the above applicant has no property at [indecipherable word or words] & we have both seen the discharge of Colonel Gibson which was burnt when part of Abraham Ritchie's house was burnt.

Sworn & subscribed this 15 October A.D. 1825.

S/ Abram Richey

S/ Isaac Richey

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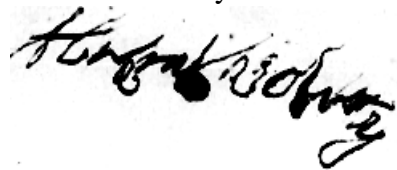
United States of America Western District of Pennsylvania: SS

Personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania Abraham Richey resident of Allegheny County and State of Pennsylvania in said District who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia: and that this deponent firm and believes that the error in the annexed application for a pension in stating that Colonel John Gibson commanded the 9th Regiment in the line of the State of Pennsylvania was made (by the person who wrote the application) either by mistake or misunderstanding this deponent having a partial impediment in speech; And this deponent further saith that he made application for a pension sometime in 1821 by procuring some depositions and an application in writing, but owing to the neglect of the person employed some of the papers were either lost or mislaid, and that immediately previous to that time this deponent procured the necessities of life by manual labor, and this deponent further saith that since the 18th day of March 1818 he had or acquired no property either real or personal or mixed except one horse which was sold by this deponent for about 25 or \$30 which money was appropriated for the payment of debt and support of himself: and further saith he has no property other than his wearing apparel.

Sworn and subscribed in a Open Court this 13th of April 1827

S/ Wm Wilkins

S/ Abram Richey

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City of Pittsburgh: SS

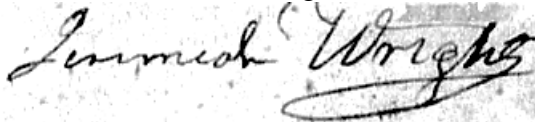
Jeremiah Wright a Lieutenant in the State troops of Virginia being sworn sayeth – that he is well acquainted with the applicant Abraham Ritchie – that the said Abraham enlisted in the beginning of the year 1777 in the company commanded by Captain James Sullivan in the 13th Virginia Regiment afterwards reduced to the 9th on the Continental establishment and that the said Abraham served in said company and Regiment better than 3 years in one continued service

that the said Abraham was discharged sometime in the winter of 1780 that in 1792 this deponent saw the discharge of said Abraham signed by Colonel John Gibson. That the said Abraham was honorably discharged and that this deponent verily believes that said discharge was burnt at the time said Abraham's house was burnt & further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn & subscribed this 23 April 1823

S/ R. Christy

S/ Jeremiah Wright



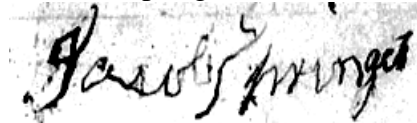
Allegheny County: SS

Before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in said County – came Jacob Springer & being duly sworn according to law doth before me say that he the said Springer was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War – & that he was acquainted with the Present Applicant Abraham Richey – who served as a Private in Captain James Sullivan's Company in the 13th Virginia Regiment – afterwards reduced to the 9th Regiment on the Continental establishment in one continued service during the 3 years or more.

Sworn & subscribed before me the 23rd day of April 1823

S/ John Mason

S/ Jacob Springer



Allegheny County: SS

On the 25th day of August 1823 before me John Way Esquire one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County personally came Jeremiah Wright of the Township of Ohio County aforesaid yeoman who being sworn in as law directs deposed & saith that Abraham Richey of said Township aforesaid has been a neighbor to deponent 35 years & Deponent has been acquainted with him for 55 years & that in February 1777 said Abraham entered in the service of United States of America in the 13th Virginia Regiment under Captain James Sullivan & served in the Army as a soldier during the term of three years & better & that Robt Varne [? Robert Vance?]⁴ was first Lieutenant in said Company and that deponent further said which he had an honorable discharge from Colonel John Gibson & further saith not.

S/ Jeremiah Wright

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 26, 1827, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

The [Library of Virginia](#) online digital collection relating to bounty land claims honored by that state contains a copy of a certificate given by Robert Vance, Captain Virginia line stating that



⁴ There was a Robert Vance who served as a lieutenant in the 13th Regt. of the Virginia line.

Abraham Ritchey [sic] was a soldier in Captain James Sullivan's company at of the 13th Virginia line; that he enlisted for 3 years on the 10th day of February 1775; and that he faithfully discharged his service and was discharged February 17th, 1780.]

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Addendum to Abraham Richey (Richie) S40347

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 16 Feb 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Richey, Abraham.]

Pittsburgh Dec'r 4th 1784

Sir Please to settle my Acc't of Depretiacion with Lt Josiah Tannehill [W8777] and deliver him my Certificate Int[erest] & Land Warrant/ and youll oblidge your Abraham Richey
The Auditors of public Acc't for State of Virginia
Copy/ Markes Vandewall

I do Certify that Abraham Richey soldier in Cap. James Sullivans Comp'y of 13th Virg. Reg't was Inlisted for three years on the Tenth day Feb'y 1777 and that he did faithfully serve the term of his Inlistment till the seventeenth Feb'y 1780. Given under my hand Jan'y 1 1785 at Richmond.

Rob't Vance Cap Virg Line [Robert Vance VAS348]

Copy/ Markes Vandewall