

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Richards S4772

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State of Tennessee Gibson County: County Court December Term 1832

On this day being the 16th day of December A.D. 1832 Stephen Richards personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions of said County being a Court of record & proceeding according to the course of the common law -- of the County of Gibson & State aforesaid -- being about the age of sixty-seven years who being first sworn according to law makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, in the County of Franklin North Carolina, a short time before the battle of Guilford, he does not recollect dates. He entered the service under the command of Captain James Richards, Benjamin Seawell was Colonel Lieutenant Daniel Harris, in this tour He served 3 months. He marched from Louisburg to a little beyond Hillsboro, from thence to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River, where he was discharged. He was in no battle during this tour -- during this tour & just before the battle of Guilford, Captain James Richards & Captain Benjamin Eaves fought with swords & Captain Eaves cut off the right hand of Captain Richards & for a part of this tour he waited on & attended Captain Richards. He entered the service as a volunteer. I knew General William Brickle he was from Franklin County North Carolina. He does not now recollect any other incident of this campaign.

In the second campaign he entered the service of the United States in the same County & State, entered the service under Captain George Bledsoe as a volunteer, & served 3 months. Commanded by Colonel Benjamin Seawell. He was employed in guarding the military stores at the crossroads, called Hill's crossroads about 5 miles East of Louisburg in Franklin County. During this tour we took a Tory by the name of Robert Beard who was tried, convicted & hung for taking protection under the British. I was discharged at the crossroads. I was born in the year 1765 December the 8 -- agreeable to the register of my father -- of which I have a copy, I was living in the County of Franklin North Carolina when I entered the service -- I was born in that County soon after the war I removed to Georgia -- in Greene, Oglethorpe & Montgomery about thirteen years then I went back to Franklin County North Carolina and stayed until about ten years since, when I removed to Tennessee, I now live in Gibson County Tennessee. I entered the service as a volunteer -- I had two discharges, but do not know what has become of them -- He refers to Abraham McLemore & Isham F. Davis citizens of Gibson County. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court -- December 18th 1832

S/ Thos. Fite, Clk

S/ Stephen Richards

[Abraham McLemore and Isham F. Davis gave the separate standards supporting affidavits.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum.]