

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Richardson W18810

Sally

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State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS

Be it known that on the first day of July 1839 personally appeared before the Charles Bonner a Justice of the peace for the Court of please [sic] & quarter sessions for said County Sally Richardson a resident near the Rockingham County line in North Carolina twenty-five miles from Stokes Court House aged eighty-seven years next August who being 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 and the act Explanatory of said Act passed the 3rd March 1837 – that she was married to Joseph Richardson when she was only 17 years of age by a Parson Anders or Andrews in the County of Louden [Loudoun] & Commonwealth of Virginia in the year 1769 or 1770, that her maiden name was Sally Campton [Sally Compton?]¹, but from the loss of memory and infirmities of old age she being totally blind for the space of upwards twenty years past, she cannot remember the many services that her husband Joseph Richardson actually served. But remembers that he served under a Captain Morgan when they resided in Louden County Virginia against the Indians six months and other services against Indians towards the Red Stone & across the Allegheny mountains to the Cherokee tribe. In 1776 she thinks under the command of a General or Colonel Christa [probably Col. William Christian] five months service = and the last he went as a Sargeant under a Captain Pawlin [probably Captain Henry Pauling] from Botetourt County Virginia & was gone six months at least in which he stated he had been in the Battle of Guilford North Carolina [March 15, 1781] she hopes reference being had to the Rolls of the Militia of Virginia Revolutionary Soldiers will more plainly show the Services rendered by her husband aforesaid for which he claims a pension. She further states that she was married as above stated, by Parson Anders in Lowden County Virginia to the said Joseph Richardson in the year 1769 or 70 and that her said husband died in Rockingham County North Carolina twenty-two years past and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as reference to the proof hereto annexed will more fully appear, though she has no family record of the ages of her children, But her firstborn was William Richardson is now seventy years old if living, next was Nancy, would be now 68 years, & the remainder of our children was born in succession until we had twelve in all, only two twins & our youngest is now 47 years old.

Sworn to & subscribed the truth of which I am fully satisfied before me
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Sally Richardson, X her mark

Sally Campton.

[f p. 25: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Loudoun County Virginia to Joseph Richardson and Francis Peyton dated January 12, in the 7th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the 3rd [George III succeeded his grandfather, George 2nd, on the throne of Great Britain in 1760] conditioned upon the marriage of Joseph Richardson to Sally Compton spinster.]

[f p. 11: Deposition dated January 1, 1839 in Stokes County North Carolina given by Thomas Lewellin, of Rockingham County North Carolina in which he states that he was well acquainted with the late Joseph Richardson and his wife Sally when living as man and wife in Botetourt County Virginia as early as his earliest recollection in 1780; that Joseph Richardson went as a Sargeant in the Army of the United States militia under Captain Henry Pawlin under Colonel McClanahan from Botetourt County for 6 months during which time he was in the battle at Guilford County North Carolina; that he, affiant, remembers Joseph Richardson stating to him many times that he served as a private soldier under Captain Morgan against the Indians when he lived in Loudoun County Virginia.]

[f p. 7: Power of attorney dated May 4, 1852 given by Dotia Martin of Rockingham County in which she states she is one of the children and heirs at law of Joseph and Sally Richardson, both deceased.]

[f p. 13: Letter addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington DC sent by Alfred Smith from Mount Vernon Rockcastle County Kentucky, and dated December 26, 1855 in which the correspondent identifies Mrs. Francis Gann [sic, Frances Gann?] of Wayne County Kentucky as a daughter and heir at law of Sarah Richardson, deceased, widow of Joseph Richardson, deceased; that her parents married in Loudoun County Virginia in 1763 or 4; that her mother's maiden name was Sarah Compton.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia militia for 9 months.]