

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose Richards S5999

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State of Virginia County of Madison: SS

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of the County of Madison now sitting, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, Ambrose Richards aged seventy-six 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He entered in the year 1777 or 1778 as a private in the company commanded by Captain Bruce [perhaps Captain Charles Bruce]; he marched to the city of Williamsburg where he was put in the Brigade commanded by General Thomas Nelson in the service he enlisted as a volunteer and continued in service for something upwards of three months when he was discharged by Captain Bruce, no written discharge given. Afterwards he was drafted in the year 1778, he believes and marched to York Town under the command of Captain Caleb Lindsey of the County of Orange Virginia. He was afterwards transferred to George Waugh's company he was discharged near Williamsburg after having served upwards of 7 months.

Q. When and in what year were you born?

A. I was born and raised in the County of Orange State of Virginia in the month of December in the year 1755.

Q. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

A. I have no record of my age, it was some years ago carried by my brother Philemon to the State of Kentucky.

Q. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

A. When I entered the service I lived in the County of Orange Virginia, and for the last 19 or 20 years I have lived in the County of Madison.

Q. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

A. I entered the service as a volunteer, afterwards I was drafted and served my time out, and was discharged as before stated.

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances attending your service?

A. I recollect Colonel Ennis, Major Cary and others whose names not recollected; they commanded when I was stationed on the Gloucester side of your [sic, York?] River opposite York town in Virginia. He was in several skirmishes with the enemy on your River and the lower

part of Virginia. I have particular recollection of many of the Officers except General Washington, Lafayette, Knox &c. His services were fatiguing and laborious.

QU. Did you receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given.

About 4. I received no written discharge and have no evidence except the affidavits here with forwarded of my services.

QU. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

A. I can refer to my neighbors for my veracity and their opinion of my services, Richard C. Booton, Colonel Linn Banks, Capt. Newton Walker & many others

S/ Ambrose Richards

State of Virginia County of Madison SS

On this 23rd day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of the County of Madison now sitting, Ambrose Richards a resident of the County of Madison and State of Virginia seventy-eight years who being 1st 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 the 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in the month of August in 1777 or 1778 as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain Charles Bruce; he was marched to the city of Williamsburg from the County of Orange where he then resided he was in the Brigade commanded by General Thomas Nelson, he served as a volunteer for 3 months, when he was discharged by Captain Bruce at Williamsburg. Afterwards in the year 1781 about the 1st of July the declarant was drafted and marched to York Town under the command of Captain Caleb Lindsey afterwards he was transferred to the company commanded by Captain George Waugh. He was at the Siege of York; he was discharged near Williamsburg having served 4 months and a half as a private. He served in all as a private 6 months & a half. He received no written discharge.

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 and year aforesaid.

S/ Ambrose Richards

[A. H. Lamon, a Minister of the gospel, and Joseph Carpenter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Orange County viz.

This day James Jones appeared before me a Justice of the Peace and made oath that Ambrose Richards now the County of Madison entered the Militia service under the command of Captain Caleb Lindsey of the County of Orange and marched to York Town where he was put under the command of Captain George Waugh and that he was there in service previous to and after the capture of Cornwallis. Given under my hand this 29th day of August 1832

S/ Law. T. Dade [JP]

Orange County viz.

Philemon Richards¹ of the County of Orange and State of Virginia this day appeared

¹ FPA S5996

before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that Ambrose Richards now of the County of Madison, entered into the Militia service as a volunteer under the command of Captain Charles Bruce about the year as well as he remembers, of 1777 or 1778 – and served a tour of duty about York Town in the lower part of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 29th day of August 1832.

S/ Law. T. Dade, [JP]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 1/2 months in the Virginia militia.]