

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Justice S8775

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At a Court held for Accomack County on the 30th day of June 1851

On this 30th day of June 1851, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Accomack County now sitting Teackle Justice a resident of the County and State aforesaid, son of Richard Justice, a Revolutionary soldier, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for the children of the aforesaid Richard Justice the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832; It appears by the affidavit of Robert Chase, a revolutionary soldier, and a pensioner, who lived nearly all his life in the neighborhood with him, that he performed military duty in the Revolutionary War. He was enrolled as I have been informed in the Company of Militia commanded by Captain William Justice, which was commanded by Colonel Southy Simpson¹; – Robert Chase served with him in keeping guard at Block House on Folly Creek and he says that Captain William Justice's Company in which he served, was actively engaged in keeping guard, marches &c; and that he is satisfied that his father Richard Justice was on duty at various times more than two years, and the common tradition of the neighborhood sustains Mr. Chase in this fact. My father was a very old man and unable at the time of the passage of the Act of 1832 and for many years before his death, to go to Court. It is generally believed in the family that my father made his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of June 7th 1832 very soon after the passage of the law, before a Justice of the Peace in the neighborhood, who is since dead. If he did not assert his claim to a pension in his lifetime, it was because the claims of Robert Chase and Richard Wimbrough² who served with him in the War, had been rejected by the Government. My father was born in the County of Accomack, State of Virginia, in the year 1749, and was one hundred and two years old when he died. I have no record of his age, but have often in his lifetime heard him say that this was his age.

S/ Teackle Justice, X his mark

At a Court held for Accomack County on the 28th day of July 1851

It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that Richard Justice a declaration of whose services in the Revolutionary War was made by his son before this Court on the 30th day of June 1851, was a resident of this County, and died in the same on or about the 17th day of May 1850; that he left no widow, but the following children whose names are Teackle Justice, Samuel Justice and Margaret Justice, and these were his only

¹ [Southy \(Southey\) Simpson W6303](#)

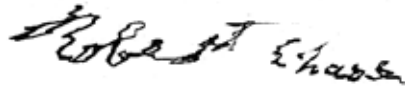
² [Richard Wimbrough S9529](#)

living children at the time of his death.

[Attested in Accomack County by the clerk of court July 30, 1851]

I Robert Chase aged ninety years, a Revolutionary Soldier and a pensioner of the United States, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Justice. I know he performed military duty in the Revolutionary war. I served with him in keeping guard at the "Block House on Folly Creek." He was enrolled in the company of Captain William Justice, attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Southey Simpson; Captain William Justice's Company performed military duty in my neighborhood, and I know that he frequently had his company out to guard various exposed places in the County, all of the militia Companies in my neighborhood were on duty at various times during the war, I am satisfied adding the various times together more than 2 years. Richard Justice was regularly on duty with his company. I can therefore safely testify as I do, that he was in service fully two years, but the exact time he did serve, I cannot after this long lapse of time undertake to say.

S/ Robert Chase³

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Chase".

[Attested August 5th, 1851 in Accomack County Virginia]

[Veteran's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending May 17, 1850 4 the veteran's service as a private in the Virginia militia for 2 years.]

³ [Robert Chase W6910](#)