

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abram Richardson W13852

Winney Richardson f27SC

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District}

On this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord 1837, personally appeared before the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas for Edgefield district in the State aforesaid, Winney Richardson, a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of Abram Richardson who was a private in a Militia company of the State of South Carolina, raised under the authority of said State during the war of the Revolution between Great Britain and the United States, of which said company John Hammond was Captain, Nathanael Bacon 1st Lieutenant and William Covington 2nd Lieutenant at the time he the said Abram attached himself to the said company. That the said Abram Richardson enrolled himself in said company as a volunteer in the early part of February 1779, but it is impossible for this declarant to specify the precise day; that the said militia company of State Troops commanded by John Hammond as aforesaid, was attached to the Regiment of the State Troops commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond of which Regiment John Purvis was Lieutenant Colonel and Hugh Middleton Major, and that said Regiment was attached to General Andrew Williamson's Brigade of State Militia, the said Brigade consisting of militia raised under the authority of the State aforesaid. That he was in that service at least five months, and that he rendered frequent other and valuable services -- that shortly before the siege of Augusta, said Abram Richardson joined [Lt.] Colonel Samuel Hammond's Regiment of State Troops as a volunteer, which said Regiment was enlisted for sixteen months, and was made by Colonel Samuel Hammond as Assistant Quarter Master and occasional Assistant to the Commissary Department, and that said Richardson served out the sixteen months. He was never enlisted, but as a volunteer continued in the service, until the close of the war. He was frequently employed in [indecipherable word or words, could be 'private'] and dangerous and confidential commissions. When the British were advancing against Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] who was lying in siege at Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781], Colonel Samuel Hammond who was then at the head of his Regiment on Edisto sent Richardson with a note informing General Greene of the enemy's advancing. The message was delivered and upon Richardson's return Colonel Hammond having been compelled to retreat in the meantime, and having left a company to protect the country under the command of Captain Thomas Harvey, Richardson joined said Company, and was with that company in the battle of Rodgers Old Field, near Edgefield Court House. Immediately after

the expiration of the sixteen months Richardson attached himself to Colonel Samuel Hammond's Regiment and continued in it until he was discharged from the service which took place at Bacon's Bridge near Dorchester South Carolina at the close of the Revolutionary War.

The Claimant further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of the claim -- she further declares that she was married to the said Abram Richardson on the 5th day of April 1775, that her husband the aforesaid Abram Richardson died on the 14th day of July 1817, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period -- as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions & Common Place in the State aforesaid.

Sworn to in open [Court] before

S/ Winney Richardson, X her mark

S/ Richard Gantt, presiding Judge

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District:

Personally appeared before me George Pope, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions for the District & State aforesaid, and ex officio Justice of the Quorum for the District & State aforesaid, Samuel Hammond,¹ who being first sworn in due form of law, deposeth as follows that the services rendered by the said Abram Richardson in the war of the Revolution, as stated in the prefixed declaration, are strictly and accurately true, that he the said Samuel Hammond held the commission of Colonel during a portion of the said war, and that the said Abram Richardson did render his said services in the said declaration stated, falls within his own personal knowledge, the militia company to which the said Abram Richardson was attached, composing at one period a part of the Regiment of the militia of the State of South Carolina, of which he was in command. This deponent further states that the said Winney Richardson is as she declares, the widow of the said Abram Richardson, and that she was married to the said Abram at least as early as the year 1779.

Sworn to before me this 20th October 1837

S/ Geo Pope, CCP

S/ S. Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Hammond", with a small mark above the first letter.

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State of North Carolina Edgefield district:

Personally appeared before me Robert Anderson a Magistrate for said District, John H. Richardson of said District, who being duly sworn on oath says that Winney Richardson late of this district; departed this life the 31st day of October 1743 and that he the said John H. Richardson (this deponent) is the only & sole heir at law (surviving) of the said Winney Richardson deceased.

Sworn to & subscribed before me at hamburger South Carolina the 24th day December 1851

¹ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

State So Carolina

Dr. to Abraham Richardson
for Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] £25
Stg. [Sterling] £3.11.5

Received the 23 June 1785 full Satisfaction for the above in an Indent No. 650 Book S by virtue
of an Order

S/ William Tarrance

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Tarrance". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface, possibly a scan of a document.

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 650 Book S dated June 23rd, 1785]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by William Tarrance]