



Richard Nelson

Declaration for  
obtaining Pension

Adm'd as a private  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 1833  
\$60.

David Hickman  
Clerk of the County

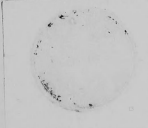
of Giles, State of Virginia and William Wells, residing  
in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted  
with Richard Nelson who has subscribed and sworn  
to the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to  
be Eighty one years of age, that he is reputed, and  
believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have  
been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur  
in that opinion. Sworn, and subscribed the day and  
year, aforesaid

John Ripley

Wm Wells

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the  
investigation of the matter, after putting the interrogatories  
prescribed by the War Department, that the above named ap-  
plicant was a revolutionary soldier, and swears as he states  
And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that  
John Ripley, who has signed the preceding certificate is a  
Clergyman, resident in the County of Giles, and that William  
Wells, who has also signed the same, is a resident in  
the County of Giles, and is a credible person, and that their  
statement is entitled to credit

I David Hickman, Clerk of the County Court of Giles  
County, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the  
foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court  
in the matter of the application of Richard Nelson for a Pension  
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal of office this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of June 1833



D. Hickman  
Clerk of the County  
Court of Giles

State of Virginia  
 Tyler County to wit  
 On the 18th day of June 1832 present  
 the undersigned Justice of the Peace constituting  
 the County Court of Tyler County now sitting  
 Richard Dalton a resident of said County and  
 State of Virginia aged 81 years who being first  
 sworn according to law with in his oath makes the  
 following declaration in order to obtain the benefit  
 of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he  
 was born in Shenandoah County State of Virginia and  
 continued to reside there until he was about 20  
 years of age he then removed to Green County  
 State of Pennsylvania that in the year 1774 he lived  
 a term of sixty seven days in prison against the  
 western Indians that he marched to Fort Charlotte  
 near the place where Cherokees now stands in the State of Ohio  
 from whence he returned to his place of residence in the State  
 of Pennsylvania where he continued to live until after  
 the close of the revolutionary war that in the Spring of the  
 year 1777 he entered the service of the United States as a  
 Volunteer Indian Spy under Captain John Minor and lived  
 six months of that year that in the years 1778 & 9 he also  
 served the United States six months each year as an Indian  
 Spy under the late Captain John Minor ending the service  
 in the Spring & leaving it in the fall making in all twelve  
 he served as an Indian Spy the Term of Eighteen months  
 & more that his services consisted in watching the movements

of the Indians examining their trails and giving information  
 of their approach to the settlements that he principally lived  
 in Green and the adjoining Counties that he has had quar-  
 ters near at Southwicks Fort a fort 3 miles from the former  
 that the late Captain John Minor was the Commandant at  
 this Station that in the Summer of the year 1777 or 8 he had  
 four of his Companions have a skirmish with about the same  
 number of Indians that one of his party (to wit) John Nichols  
 was killed and one of the Indians was also killed by Richard  
 Hall the Skirmish took place near Southwicks Fort on Biggins  
 Creek and that he has no recollection of having received an  
 award or pay he further says that after the close of the revolution  
 he returned to Shenandoah County Virginia after three or  
 four years (the precise number cannot be stated) he remained  
 in Lawson County Virginia and continued there about  
 2 years from Lawson he removed to Philadelphia County  
 Virginia where he lived about 84 years from thence  
 he removed to Wood County Virginia from which  
 home he has continued to reside alternately in Wood &  
 Tyler Counties until the present time that he now lives  
 in the Town of Liberty of Tyler he further says that he has a  
 need of his age and that he was born on the 23 day of  
 October 1752  
 He hereby relinquishes every claim relative to a pension  
 or annuity except the present and retains his true name as set  
 on the pension roll of the agency of any other name & in  
 Subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
 Richard Dalton  
 was John Popley a Clergyman residing in the County

of Tyler, State of Virginia and William Wells residing  
in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted  
with Richard Watson who has subscribed and sworn  
to the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to  
be Eighty one years of age, that he is reputed and  
believed in the neighborhoods where he resides to have  
been a Soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur  
in that opinion. Sworn, and subscribed the day and  
year, aforesaid

John Ripley

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And the said Court do hereby declare true opinions, after the  
investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories  
propounded by the War Department, that the above named ap-  
plicant was a revolutionary soldier, and swears as he states  
And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that  
John Ripley, who has signed the preceding certificate is a  
Clergyman, resident in the County of Tyler, and that William  
Wells, who has also signed the same, is a resident in  
the County of Tyler, and is a credible person, and that their  
statement is entitled to credit.

I David Beckman, Clerk of the County Court of Tyler  
County in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the  
foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court  
in the matter of the application of Richard Watson for a Pension  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal of office this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of June 1833

D. Beckman  
Clerk of the County  
Court of Tyler

August 12, 1930

Rev. & 1212 War Section  
AFF:MLB

Mrs. Anna I. Sumate  
3501 Paxton Avenue  
Hyde Park  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the  
Revolutionary War pension claim, G. 2864, that Richard Watson  
was born October 23, 1762, in Frederick (later Shenandoah)  
County, Virginia, where he resided until he was twenty years  
of age; then moved to Greene County, Pennsylvania, where he  
lived until after the close of the Revolutionary War.

In 1774, he served a tour of duty under Lord Dunmore  
against the Western Indians; marched to Ft. Charlotte, which  
was later Chilliacothe, Ohio.

In the spring of 1777, he volunteered as an Indian spy  
under Captain John Minor and served six months during each  
succeeding year; rendered eighteen months service and was in  
severe skirmishes on the "Big Ohio".

It is not stated that he served in the War of 1812.

After the Revolution, he returned to Shenandoah County,  
Virginia, living there a few years; thence to Loudoun County,  
Virginia, where he lived two years; thence to Hampshire County,  
Virginia, living there six years; thence to Wood County,  
Virginia; then resided alternately in Wood and Tyler Counties,  
Virginia, in 1828.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 10,  
1833, while a resident of Tyler County, Virginia.

There are no data on file relative to his family.



This is the history of the only soldier named Richard Dotson found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

In order to identify the record of a particular soldier of the Revolution named Richard Geary, you should furnish as much as possible of the following data pertaining to him: approximate dates of birth and death, places of residence at enlistment and after service and given name of widow.

Very truly yours

E. V. MORGAN  
Acting Commissioner

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*Deposition of Mr. Redick in favor of Richard Geary's claim to a Pension*

Tyler County State of Virginia to wit

Personally appeared before me the  
Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said  
County John Rowland aged 95 years on the 23<sup>d</sup>  
day of last September (who I believe to be a  
credible witness) and made oath that the same  
during the years 1777, 1778 and 9 of said County  
State of Pennsylvania during, at which times he was  
well acquainted with Richard Dutton, and knows  
that he served the American State as an Indian  
Spy in the years 1777, 1778 & 9 and that the letters  
he served six months in each of said years and  
that Dutton and said Dutton were frequently inmates  
of Denton's Fort at the same times and further  
the aforesaid fact over

Given under my hand and seal of office  
May 1833

James Stealy

Jesse's Hickman clerk of the Court of Tyler County  
certifies that James Stealy is a Magistrate as above  
and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his  
is genuine.



Hereunto affixed my seal of office  
and subscribed my name, this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1833

J. Hickman  
Clerk of the Court  
County of Tyler

May 10, 1861.

Mrs. Anna L. Shamba  
2405 Madison Road  
Madisonville, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. A 1212 War Section  
ANF:ILL

Dear Madam

You are advised that in order to obtain the date of the  
last payment of pension, the name of person paid and possibly the  
date of death of the Revolutionary War pensioner, Richard Dutton,  
(R. 2024) you should apply to the Records Division, General  
Accounting Office, this city, citing all of the following data:

Richard Dutton.  
Certificate No. 12219,  
Issued July 12, 1833,  
rate \$20 per annum  
commenced March 4, 1831.  
Act of June 7, 1833  
Virginia Agency.

Very truly yours,

E. V. MORGAN,  
Acting Commissioner.

Rev. and 1818  
Wars Section  
MRE:MLB

July 9, 1930

Mr. Jas. T. Thornton  
5 Marshall Avenue  
Brentwood, Maryland

Dear Sir:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 5564, it appears that Richard Dotson was born October 23, 1758, in Frederick (later Shenandoah) County, Virginia, where he resided until he was twenty years of age; then moved to Greene County, Pennsylvania, where he lived until after the close of the Revolutionary War.

In 1776, he served a tour of duty under Lord Dunmore against the Western Indians; marched to Ft. Charlotte, which was later Chillicothe, Ohio.

In the spring of 1777, he volunteered as an Indian spy under Captain John Minor and served six months during each succeeding year; rendered eighteen months service and was in several skirmishes on the "Big Ohio".

It is not stated that he served in the War of 1812.

After the Revolution he returned to Shenandoah County, Virginia, living there a few years; thence to Loudoun County, Virginia where he lived two years; thence to Hampshire County, Virginia, living there six years; thence to Wood County, Virginia; then resided alternately in Wood and Tyler Counties, Virginia, in 1828.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 10, 1838, while a resident of Tyler County, Virginia.

There are no data on file relative to his family.

This is the history of the only soldier named Richard Dotson found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

Very truly yours

H. W. MORGAN  
Acting Commissioner

Cincinnati O.  
5, 12, 31.

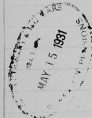
Veterans Administration  
Bureau of Pensions  
Washington D.C.

Some time ago you sent to me the Indian war record of Richard Dotson there is one more thing I would like you to send me. The date when his Pension stopped, or date of death. As many of our old family papers have been lost. I am trying to get the date of his death. The record you sent is O.K. I thank you, will you kindly comply with my request at your earliest convenience. & greatly obliged.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs Anna L. Shumate.  
544 S. Madison Rd.  
Madisonville Cincinnati Ohio.

P.S. could you have any record of <sup>my</sup> ~~Richard~~ <sup>Anna</sup> ~~Dotson~~ <sup>Shumate</sup> of 1812. war. Thank you. A.L.S.



Cincinnati Ohio, July 10<sup>th</sup> 1930

To Commissioner of Pensions,  
Pension Dept.  
Washington D.C.

Can you give me any information  
in regard to these two, Richard Tolson &  
Richard Carey, both of whom was an either  
Revolutionary or 1812 War. Hope you  
can send us their records. We understand  
they each received 160 acres of Government  
land at that time, which lies in the City  
of Baltimore Md. Will you kindly  
send a reply at your earliest  
convenience. Othlg Yours respectfully

Mrs Anna L. Shumate.  
3561 Palton Ave. Hyde Park.  
Cincinnati Ohio.



OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PROHIBITION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON June 28th, 30

The Pension Office,  
Washington, D. C.

Will you please let me have copies of all  
you have in connection with the service record of Richard Tolson  
a soldier, probably of Maryland who served either in the American  
Revolution or the War of 1812. This is needed to expedite the settle-  
ment of an old estate. If this information is furnished I pledge we  
never to use it or to permit its use in any proceeding against the in-  
terest of the government of the United States.

Very respectfully

Jas. T. Thornton  
Jas. T. Thornton.

Address-  
Jas. T. Thornton  
5 Marshall Ave.,  
Brentwood, Md.

Note.  
The office of the Adj. Genl. referred me to you.



*Rowley* ✓ 5364

1720 July 7 - Dec 15  
 1730 Aug 18 - March 16  
 1730 April 8 - 5 months  
 1731 May 11 - 10 months  
 1731 June 11 - 10 months  
 1731 July 11 - 10 months

**INVALID.**

File No. 5364

*Richard Watson*  
*Per Rowley*

Act: *June 7 1731*

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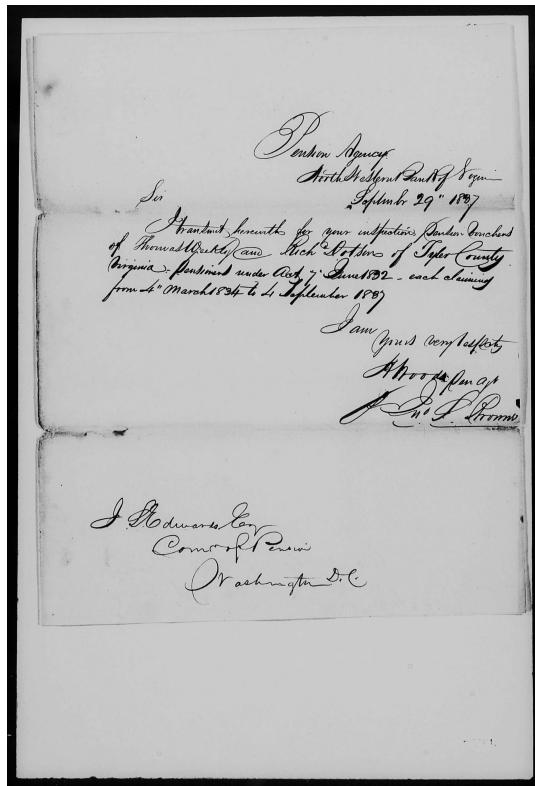
*Richard Watson Nov 17 1731*

*To what time last paid*

*7<sup>th</sup> of the 4 March 1734* Transferred to Whiting  
*in & paid at the latter place*

*Per Rowley*

*5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1737*



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