

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Richards S9056

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia } Ss } On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open
Harrison County } } Court, before the justices of Harrison County State of Virginia
Isaac Richards aged seventy three years, who being first 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 June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated - That he volunteered in the Spring of the year 1781 under Command of Capt George Jackson Maj'r [William] Lowther and Colo [Joseph] Crockett, in Harrison County and was marched under Command of said officers from Clarksburg Harrison County Va to Fort Pitt and there was placed under Command of Genl [George Rogers] Clark where he was detained for some length of time. When Genl Clarks detachment took boating at Fort Pitt and floted down the Ohio River, That he and the Company commanded by Capt Jackson went down the River as far as the mouth of the Littel Kennahaway [sic: Little Kanawha River] where he and the Company was discharged and returned home. That he was in service six month in the above Campain That from the time he returned home he ever held him self in rediness to go out against Indians. That he was frequently out against and in persuit of the indians in the year 1782 - some times as a spy and some times in scouting parties under Command of Colo Lowther (promoted) That he was several times in Company when the indians was overtaken and cut off. That he cannot compute the Lenght of time he was in service. That he was borned in Rockingham [formed from Augusta County in 1778] Virginia in year 1759 - has lost the record of his age. That he now lives in Harrison County Va & has Lived there ever since the Revolutionary War - and Lived there at the time he entered Service - That he has no documentary evidence - the he never received a discharge as he recollects of. But that he believes their are persons now Living who can testafy to his service - he further states that he in all served more than fifteen months - he is well know by Judge Davisson J. J. Allen Wm A Harrison and many others in said County of Harrison-

He heby by relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and declairs his name is not on the pension Rool of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Isaac Richards

I Josiah Davisson [or Davidson, pension application S8307] residing in the County of Harrison after first being sworn according to Law in open court do hereby declair that I know of my owne knowledg that the above applicant Isaac Richard did serve as he has stated in his above declaration. That I served the greater part of the time mentioned in his declaration with him and therefore knowe his declaration to contain the truth - and I further declair the said applicant is a man of credibility and his stateme is intiteld to credit

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Josiah Davisson

[Also certified by William Richards.]

State of Virginia } Ss } On this 17th day of Dec'r 1832 personally appeared in open
County of Harrison } } Court, before the Court of the County of Harrison now
sitting Isaac Richards a resident of the said County of Harrison in Va aged 73 years as stated in
the [illegible word] declaration made 17th day Sept 1832

Who being first sworn according to Law doth make on his oath the following additional and explanatory declaration to the one hereto annexed in order to obtain the bennefit of the act of Congress passed Jun 7th 1832

Question will you state with more presision the lenght of your service than you have done in the annexed declaration — Answer - after returning from the six month tower as mentioned in the annexed declaration in the fall of 1781 I continued in that promiscious[?] service as there stated

untill the end of the War - and was also out frequently after the Indians after the declaration of peace - but only intended to claim pay from the spring 1781 till the declaration of peace 1782— and he further states upon his oath that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise lenght of his servise but as near as he can state he has stated that he entered service in the Spring 1781 as a private and served in that kind of service as setforth in his annexed declaration - and he further states in addition to those named in the annexed declaration - That he is know in his present neighbourhood by Aug't. J Smith Eli Marsh John Webster John Stillwell James Reed John Stout and many others who can testafy as to his caracter for varasity and ther belief of his servises as a soldier of the Revolution - to whom a referance can be had by the department and he further states some of the names of the Regular officers whome he knew while in service - Genrl Clark Col Crockett and Capt Bibbs - and he further states on his oath that their is no clergyman living in his neighbourhood therefore he introduces other testimony to proove his caracter and the repourt and belief in the neighbourhood relative to his Revaletionary servises} Sworn & subscribed 7th Dec 1832

Isaac Richards

NOTE: A Treasury Department document states that Richards was paid \$20 per year for six months service up to his death on 29 Apr 1833, and that his widow, Rachel Richards, received the final payment.