

State of South Carolina, Greenville District. 14 September 1854, Archibald F. Richards makes application for himself and other heirs of William Richards for a pension. He states that he is the son of William Richards, who was a private in the Revolutionary War and was enlisted or volunteered in the Virginia Continental Line, and served 3 years and during that time he was in the battle of Guilford Court House and other engagements. After the war, William Richards married Ermon Lester in _____ Co. Virginia, and in 1808 moved to Greenville District, S.C. where he died 24 February 1846. His wife died some years before that. At the time of his death, he left issue of the said marriage, Archibald F. Richards, William Taylor Richards, Hartwell Richards, 3 sons, and one daughter, Mrs. Sarah Rowe wife of Nepheus Rowe. Mrs. Rowe lives in Franklin Co., Ga.; Hartwell Richards in _____ Co. Alabama, William T. Richards in Spartanburg Dist., S.C. Also living at the time of his death was a daughter Letitia Sheppard, wife of James Sheppard who has since died leaving children; John Richards, a son, deceased leaving no issue; Lester Richards oldest son of said William Richards died before his father leaving a widow and children and his widow since remarried; Josephus Richards died before his father leaving one child. Signed: A. F. Richards.

Philip C. Lester of Greenville Dist. S.C. said he was acquainted with William Richards, late of Greenville Dist. and heard him speak of being at Ninety Six in S.C. and possibly other places. William Richards moved from Lunenburg County, Va. in 1806 to Greenville Dist., S.C. where he lived until his death on 24 February 1846. That the said William Richards married Ermon Lester, an Aunt of this deponent, and by this marriage 10 children were born. The deponent knew Wm. Richards before they left Virginia; they moved with his father the latter part of 1803. The father of this deponent lived in the same county in Va. with said Wm. Richards. William Richards moved from Virginia to South Carolina he thinks around 1806 or 1807. He is

sure of the date of death of William Richards, because he wrote the will for the said Richards, which was dated the day before he died.

Greenville District, S.C., 23 Nov 1850, Peter Nunnelly stated he was born within 20 miles of Petersburg, Virginia on 27 August 1768, and soon after removed with his father to Prince Edward County, Va., and knew John and William Richards, and married a sister of said William Richards. They both moved to Greenville Dist. S.C. upwards of 30 years ago, and lived near him until his death about 3 or 4 years ago. Signed: Peter Nunnelley. Josiah Kilgore, Mag., G.C.

August 12, 1850, Executive Department, Richmond Va. It appears that Mr. Richards was allowed bounty land of 100 acres of his service as a private in the Va. Continental Service 3 years, and a warrant was issued in 1808 to Thomas M. Bailey of Accomack, consignee. Wm. Richards received a warrant for £4:16 balance of full pay under the Act of 1781, which certificate was issued to Col. Cropper of Accomack.