

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Richardson: R8767A

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State of Indiana}

Warrick County} SS On this ninth day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Honourable the Judges of the Warrick County Circuit Court in open Court Thomas Richardson of Hart Township in said Warrick County in the State of Indiana aged seventy one years 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. In September 1780 he entered the militia service, in Bedford County, Virginia, for a three months tour as a volunteer under Captain Jacob Earley [Early], Lieut. Col. William Lefraidge [sic: Leftwich] and Col. [Charles] Lynch Officers from the same County. Rendezvoused at Major [John] Ward's on Staunton river, marched to Cumberland old Court house, from thence to Petersburg, where we remained in Camp on Long awnery [sic: at Long Ordinary] about three fourths of a mile from Petersburg, and was here discharged after a two months service, as a private, during which time this applicant avers that he followed no Civil pursuit, but was in the actual service of the United States. In the month of November or December in the same year of 1780 he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for George Conduff [probably Cundiff], of the same County of Bedford, Virginia, under Capt. John Trigg, rendezvoused at Thomas Lefraidges in said County, marched to Petersburg, thence to Cabin point [in Surry County], where he was assigned to the command of Captain Alexander Cummings, Major John Decloman [Jean Baptiste De Lomagne] & Col Maryweather [sic: Meriwether], the two latter were said to have been Regular officers, marched to long bridge [sic: Great Bridge] fort near Portsmouth, served his full tour of three months, but received no discharge as he recollects, during which time he followed no Civil pursuit but was in the actual service of the United States as a private. In the spring of 1781 about two weeks after he returned from the second tour he again entered the service in Bedford County, Virginia, as a substitute for John Ayers under Capt Ota [sic: John Otey] for a three months tour, rendezvoused at Thomas Lefridges in the same County, was marched throug new London [in present Campbell County], through Petersburg, from thence to Cabin Point, from thence to long bridge fort near Portsmouth, served under Major Decloman and Colonel Maryweather, Served his full tour, but received no discharge as he recollects during which time he followed no Civil pursuit, but was in the actual service of the united states as a private. And shortly after his return he again entered the service as a volunteer in the year 1781 under Captain William Bean, Maj. Jonathan Tipton & Colonel John Sevier in Washington County, marched from Washington County, thence North Carolina, near the town of Jonesborough [sic: Jonesboro] against the Cherokee Indians. Served about one month as a private. That he has no Documentary proof, nor does he know at this time of any person by whom he can prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory in the United States.

[signed] Thomas Richardson

Whereupon the Court now here propounds and puts the seven several interrogatories required by the Regulations of the War Department to which said seven several interrogatories so put and propounded the said Thomas Richardson upon his Oath to him in open court duely administered Answering saith

first I was born in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia in the year 1762

second I have no record of my age

third Was living in Bedford County Virginia when he entered the service after the war moved to Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County in the state of Georgia then moved to Lawrence County in South Carolina then into the North state in Macklenburg County [sic: Mecklenburg County NC] near Charlotte Town then back into Gilbert County Georgia then to Washington County East Tennessee then Lincoln County Kentucky then to Perry County in Indiana then to Warrick

County Indiana he came to this state in 1812 he now lives in Warrick County state of Indiana
fifth I never served with any regular Officers or Troops it was said that Col
Maryweather and Major John Decloman had been in the Regular service the last named was a
french man I recollect no other Regiment Company or Battalion than Colonel Boyers Regiment
of Riflemen that served with us the third trip I served four trips under the officers named in
my Declaration all my services were in Virginia except the last against the Indians which was
then North Carolina now East Tennessee first time marched to Petersburg under Captain Early
was in no engagement served two months Second time to Portsmouth under Captain Trigg to
Cabin point then was under Alexander Cummings Captain until discharge Served that tour
three months went the third time as a substitute for John Ayres under Captain Ota marched to
long bridge fort where we were under the command of General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter
Muhlenberg]. Served this tour three months fourth Tour was under Captain Bein against the
Indians Major Jonathan Tipton and colonel John Sevier served one months served each time as
a private

fourth The first time under Lynch I volunteered the second time I went as a substitute
for George Cundiff in Triggs company the third time under Ota as a substitute for John Ayres
and the last time went as a volunteer against the Indians

Sixth I never received any written discharge as I now recollect

seventh I have been a long time acquainted with Thomas Fuller Thomas Hudspath and
James Graham who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my having
been a soldier of the Revolution [signed] Thomas Richardson

NOTE: On 13 Jul 1843 Elizabeth Richardson, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married
Thomas Richardson in VA on or about 19 Nov 1781, and he died 15 Jan 1840. She noted that
her husband could not write, but he appears to have been able to sign his name to the
declarations. On 22 Mar 1854 Jacob Richardson assigned power of attorney to pursue his
deceased mother's claim to a pension.