

Pension Application for James Richardson

S.23875

Declaration of James Richardson in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges hereof James Richardson a resident of the Town of Springfield in said County aged 70 years who being 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 was born in Lebanon in the County of Windham in the State of Connecticut on the 8th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty two. That he has no record of his age.

That he lived in the Town of Lebanon aforesaid in the year 1778 and was drafted into the militia service in April 1778 and was drafted into the militia service in April 1778 and served therein two months in a company commanded by Capt Samuel Jones at the expiration of which time he was discharged.

That during said time this deponent was stationed at New London in said State of Connecticut and worked in the erection of a fort on Miller hill about one mile west of fort Franhill—said Fort was called Fort Miller.

That in 1779 this deponent was drafted a second time at Lebanon aforesaid in the last of April or first of May for two months.

That he served the two months aforesaid in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Elias Bliss in a regiment commanded by Col. Ledyerd.

That during said two months this deponent assisted in retaining and gunning Fort Griswold—at the expiration of said two months this deponent enlisted in a company of Connecticut state troops commanded by Capt. Daniel Telden in a regiment commanded by Col. Levi Wells for eight months. That this deponent was discharged nor about the last of February 1780 and marched home of the 7th day of March 1780.

That during said eight months he this deponent served at the following places & in the following manner to wit.

Soon after his enlistment last expressed he was marched to Fort [Turnhill?] where he remained till Nov. 1779 at which time he was ordered to march to Black[?] in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut in order to guard some military stores there deposited.

That he did so much in said Tilden's Company. That the snow was in the winter of 79, 80 so deep that the company to which he belonged was billeted out in private homes. And remained so till he was discharged in February as before stated—at a place called Old Mills near Bridgeport in Connecticut.

That in October 1781 this deponent went as a substitute for Eleazer Richardson who had enlisted as a soldier in the Connecticut State troops for one year. But this deponent served as such substitute in Capt. William Moultons Company of State

troops in Genl Waterbury's Brigade from October last aforesaid till December following at which time this deponent's brother now deceased took his place.

That he was in service as aforesaid at the time of Cornwallis surrender.

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.

He further saith that after leave he resided in the Town of Lebanon aforesaid till 1797 at which time he removed with his family to the Town of Bern in the County of Albany where he resided till 1806 at which time he removed to the Town of Springfield in the County of Otsego, where he has resided ever since. (Signed) James Richardson

Sworn in open court this 16th day of October 1832. Horace Lathrop, Clerk