

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philemon Richards S5996

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State of Virginia Orange County: SS

On this 29th day of August 1832, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of the peace of the County Court of Orange, now sitting, Philemon Richards, a resident of the said County and State, aged Seventy-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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. – "That he entered the militia service as a volunteer during the war of the Revolution under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. – General Weedon [George Weedon], Colonel Temple, Major Cary, in the Company Commanded by Captain Charles Bruce – that he cannot now recollect with certainty the day that he entered the service or that of which he was discharged; but he served more than three months; that he resided in the County of Orange in State of Virginia aforesaid when he entered the Service.

And the said Philemon Richards further makes oath – that he was afterwards drafted and served in the Company of Militia Commanded by Captain George Waugh in the Brigade commanded by General Weedon, in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Innis; that he served nearly or quite four months (making in the two tours about seven months) that he resided in the County and State aforesaid, when he was drafted – that he does not recollect the date he was drafted nor that of which he was discharged; that he has not his discharge & no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Ambrose Richards¹ and James Jones. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day aforesaid
Signed Silliman the Richards"

"We Ambrose Richards residing in the County of Madison and James Jones of the County of Orange and both of the state of Virginia, hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Philemon Richards, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 78 years of age and that we know he served as a soldier in the Revolution for the periods and in the manner he has stated in his declaration we served in the same Companies and for the same time.

Signed Ambrose Richards
James Jones"

[James Jones and Elijah Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [Ambrose Richards S5999](#)

The said Philemon Richards being interrogated by the Court as follows gave the answers respectively following to wit. 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer in the County of Orange in the year 1755. I had a record of my age but it was carried by my brother to Kentucky. It was in a book kept by my father.

2. Where were you living when you went into the service. 3. Where have you lived since the war and where do you now live.

Answer. I lived and have lived ever since in the lower part of Orange County.

Question. How were you called into service.

Answer. In the 1st instance I enlisted as a minute man under Captain Spencer after that Company was discharged I volunteered in a company commanded by Charles Bruce and served under General Nelson. After that service he was employed about the time of the siege of York in collecting beeves for the Army.

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

Answer. I never received any discharge.

Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services in the Revolution.

Answer. Colonel Thomas Row & Edmund & James Jones I am well known to – and I doubt not my neighbors generally would certify as to both.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]