

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Price¹ W2435

Elizabeth

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State of Virginia County of Monongalia: SS

On this 27th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in the County court of Monongalia Richard Price, a resident of said County, aged seventy-six, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted with four others as a private soldier for one year receiving forty shillings bounty in the month of January 1777 at Leesburg in Loudoun County Virginia with Captain Peyton Harrison of the second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment raised and commanded by Colonel Spotswood of Fredericksburg Virginia, but he believes the enlisting of soldiers for one year was contrary to the Captain's orders – that in the last of that month he marched with his company to Dumfries, and there joined the Regiment, that he marched with others to Philadelphia and the Regiment in the next month to Wilmington Delaware where we remained sometime and was inoculated for the small pox, and in the month of March was in Philadelphia – from thence we marched to Trenton by water, and from thence to Princeton, from thence to Bound-Brook and Middle-Brook in New Jersey six or seven miles from Brunswick – when the enemy left Brunswick and went to Amboy we followed them, where he saw from the hill near Amboy being in the advance of the main Army as an advanced guard the enemy at Amboy – the Army then returned and encamped at the Valley near Bound-Brook until General Washington as well as he can now recollect came and took the command, whilst here encamped the troops increased – the whole Army then marched to Morristown, where we remained some days, from thence we marched by the Plains to the Highlands in York, after remaining a short time we returned back to Morristown, thence crossed the Delaware at Corrells ferry, and halted at the crossroad camp between that ferry and Philadelphia – thence we marched through Philadelphia towards Wilmington near which place we remained until the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777, in which battle he was in – we retreated from thence in the direction of Philadelphia, and up the Schuylkill stopping near the White horse tavern, where we expected to have an engagement – from thence we forded the Schuylkill and encamped at White Marsh from thence we marched to Germantown, where he was engaged in that battle [October 4, 1777] being one of the guard guarding the large pieces of artillery, from thence we marched to the thirty-mile stone that night and returned he believes to the same White-marsh About which place we remained some time – during the stay of the Army here, he was amongst the troops that crossed the Delaware for the purpose of going to the Red-Banks to reinforce the troops there, on the way at Mount Holly we heard of the troops at the Red-Banks being surrendered – we then returned back to Head-

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quarters, shortly after which we marched to Valley Forge, and went into winter quarters, which march he was barefooted and it was raining and snowing – at Valley-forge, he received his discharge in the month of January 1778 which was signed by Captain Peyton Harrison, that he does not know what became of his discharge unless he left it at the city of Richmond, the latter end of 1783 (as well as he can now recollect) where he went to receive the depreciation in his pay –

That in 1780 as well as he can recollect, he went out in the militia as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Francis Russel [Francis Russel], from Loudoun County and marched through Richmond and Petersburg on the way to Norfolk – we stopped at cabbin point [Cabin Point] from thence we returned home in about two months, the time for which he volunteered.

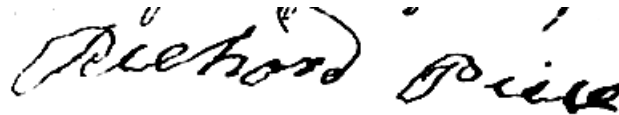
That in May 1781 he again went out with the militia under Captain Feagans [perhaps Daniel Feagan] and marched to head-quarters at Mobbin-Hill [Mount Vernon Hills], 16 miles below Richmond on the James River, where he believes the Army was commanded by Lafayette – from there we returned to Richmond, and the enemy following we marched he supposes an hundred miles above Richmond, when General Wayne joined us, we then turned about and followed the enemy through Richmond, where we had a little skirmish at Bacon-branch – we then followed the enemy until we crossed James River, and went into York town, that before our Army reached York-town he was discharged having served out his term of two months.

That he again went as a volunteer after Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781], and was one of the guard that guarded the prisoners that surrendered, and was but a few days in that service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Price

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Price". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Richard Price".

State of Virginia County of Monongalia: SS

On this 28th day of January in the year 1833, personally appeared before the County Court of Monongalia in open court Richard Price named in the foregoing declaration, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say, That in his former declaration he believes he misstated the name of his Captain. It was Captain Cleaveland [perhaps James Cleveland] instead of Feagans – that Captain Feagans belonged to the same Regiment – after arriving at headquarters, they were placed under Continental officers, whose names he cannot possibly remember, They being all strangers to the militia – that he believes Colonel Mathews was the person who commanded the Regiment –

That he was born in Loudoun County in this state, on the 18th of February 1757 and removed from that to this County thirty-eight years ago, where he has since resided – that he has no knowledge what has become of the original record of his age – That he has no knowledge of any witness by whom he can prove his services – that he has been personally known for many years to the Reverend Joseph A. Shackelford, David Musgrave, Aaron Barker, Matthew Gay and many other respectable citizens of the County who he believes can testify as to his character, and the general belief of his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Price

[Joseph A Shackelford, a clergyman, and David Musgrave gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 11: On June 7, 1853 in Marion County Virginia, Elizabeth Price , a resident of Monongalia County and aged 77 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Price, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the year 1827; that he died July 22, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f. p. 15: On April 16, 1855 in Marion County Virginia, the widow, giving her age as 78 years and a resident of Marion County filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Richard Price; that she was married in Monongahela County Virginia by one William Hawkins; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Arnett; and that her husband died in Monongahela your County Virginia in July 1834.]

[f p. 55: Daniel Arnett gave testimony in Marion County Virginia on June 10, 1853 to be used in connection with the application of Elizabeth Price for a pension; he states that he has known Elizabeth Price for over 50 years that she is the widow of Richard Price; that her name prior to her marriage to Richard Price was Elizabeth Arnett; that she married Richard Price in 1827 in the presence of the affiant; that Richard Price died July 22, 1834. He signed his affidavit with his mark. His relationship if any to the widow is not stated.]

[There is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]