

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Richardson S46507

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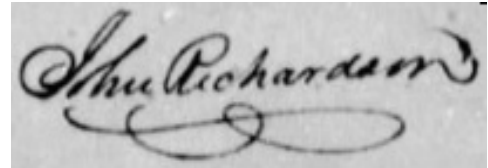
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Loudoun County }

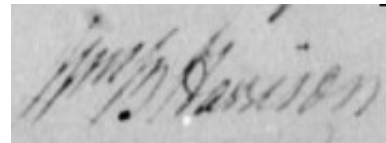
On this 10th day of March 1829 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for said County John Richardson resident in said County aged sixty four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820 that he the said Richardson enlisted in July or August for the term of three years or during the war in the year 1778 (he thinks) in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain John Rudolph [John Rudolph VAS2156] in the legion or Corps commanded by Major afterwards Col. Henry Lee in the Continental line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the latter part of the year 1781 when he was discharged from the service during inability in consequence of wounds received at the Battle at the Eteau Springs in the State of South Carolina [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the pension roll of any state and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension to wit. my children being with me assisted in my support and would not consent to my making an application (perhaps through pride) they have now left me and I am not even an house keeper I am not worth twenty dollars after my just debts are paid and have always been a poor man all my life and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed — That since the 18th March 1818 little or no changes have been made in my property always having been a poor man all my life long as before stated.

Schedule of the property of the aforesaid Richardson viz
One mare Colt and One feather Bed



I do Certify that I was well acquainted with the within named John Richardson in the Revolutionary war & know he did serve & inlist & was wounded and furlowed by his Com'der Lt. Colo. Henry Lee as he has within stated with fidelity & Honour to the End of the war

Wm B Harrison [William Butler Harrison VAS1054]
Ensign in the partisan Legion Com'd by Lt Colo Henry
Lee in the Revolutionary War
10th day of March 1829



I do certify that I was well acquainted with the within named John Richardson and know he did enlist and serve in the partizan Legion commanded by Lieut Col Henry Lee in the Revolutionary War for three years or during the war and did serve with fidelity and honour to the Expiration of the same. I belonged to the same partizan Legion before he joined and to the End of the war and know he was wounded badly in the head and arms and was furloughed during inability and know and believe he has not firmly recovered to

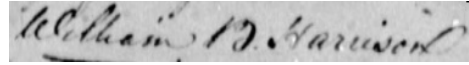
this day When I returned after the war ended I met with him in the County of Loudon in the State of Virginia he then told me as he has done often since that his arm was well but his head was not. that at times before falling weather and changes of the planets &c he was very much troubled with pains in his Head and weakness all through his system and I do Certify that he served as above stated before he was sent home on furlough about three years and four months and I have known him ever since the war to be an Honest poor man and deserves and needs the assistance of his country.

Certified by me this 14th day of May 1829

William B Harrison

Ensign of the Partizan Legion Commanded by

Lieut Col Henry Lee in the Revolutionary War



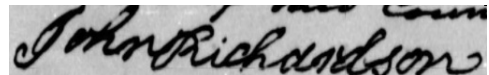
NB. It will be observed that I have certified he served during the war and it in my opinion cannot be considered otherwise as he never recovered of his wounds and was on furlough by his Comd'r Lt Col. Henry Lee and may be said with truth he was a Soldier and belonged to the army to the end of the war. and have certified to you as such but have stated my reason and grounds. He Enlisted as well as I recollect about the last of July or the first of August 1778 and was wounded the 8th day Sept 1781 in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs South Carolina and Continued with the sick &c until the latter part of the same year but was not well Lt. Col. Lee furloughed him and sent him home during inability and he never returned as I have before stated.

W. B. H.

State of Virginia

County of Loudon [23 Nov 1829]

I John Richardson aged sixty seven years, do, upon Oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight I enlisted for the term of three years or during the war and did actually serve three years & about four months, and then was furlowed during inability to the end of the war in the partizan legion commanded by Lieutenant Col Henry Lee as a private trooper in said legion. I further declare that I have never received a Warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transfered my claim in any manner Whatsoever except to William B Harrison of said County.

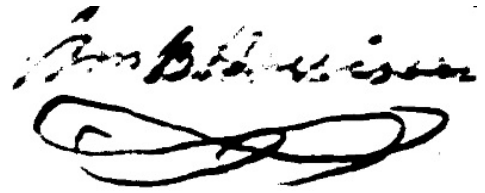


[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Other documents in the file are not legible enough for transcription.]

Soldiers Repose Loudoun County Va Nov'r 24th 1835

Sir/ I have Receiv'd a Letter in Reply to the Application made for the Old [illegible word] John Richardson additional 100 acres of Land due him as a during the war soldier which I know is due him I know he was for during the war and did serve truly & honourably to the Expiration of the same & was Badly wounded in the battle of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina I belong to the same Partizan Legion myself or I should not [illegible word] or Contend for the same in his favour he has drawn his donation from the Gen'l Government as such I therefore hope & trust the State Government will not hesitate to do him Justice all Soldiers that Inlisted for three years or during the war has always been allowed it Espesely when they served over three years he served more than five years & was as I have before stated very Badly wounded in the Head & arms to my own knowledge A gentleman in favour of the counsel has writen to me that they [illegible word] acted on it in July 1833 but does[?] not state in what man[illegible] if they have [illegible word] allowed him the additional Hundred acres instead of the one [illegible] they will do so I have forwarded all [undeciphered word] & making proof to satisfy them before this time & they have the same in their possession and they will find them by searching in their Office you will oblige to [undeciphered word] for it & I will get the old Soldiers Receipt & forward it to Clerk of the Council in Richmond which I have no doubt will be satisfactory to them & well [undeciphered word] you for doing

so With very great Respect
yours &c Wm. B Harrison

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm. B. Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish underneath.

NOTE: The federal file also includes powers of attorney to William B. Harrison.