

DID OUR VINCENT RICHARDSON SERVE IN THE WAR OF 1812: Might One the Following Four Vincent Richardson's Be Our Ancestor?

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Background

Born in 1768 in Maryland,¹ Vincent Richardson is the son of James (died in 1776) and Sophia Standiford Richardson, who dies in 1808. Vincent married his second wife, Keren-happuch Bozman in early October 1801 in Baltimore County, MD based on their marriage license number 443.² Before his wife, Keren-happuch, died about 1808 in Baltimore County, Maryland, they had at least four children³ including Frances S., Wilkes Bozman (WBR), Edward, and Elizabeth. His family connections are weakened since his father is already deceased; his first wife, Penelope Standiford's father, John Standiford⁴ dies in 1806⁵, leaving Vincent's minor children some property which is under the care of William Hitchcock until they reach majority. And, his own mother dies in 1808.

Not surprisingly, something happens to displace Vincent's young children given that he has no wife or in-laws to help raise them. Family stories⁶ assert that at some point

¹ According to Wilkes Bozman Richardson's 1880 census enumeration in Morgan County, Ohio his father is born in Maryland.

² <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F4JY-1MD> (accessed 24 March 2019).

³ As well as Ruth R. and Skeleton Standiford Richardson from his first marriage to Penelope Standiford, daughter of John (1743-1806) and Ruthe Rutledge Standiford, in 1795 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

⁴ Vincent probably met his first wife around 1790, when he was working on Mr. Charles Ridgely Carnan's "Quarter" along with "Timothy Burn(?), John Sinnoth, Wm. Hitchcock, Thomas Richardson, **Vincent Richardson**, Samuel Richardson, John Standeford, James Standeford, Negro Harry, Charles, Geo. Henley, William Tarrell, C.R. Carnan," according to the Ridgely Papers (1991), page 68.

⁵ The 1806 proven will of John Standiford names his grandchildren: "Ruth Richardson and Shelton Richardson, children of daughter Penelope, deceased. Property left to the said grand children to be in the hands of **William Hitchcock**, until they arrive at age," according to Baltimore County, MD, Will Book No. 8, p. 76.

⁶ "Copy of an old family history" from Papers in the Brooke County, WVA Genealogical Society Library in the Wellsburg Public Library in West Virginia.

Frances S. came out to western Virginia with two aunts: Mrs. Thomas Kelly⁷ and Mrs. John Kelly⁸ of Brooke County, VA. Other family stories⁹ allege that WBR's "mother [Keren] died when he was very young only remembering her as having freckles on her arms"¹⁰ and that "He was brought to the home of Uncle & Aunt's in Western Pa." It seems likely that these events happen after 1808. Much later, WBR recalls that he was born near Baltimore on Carroll's Manor¹¹ in 1804 which helps us locate his father's residence at that time.¹²

Now what happened to Edward and Elizabeth is unclear at this time. But in any case, some of his children leave their home in Maryland. Perhaps their father sent them away because the eminent British attack on Baltimore City in September 1814.

The War of 1812

During the War of 1812¹³ which ran from 18 June 1812 until 18 February 1815, Vincent Richardson may have thought it wise to send his children to live with relatives in the interior of the country where they would be safer.

Perhaps Vincent Richardson stepped forward to serve his country? If he did, however, it's not clear which Vincent among the four Vincent Richardson's named in NARA's Compiled Military Service Records (CMSR) for the War of 1812 is our ancestor.

⁷ Her given name is Mary, but her surname is unknown at this time.

⁸ This woman is Mary Bozman who died in Morgan County, Ohio in 1841.

⁹ Personal papers in the possession of Dean Richardson and Ila Jean Richardson Palmer of Morgan County, Ohio.

¹⁰ If he can't remember much, then this fact suggests he might be about four years old; hence, about 1808.

¹¹ Also known as Clynmalira, suggesting the locale for his father is on some part of the original 5,000-acre estate of Charles Carroll, the attorney general of the United States; note that Henry H. Carroll, with 19 slaves, lived in the Upper Gunpowder Hundred on Sweet Air Road, east of Manor Road in a two story 53x22 brick dwelling house.

¹² Robertson's *History of Morgan County, Ohio* (1886), p. 518.

¹³ ["During the War of 1812, Maryland supplied 46,119 infantry men, 3,323 cavalry men, 3,106 artillery men, and 111 men in miscellaneous troops for a total of 52,659 men."](#)

Research Objective and Research Question

The objective is to determine if our Vincent Richardson lived long enough to serve in the War of 1812. At the start of the War, he would have been 44 years old. So, the research question is, if so, which one might be him?

Investigative Method

The author's thorough search of Fold3.com found four different sets of records for a Vincent Richardson and American Origins LLC retrieved these records from the National Archives in Washington, DC. So, here's what we know about the units, ranks,¹⁴ term of service and residence, when given:

- 1) 2nd Regiment¹⁵ Lt. Col. John H. Schuchts ([1752/53-1848](#); buried in [Green Mount](#))
 - a. Private Vincent Richardson in Captain Conrad Hook¹⁶'s ([1788-1830](#)) Company of Infantry, 2 R Maryland Militia
 - b. 6 Aug 1814-at least 3 October 1814
 - c. Place of Residence: Baltimore County
 - d. Discharge to Residence: 5 miles of Camp Hampstead [seems to be in Carroll County, MD today)
 - e. Potential Relatives in Unit:
 - i. William Richardson served as lieutenant and adjutant¹⁷ in Extra Battalion Harford County; Vincent's father's brother is named William; hence, this could be an uncle
 - ii. Vinson and Vincent¹⁸ Standiford;¹⁹ this surname is his mother's line as well as his first wife's surname

¹⁴ "[War of 1812 Pay Rolls and Muster Rolls: Abbreviations for Ranks](#) (accessed 24 March 2019)

¹⁵ Wright's Maryland Militia, *War of 1812* (Silver Spring, MD: Family Line, 19179).

¹⁶ Residing in District 1 of Baltimore County in 1820 and in District 5 of Baltimore County, MD in 1840.

¹⁷ Louis H. Marine, *The British Invasion of Maryland, 1812-1815* (Baltimore, MD: Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, 1913), appendix, page 417, col. 2.

¹⁸ Not listed in Marine's *British Invasion*, but evidence of their service exists.

¹⁹ His first wife, Penelope, is a Standiford, daughter of John (1743-1806) and Ruthe Rutledge Standiford.

- 2) 7th Regiment Cavalry (Streett's) of the Maryland Militia
 - a. Private Vincent Richardson in Captain Henry Macatee²⁰'s (1769-1852; married in Harford County) Company
 - i. Under Lieutenant Colonel John Street²¹ (Harford County mostly)
 - b. 27 Aug 1814-2 September 1814 service
 - c. Place of Residence: Harford County²²
 - d. Place of Discharge: Hampstead Hill²³ 35 miles from residence
 - e. Potential Relatives in Unit:
 - i. Morgan Richardson,²⁴ 1st Lieutenant; our Vincent Richardson has a grandnephew by that name

- 3) Lt. Colonel William Nace²⁵'s Regiment of the Maryland Militia
 - a. Private Vincent Richardson in Captain Edward Orrick²⁶'s Company of Infantry
 - b. Service: 17 Aug to 10 September 1813
 - c. No information on residence or discharge
 - d. Potential Relatives
 - i. Standiford: Aquila, Charles, John, Joshua²⁷; could be Vincent's second cousin, *unclear*, *unclear*, and first cousins once removed,

²⁰ Living in District 1 of Baltimore County in 1820; not related, but Captain Henry MACATEE [18777]: Vincent "Vinson" RICHARDSON [49]'s wife's niece's husband's sister's husband.

²¹ http://www.elklanding.org/research/mititia_1812b.pdf (accessed 24 March 2019).

²² Hence, this Vincent really seems to match the facts of Vincent Richardson (1790-1874); Street owned slaves as did this Vincent Richardson's father, Henry Richardson.

²³ Known today as Patterson Park in Baltimore City, according to Henry C. Peden Jr. on 29 March 2019.

²⁴ Marine, *British Invasion*, p. 417, col. 1.

²⁵ Marine, *British Invasion*, p. 389, col. 2.

²⁶ [Member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1818, 1819, and 1822.](#)

²⁷ Not listed in Marine's *British Invasion*, appendix.

respectively.

- 4) Lt. Colonel Jacob Small²⁸'s ([1772-1851](#)) Command of the Maryland Militia
 - a. Private/3 Corp./Private Vincent Richardson in Captain William Hitchcock's²⁹ Company
 - b. 1 Dec – 31 December 1812; six months service
 - c. Appointment: 27 August 1812 for "six months" [to March 1813]
 - d. 31 Aug 1812: present
 - e. 27 Aug 1812 to 20 Sep 1812, no indication of present/absent
 - f. 1 Sep-30 September: present
 - g. **Appointed:** 6 September 1812 (3Corpl)
 - h. 1 Oct -31 Oct 1812: sick, present
 - i. 1 Nov -30 Nov 1812; sick, present
 - j. "Reduced to private" about 30 Nov 1812
 - k. 1 Dec – 31 Dec 1812, present; "Regimental rendezvous sixty miles from Annapolis"
 - l. 1 Dec 1812-4 Jan 1813: "Four days allowed for travelling home"
 - m. Potential Relatives:
 - i. Standiford, Abram, Vincent and Vincent (a sergeant; who might be Vincent's grandnephew, born 1779-1861 and moves to Muskingum County, Ohio).
 - ii. Samuel Richardson, private, could be a first cousin once removed.

Results

It seems that soldier number 2 could be the Vincent Richardson who resided entirely in Harford County, MD during his life. According to the Census, he lived in Unlocated

²⁸ Lt. Colonel in 29th Regiment and Brigade QM for 3rd Brigade, according to Marine, *British Invasion*, p. 439, col 2. and ["A former mayor of Baltimore and member of the Baltimore Mechanical Volunteers at the Battle of North Point, he designed the 1817 Aquila Randall Monument, still extant along the Old North Point Road."](#)

²⁹ Born in 1750, William Hitchcock served in the rank and file of Charles Baker's Company in Harford County in Jan 1776; in the 1790 Census he is listed as a head of family in Maryland and in 1800, he is residing in District 4, Harford County, MD.

(1820), Dublin (1830), District 5 (1840), District 1 (1850), Dublin (1860), and District 5 (1870).

Conclusion

In summary, these are the four units which our Vincent Richardson could have served with during the War of 1812. Even with this information, it is not transparently obvious if he is one of the above-named Vincent Richardson. And, furthermore, there are NO Vincent Richardson's in the 1820 Federal Census in the state of Maryland. Henry Peden Jr. is credited with a 2010 photograph of a Vincent Richardson's tombstone who died in 1874, and is buried in [Fellowship Cemetery](#) in Pylesville, Harford County, MD and who served in the War of 1812; he seems to be soldier number 2 above. Nonetheless, our Vincent Richardson could be one of the other individuals named above.³⁰

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³⁰ Increasingly, I believe that our Vincent Richardson is NOT number two from Harford County, MD.