

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Richmond S1714

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Brief in the case of James Richmond County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee (Act 7th June, 1832)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? Court
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? 80
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexe.

Period: Vol Jul in 1780

Duration of Service: 3 months after this ? He was unable to do duty from his wounds for ? Twelve months or more which he claims service for

Rank: As a private

Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served:

Gen. Butler, Col Calvin, Captn Gravis?

5. In what battles was he engaged? Wounded at Hillsborough NC he was left on the ground from loss of blood

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? N. Carolina Caswell County

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by tradition evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? Living witness

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? And if so, in what respect? Correct

I certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

John N Ashton

Examining Clerk

(Marginal handwritten note on this form)

In 1776 he substituted for Wm Richmond a 3 months tour against the Indians but did not serve more than nearly five

Captn Fouquer? Served only 5 weeks this tour.

Declaration of James Richmond in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of Tennessee

Wilson County

On the 28th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful David C. Hibbetts, James Foster and Benjamin H Billings presiding Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter session for Wilson County at the September Session 1832 now setting. James Richmond a resident of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee aged about eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he was born in Scotland and emigrated to the United States in the year 1774 or 5 and took the oath of allegiance some time in the year 1776 as well as he now recollects. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he entered the service as a volunteer in the State troops of the State of North Carolina in the county of Caswell in the company commanded by Captain John Graves--for a three month tour in the war of the Revolution--he entered the service in July 1780 the precise time he does not now remember from Caswell County he was marched to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina and his company was attached

to the _____ Regiment commanded by Col. Calvin--belonging to the troops under the command of General Butler--from Hillsboro the troops were marched to a place called Rugbys Mill near Camden in South Carolina--on the night previous to the battle of Camden he was drafted (?) and put on the front guard to guard the prisoners--after the _____ of the Americans at the battle of Camden the British light horse attacked the guard and in this attack the applicant received ten sword cuts and wounds and was left for dead on the field, he however escaped and tho much wounded and disabled he made his way to a farm house where he fainted from loss of blood he lay for twelve months or more completely disabled from doing any service after receiving said wounds--and when he recovered he found the army disbanded--and on that account he never obtained a discharge in due form--In 1776--the applicant substituted in the place of William Richmond in a three months tour against the Indians, but before he had been in more than five weeks he was ordered home with the rest of the troops--In the tour against the Indians he served under Captain Farquar, Col Ramsey of Chatham County--all under the command of Genl Parsons. The applicant has no written or documentary evidence of his service--but believes he can prove by Jane Mckleyea that he entered the service--and remained disabled the time above stated wounded as above set fourth--and remained disabled the time above stated--and he believes he can prove by Saml Motheral that he lived neighbors to the applicant and that he understood that he entered the service as above stated and returned wounded and that was the uniomal (?) rumor and belief and that he can prove by Joseph Johnson that such was the rumor and belief of the applicants service--The applicant does not know whether the service and wounds and disabilities above stated would constitute a tour under the act of the Congress but he is advised it will--The applicant continued to reside in North Carolina about 1? --after the Battle of Camden and then removed from the State of North Carolina to the State of Tennessee and lived in Sumner County in said state six years and _____ that in the County of Wilson where he now resides--He _____ relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not upon the pension Roll of the agency on any State of the United States the he knows of ---
Sworn to _____ in open court James Richmond (Signs)

This 28th day of Sept 1832
Josiah S McClain Clerk
Of Wilson County Court

State of Tennessee

Wilson County Court on the 28th Sept in the 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for Wilson County now sitting Jane McIllyea and made oath in due form of law that she was at the House of sd applicant when he started with the Army for South Carolina and remained with applicants wife until he return and Knows of her own knowledge that he was wounded and disabled as to be totally unfit for any actual Service for more than Twelve Months after his return and in dead ever since as he has been exonerated from mustering in consequence of the (wounds he received?) He belonged to the American Army under the command of Captain John Graves _____?

Sworn to in open court Jane X (her mark) McIllyea
28th Sept 1832
____ Josiah S McClain Clerk
of Wilson County Court

State of Tennessee

Wilson County Court on the 28th Sept in the 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for Wilson County now sitting Samuel Motherall oath in due form of law that he live within a short distance of Applicant at the time of his entering the Army and that he continued to live for some years within a few miles of him after his return from the Engagement at which he was wounded that he was well acquainted by common report with the severity and danger resulting from said wounds that he knows sd Applicant was unable for a considerable length of time after to perform any active duty or exercise whatever--he was considered a good soldier and fought well under the American Banner--he believes he served as stated in his declaration

Sworn to in open court Samuel Motherall (his signature)

Josiah S McClain Clk

of Wilson County Court

State of Tennessee

Wilson County Court on the 28th Sept in the 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for Wilson County now sitting Joseph Johnson and made oath in due form of law that he is well acquainted with the applicant & has been for upwards of forty years having lived and been raised in the Immediate Neighbourhood that has often heard the story of his wounds & sufferings told & always understood that he was wounded fighting for his country in the American Army at Gates Defeat nor have I ever heard his Patriotism or Veracity called in question & think that full faith & Credit is and ought to be given him Witness has read his Declaration and believes he served as stated therein

Sworn to in open court Jos Johnson (his signature)

Josiah S McClain Clk

of Wilson County Court

And the said Court herby Declares their opinion after investigating the matter and after getting the interrogatories (prescribed?) by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a soldier of the revolution and served as he states; and the Court further certify that it appears to them that Joseph Johnson and Samuel Motherall who have assigned the same are both credible persons and citizens of Wilson County, and that full faith and credit should bbe given to their statements. Given under our hands seal this 29th September 1832.

D.C. Hibbetts (SEAL)

James Foster (SEAL)

Benj H Billings (SEAL)

I Josiah S McClain Clerk of Wilson County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of James Richmond for a pension and that David C Hibbitts James Foster and Benjamin H Billings Esqrs the Justices whose names are thereunto subscribed and acting Justices of the Peace in said county commissioned and qualified as the law directs In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Lebanon this 29sept 1832

J.S. McClain

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of James Richmond which require further proof or explanation.

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? Yes
- II. Did the declaring make the declaration in the county where he resides? Yes
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
- IV. Has the declaring mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? Yes
- V. Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? No
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under who he served, in conformity with the regulations? Yes
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pensions than the one under the Act of June 7, 1932? Yes
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? Yes
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? Yes
- X. Is the Clerks seal affixed? And if so, has it a device of inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? Yes
- XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? No
- XII. If the clergymans affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? No
- XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?

XIV. If the applicants name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service? Yes

If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses?

Has the proper office certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct?

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicants service? Yes

XVI. Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? Yes

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered?

Lebanon Tennessee

June 29th 1833

J.L. Edwards Esq

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you the Amended Declaration of James Richmond. His claim is predicated on the ground that--as he was wounded in the service of the country and confined for twelve months by his wounds that his confinement for that length would in the spirit if not in the letter of the Act amount to a service for twelve months. I have never seen a man so

badly wounded and yet survive The indentation in his skull from the sword wounds are now deep enough to bury a substance the size an ordinary mans arm You will have to decide on this matter and let me know the results if his claim is favorably passed on make his certificate payable at Nashville.

Very respectfully

Robert M. Burton

This amended declaration of James Richmond in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this 26th day of 1832 personally appeared in open court before Burchatt Douglas, James M. Martin, and David C. Hibitts presiding justices of the Court held for the County of Wilson in the state of Tennessee now setting at the June Term A.D. 1833. James Richmond being the identical individual who made his original declaration at the September Term, 1832 of said court who being duly qualified according to law says by way of amendment to his original Declaration says that in the battle of Gates Defeat he received ten sword wounds--eight on his head and one on his arm and one on his back. He was left for dead on the field--with great difficulty he got to a neighboring house--his skull was broken to pieces--At that house they refused to let him in as the apprehend (?) danger from the British and tories provided (?) he should be bound there _____ beging for admittance or help to stop his bleeding wounds--he fainted on the ground--and when he recovered found himself put off in an out house--from this house he was forced off the next morning to another neighboring house there admittance was refused and he was forced to look out for help at another house nearby--where a widow had the kindness to dress his wounds and give him a little refreshment--while at the widows house the wife of a Torie officer came ot the house--when he was informed of that fact he informed the widow that he must be furnished with some safe place of concealment as he apprehended (?) the Tories would be in on her he was concealed in a thicket of bushes not far from the house he had not been there long before this Captaine of the Tories--came in search of him through the kindness of the widow woman his life was saved--from there he went to the hospital in Charlotte in North Carolina remained there a short time had his wounds attended to--from there to Salisbury in said State where he again had his wounds attended to by the surgeon in the hospital--from there to his place of residence in Caswell County N. Carolina he was disqualified from attending to his own business--for twelve months and therefore considers this service in the United States for that length of time and he claim a pension for that period of service--in addition to the proof already furnished he can procure(?) the certificate of the Revd John Bonds clergyman of Wilson County by whom he can prove that he is reputed to be a Soldier of the Revolution in the neighborhood in which he resides.

James Richmond (his signature)

Sworn to in open court and subscribed

before me this 26th of June 1833.

Josiah S. McClain Clerk

War Department.

Revolutionary Claim.

I certify that in conformity with the law of he United States of the 7th June 1832, James Richmond of the State of Tennessee who was a private in the Army of the Revolution is

entitled to receive Forty five dollars and Fifty five cents per annum during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March 1831, and payable semiannually on the 4th of March and 4th of September, in every year.

Given at the War Office of the United States, this 17th day of September on thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Lew Cass
Secretary of War
Examined and
Countersigned
J.L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions

Pension Agency
Nashville, 16 July 1845

Received of Joel M Smith Agent for Paying Pensions, Eleven dollars and Ten cents, in full for Two months and Twenty eight days Pension, due James Richmond deceased, a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, under the act of the 7 June 1832 from the 4 day of March 1844 (the time to which he was last paid) to the 1st day of June 1844 the day of his death. For which I have signed duplicate receipts James Baird Administrator \$11.10 by his Attorney in fact L S Gilliam

State of Tennessee
Wilson County

Be it known, That before me Shelah Waters a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared James Baird and made an oath in due form of law, that he is the Administrator of James Richmond the identical person who was a Pensioner and is now dead, and to whom a Certificate of Pension was issued, of which the following is a true copy:

War Department
Revolutionary Claim

I certify, that in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 7 June 1832 James Richmond of the State of Tennessee who was a private in the Army of the Revolution is entitled to receive Forty Five dollars and Fifty Five Cents per annum during his natural life commencing on the 4th of March 1831, and payable semi-annually, on the 4th of March and 4th of September, in every year. Given at the War Office of the United State, this 17 day of September 1833

Lew Cass
Secretary of War

That the deceased Pensioner resided in Wilson County, in the State of Tennessee for the space of about Thirty years before his death, and that previous thereto he resided in Casewell County State of North Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed, this 2nd day Jas Baird (His Signature)
Of June 1845 Administrator

S. Waters J.P.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I James Baird of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee, Administrator of James Richmond, a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, do hereby constitute and appoint Levi S. Gilliam my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to receive from the Agent of the United States for paying Pensions, in Nashville, State of Tennessee, the balance of said Pension, from the 4 day of Marcy 1844 (the time to which he was last paid) to the 1st day of June 1844, the day of his death. Witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of June 1845.

Sealed and delivered in presence of James Baird
Joseph Rutland Administrator
Thos Kirkpatrick

State of Tennessee
Wilson County

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 2nd day of June 1845, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared the above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the day and year last above mentioned.
S. Waters J.P.

State of Tennessee
Davidson County

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 16 day of July 1845, before the subscriber, Pension Agent, in and for said County, personally appeared Levis S Gilliam the Attorney named in the foregoing Power of Attorney, and made oath that the same was not give him by reason of any sale, transfer, or mortgage of the Pension, or arrears of Pension therein authorized to be received by him.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and L.S. Gilliam
Year last above mentioned, before me.
J.M. Smith
Pen: Agent

State of Tennessee
Wilson County

I Josiah S McClain Clerk of the Court of said County holden at the Court House in the Town of Lebanon in and for said County, on the 2nd day of June 1845, do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited to said Court, that James Richmond was a Pensioner of the United States, at the rate of Forty five dollars and fifty five cents per annum, was a resident of the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee and died in the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee in the year 1844 on the 1st day of June that he left no widow, but the following children, and only Heirs. Viz: Daniel Richmond, Thomas Richmond, Alexr P Richmond, Jane McKee, widow of Isaac McKee decd and Elizabeth Baird wife of James Baird and that James Baird is the Administrator of said James Richmond deceased duly qualified as such according to Law. I further certify that Shelah Waters is a Magistrate as above and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are

genuine.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, at

Lebanon this 2nd day of June 1845

J S McClain Clerk

Of Wilson County Court