

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Chapman R1871

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The State of Ohio Scioto County SS: - On this Thirteenth day of November in the Year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Scioto and State of Ohio aforesaid now in session James Chapman a Resident of the County of Scioto aforesaid aged Seventy Four years of age on the tenth day of November last who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That in the year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Five He entered the service of the Militia of the State of Virginia, And served a Tour of Six months or Two tours of Three months each in succession That entered the service at Amelia County Virginia and served said Tours of three months each in the vicinity of old Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and the Great Bridge. That his memory has so failed him that he cannot state the names of his officers during this service. That afterwards He thinks in the fall of Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Nine He this deponent served a Tour of Nine Months or three Tours of Three Months each in succession. That this last service commenced at Amelia County aforesaid and that the Name of his Captain was Craduck or Chadwick [probably William Craddock]. The Name of his Major was Boice [sic: William Boyce] and his Gen Stephenson [sic: Edward Stevens]. That he was first marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina where the Troops were detained for upwards of Thirty days awaiting the arrival of Gen [Horatio] Gates. And that when he arrived they were marched to join Gen DeKalb near Cambden [sic: Camden SC]. Then soon afterwards the Battle of Cambden took place [16 Aug 1780]. That this deponent was in said Battle. And that after said Battle they Retreated in to North Carolina and were discharged in September 1780 at a place if this deponent recollects rightly called Moon Creek. This deponent further states that the Reason of his being enable to Recollect the Names of his officers during this Period of his service is that a Personal affair took place between the Major Boice and a Brother of this Deponent that caused much Excitement amongst the Troops, And caused as this affiant believes a temporary suspension if he remembers of Major Boice. This deponent further states that a short time after his Return home to Amelia County sometime late in the Fall of the Year 1780 He this Deponent again entered the service of the Militia of the State of Virginia for the Period of Nine months or three Tours of three months Each. This he well recollects during His last mentioned Period of service of Being marched to the Relief of Richmond. That we found Richmond been Evacuated By the British the night previous to his arrival [about 5 Jan 1781], But the Deponent recollects well that the Fire was still continuing its destruction. And wheat and Tobacco that had been collected there in Large Quantities was still Burning in heaps. That the Troops then pursued the British to the Meadow Bridge, And from thence we were marched to Louisa or Levica County where we remained embodied until the Expiration of said period of Nine months. This deponent further states that he again afterwards served the Period of three Months and that He cannot state any particulars of this last mentioned service other than that the service was at Prince George Church in the Vicinity of Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] which this deponent recollects only from the Circumstance of his being very sick for about one week. This deponent further deposeseth and saith that he served in the Militia of the State of Virginia at the times aforesaid for the Period of Two years and upwards. That he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. that he cannot state any other or further particulars or circumstances of his said service than as above stated. That he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person living that can testify of his said service. This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

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