

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Richardson Dis No Papers X629

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Richardson, Richard

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Courts for the Districts of Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class IX, pages 106 and 165.

Rank: Private

Regiment: 2nd South Carolina

Disability: Wounded by a musket ball, which went through his breast, at the same time when General Provost [sic, Prevost] marched on to Charleston neck, in the year 1779; which wound has disabled him from getting a livelihood by labor.

When and where disabled: 1779, Drawgates, Charleston

Residence: neighborhood of Charleston

To what pension entitled: Full pension

Remarks: Enlisted November 20, 1775; time in service unknown.

Evidence transmitted by the District Court not perfect: No evidence of his being in service, and in the line of his duty at the time alleged. No evidence of his leaving the service.

On page 165 it is stated that he was a Sergeant and that the certificate produced to complete his evidence, signed by Governor Moultrie, is not given upon oath; therefore not conformable to law.

[Note: I believe the following documents relate to this veteran even though there are slight differences in the description of his service and time and place of his wound.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Richard Richardson

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¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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Sergt. [Sergeant] Richard Richardson
Petition by Colonel Pinckney
Committee Colonel Pinckney Colonel Motte Mr. Savage
P.339.1783

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To the Honorable Hugh Rutledge Esquire Speaker and the rest of the Members of the Honorable the House of Representatives in General Assembly met.

The humble Petition of Richard Richardson, formally a Sergeant in the Second Continental Regiment of South Carolina.


Sheweth.

That your Petitioner enlisted in the Continental Service in September 1776 – and received a dangerous one in his Breast in the month of May 1780 in defending the Lines of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] that he languished for a considerable time in the General Hospital here, and was in July 1781 removed with the other sick & wounded Continental Soldiers to James Town in Virginia, and from thence turned over to the Hospital in Philadelphia where he recovered slowly. That your Petitioner despairing of ever recovering sufficient strength to be able to serve again in the Army, applied to General Moultrie [William Moultrie] for his discharge and obtained it. That sometime after he had thus got his discharge your Petitioner perfectly recovered his Health, and finding that the Enemy still remained in this State he walked all the way from Philadelphia to join his old Corps, and actually did join it on the tenth of June last, and has ever since done constant duty with it.

That your Petitioner is informed that the last General Assembly at Jacksonburgh ordered a Negro to be given as a Gratuity to such of the old Soldiers as were then in Service; and your Petitioner is informed that as he had received a Discharge from General Moultrie, he does not come within the Words of the Act, nor can be intitled to receive one without the interposition of this Honorable House. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays, that all the Circumstances of his Case may be taken into Consideration, and tho' he acknowledges he knew nothing of the Negro Bounty when he set out from Philadelphia to join his old Corps, nor heard of it till after he had joined, yet, as he is conscious that he has behaved as well and faithfully as if he had not received his Discharge, he hopes a Negro will be allotted to him as well as to his old Comrades.

Your petitioner further shews that when he was with Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] in April 1780 at Lampier's Point² he, with a detachment he was sent with, took a Tory Negro (formerly belonging to a Mr. Moss a Merchant in Savannah) with a party of the British in Christ Church Parish; which Negro Colonel Malmedy gave him as a reward for his activity and valor, and your Petitioner immediately put the Negro to work on the Fortifications at Fort Moultrie, and he was taken there when the Fort was surrendered. And as this Negro was lost in the Service of this State, your Petitioner humbly hopes he will be allowed some compensation for him. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

² At the mouth of the Wando River

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial 'R'.

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The Committee to whom the Petition of Sergeant Richard Richardson was referred –
Report,

That they have examined the allegations contained in the said Petition & find them to be true, and that the said Sergeant has consistently behaved, with exemplary bravery, diligence and fidelity, your Committee therefore recommend that a Negro be given him as a Gratuity for his faithful Services, agreeable to the Spirit of the Act of the late General Assembly passed at Jacksonburgh, and that he be also entitled to receive the same Clothing as the other Soldiers of the Continental Line of this State have received – But your Committee cannot recommend that any compensation should be made him for the Negro delivered him by Colonel Malmedy & which afterwards fell into the hands of the British at Fort Moultrie.

In the House of Representatives. 17 March 1783

Resolved that this House do agree to the above Report

Ordered that the same be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence

By order of the House

S/ John Dart, CHR [Clerk of the House of Representatives]