

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Richardson W3603
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Mary Richardson
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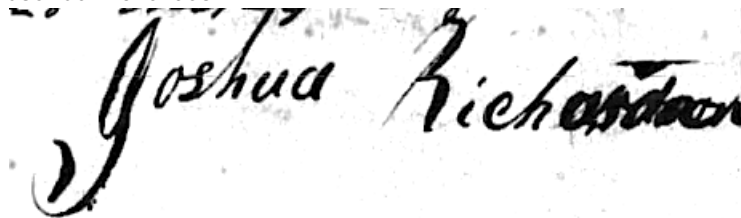
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State of Kentucky Shelby County

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the court of the county of Shelby Joshua Richardson a resident of said county and state aforesaid and made oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. I Joshua Richardson declare that I am now in the 70th year of my age that I was born in the county of Bedford and state of Virginia where I resided during the Revolutionary War and afterwards in Pittsylvania county and for the last 29 years of which I have lived in the county of Shelby that I served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war as follows – In the winter of 1780-1781 I volunteered for three months in Captain David Baird's [David Beard's] company of Col. Charles Lynch's Regiment and rendezvoused at Thomas Leftwich's in Goose Creek Bedford County and marched on towards Guilford and joined General Greene's army after we had crossed the Dan River. We generally were called the Light Infantry and camped with Col. Washington's light horse and the night before the Battle of Guilford our company camped several miles in advance of General Greene's Army, when our pickets fired upon each other and we were compelled to retreat back to the main army early next morning, and after the Battle of Guilford we retreated back to the Ironworks and I faithfully performed my duty and was honorably discharged at Deep River a short time after the Battle and when I returned home and soon after in the month of April 1781. I volunteered in Capt. Cemons [Adam Clements] company of Major Ward's [John Ward] battalion and marched to Salisbury when I was detached to Captain Pate's [Jeremiah Pate] company and marched to ninety six and joined General Greene's army who was engaged in besieging the place, and at this point I was again sent out and employed in collecting provisions for the army until General Greene raised the siege and returned and I was discharged at a place called Charlotte in North Carolina which services were faithfully performed and I was honorably discharged which said discharges have long since been lost or mislaid. I hereby relinquish all claims which I may have to any other pension or annuity except the present and I am not a pensioner of the United States or of any state. Witness my hand this 20th August 1832

Joshua Richardson¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Richardson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right. The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

¹ In his supporting affidavit given in the claim of [John Lambert S16445](#) this veteran clearly signed his name as "Joshua Richeson."

Amended and supplemented by Will Graves 5/12/16

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky Shelby County viz.

On this 26th day of March 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace and Judge of the Shelby County Court Joshua Richardson aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to his former declaration for the purpose of obtaining the full benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832, viz., I Joshua Richardson do on my oath declare that I served out my full tour of three months as a volunteer in Captain David Baird's [David Beard's] company of Colonel Charles Lynch's Regiment in the winter 1780 & 1781 – and that in the month of April 1781 I again volunteered in Captain Clemens' company of Major Ward's Battalion for three months and faithfully served out my time making my whole services during the revolutionary war amount to six months. I further state that I did not hold any commission in the Army and as I have stated I was detached from Captain Clemens' company at Salisbury and joined Captain Pate's Company and General Greene was our Commander, and I am known to John Holland and James C Barnett in my neighborhood and County who have already certified as to my character, in my former declaration. Witness my hand this 26th day of March 1833

Test

S/ George P Miller

S Joshua Richardson, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

The further declaration of Joshua Richardson made in order to enable him to receive the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

I Isaac Pearson a Justice of the peace and one of the Judges of the Mercer County Courts, Kentucky, Do hereby Certify that the said Joshua Richardson came before me and being duly qualified by me according to law Deposeth & Saith that in the year 1780⁻¹⁷⁸¹ he volunteered in Captain Baird's [David Beard's] Company from Bedford County & State of Virginia and Joined Colonel Lynch's Regiment Virginia Militia for a tour of three months and served out the time faithfully and was honorably discharged, and again in the year 1781 he volunteered under Captain Clemens Company & joined the Battalion under the command of Major Ward and marched and Joined the main Army under the command of General Greene – we besieged a place called 96. – This 2nd tour was for three months, also but he had to serve fully four months before he was discharged.

He further states that he served one other Tour of fifteen days previous to the foregoing. It was guarding the prisoners that had been taken at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan].

He further states that his first declaration was drawn up by General R. B. McAfee and somehow or other he failed to note the length of the 2nd Tour, which was fully four months, the Tour of fifteen days he forgot to note in his first declaration.

It is true that he swore to his declaration in the Shelby County Court and also in the Mercer County court together with his Witnesses he was directed to do so, he now solemnly swears upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he served faithfully in the Army of the Revolution seven months and fifteen days and further sayeth not.
Subscribed and Sworn to before me Isaac Pearson a Justice of the peace as aforesaid this 9th day of November A.D. 1833

S/ Isaac Pearson, JP M. C.

S/ Joshua Richardson, X his mark

[p 34: John Holland, a clergyman residing in Shelby County Kentucky gave the standard supporting affidavit. James C Barnett also of Shelby County gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.



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Mercer County Viz. This day Personally appeared in open court Richard Bunch,² John Lambert³ and William Taylor,⁴ who being severally sworn according to law state that the said Bunch & Lambert are well acquainted with the said Joshua Richardson and we know that he is the Identical same man who has signed the above declaration and that we marched with him in Captain Clemons Company of the Virginia militia in major Wards Battalion, (There not being companies enough for a Regiment) as a soldier we marched together to Salisbury where Richard Bunch was detached to another company and the said Lambert and Richardson joined Captain Pate's Company and marched to the Siege of Ninety Six, and we all got home at the expiration of our time of three months and was honorably discharged. John Lambert came home in company with said Richardson as to the Previous tour the said Lambert and Bunch well recollect that Captain D. Baird went out and we have often heard said Richardson speak of being in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] soon after it took place – and we have no doubt of said Richardson being at the Battle – and the said William Taylor states that he was at the Battle of Guilford and has this day conversed with said Richardson and he has given said Taylor such a description of places and details of facts that he has no doubt of said Richardson having been at the said Battle and engaged in it, The said Lambert and Bunch further state that the said Richardson is a man of Truth and they have full reliance in his statements as to his first tour and as to the 2nd tour we know that he did serve as he has stated.

Witness our hands & seals this 9th August 1832

S/ Richard Bunch, X his mark

S/ John Lambert

S/ William Taylor, X his mark

² [Richard Bunch S16334](#)

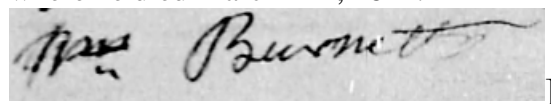
³ [John Lambert S16445](#)

⁴ I could not find this veteran's name among those who filed for a federal pension based on their service during the Revolutionary War.

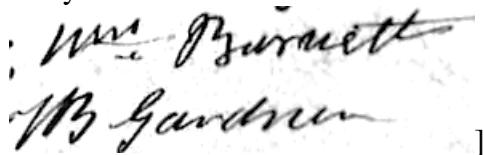
[p 8: On February 27, 1838 in Macoupin County Illinois, the veteran filed for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Kentucky agency to the Illinois agency giving as his reason for removing that he might live with his children. In this document he describes himself as having served under Captain David Beard [David Baird]. The veteran also stated that he could not recall the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment and that veteran was in the service under another Captain whose name he could not recall the Regiment of light infantry was commanded by Colonel Charles Lynch.] He signed this document with his mark.]

[p 15: On December 31, 1853 in Macoupin County Illinois, Mary Richardson, 80, made application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Joshua Richardson; that she married him April 18, 1798 in Virginia; that her husband died March 15, 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: On December 31, 1853 in Macoupin County Illinois, William Burnett a resident of said County aged 61 years lacking 2 months gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Mary Richardson whose maiden name was Mary Burnett; that she married Joshua Richardson on April 18, 1798 in Pittsylvania County Virginia; that said Richardson removed from Virginia to Shelby County Kentucky in the year 1806 and in the year 1837 removed to Macoupin County Illinois where he died March 14th, 1844.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Burnett", enclosed in a rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[p 18: On December 31, 1853 in Macoupin County Illinois, William Burnett and William B Gardner, 50, gave testimony that they have known the family Bible now produced by them and from which the following extract has been taken for about 30 years; that the handwriting is in that of James C Barnett made about 25 years ago and reads as follows "Joshua Richardson and Mary Burnett was married April the 18th, 1798"; That the Bible remains in the possession of Mary Richardson

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script, one above the other, enclosed in a rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side. The top signature appears to read "Wm Burnett" and the bottom one "W B Gardner".

[pp 20-21: family record:

Marriages:

Joshua Barnett and Mary Snow was married
January the 15th 1789

Joshua Richardson and Mary Burnett was
married April the 18th 1798

James Richardson was married July the 18th
1807

Jane Richardson was married September the
22nd day 1814

Elizabeth Richardson was married February 23
1819

Lewis M Bailey & Nancy Richardson was
married on the 23rd day of December 1823

William B Gardner & Cynthia Richardson was
married the 7th October 1828

William H. Richardson & Lucinda Robertson
were married November 17th 1837



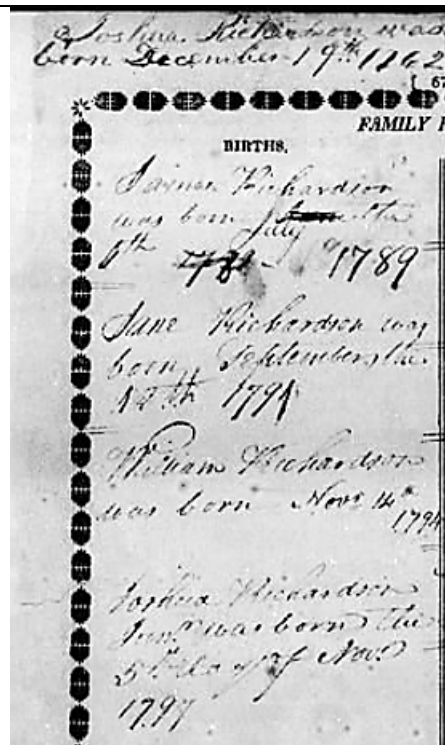
Joshua Richardson was born December 19th 1762

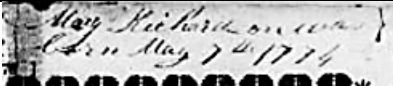
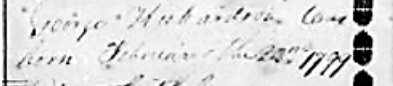
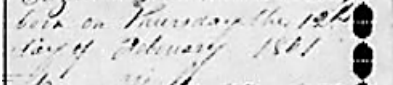
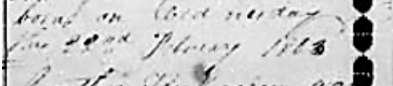
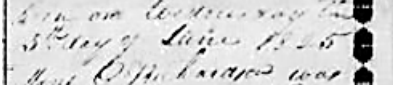
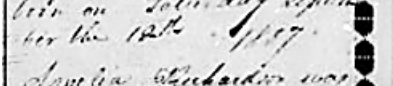
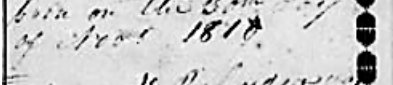
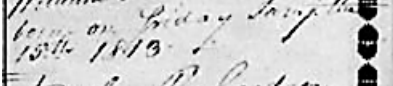
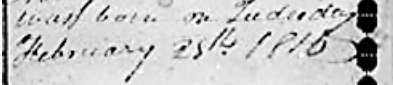
James Richardson was born July the 6th 1789

Jane Richardson was born September the 12th 1791

William Richardson was born November 14th 1794

Joshua Richardson Junior was born the 5th day of November 1797



<p>Mary Richardson was born May 7th 1774</p>	
<p>George Richardson was born February the 22nd 1799</p>	
<p>Elizabeth Richardson was born on Thursday the 12th day of February 1801</p>	
<p>Nancy Richardson was born on Wednesday the 22nd of February 1803</p>	
<p>Cynthia Richardson was born on Wednesday the 5th day of June 1805</p>	
<p>Mary G. Richardson was born on Saturday September the 12th 1807</p>	
<p>Amelia Richardson was born on the 30th day of November 1810</p>	
<p>William H Richardson was born on Friday January the 15th 1833</p>	
<p>Narcissa Richardson was born on Tuesday February 28th 1815</p>	

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 15 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]