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Pension Application of Anthony Chavers R1889½ VA
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[To] James A. Craig Esq, Haw River, Orange Co, North Carolina
Executive Department
Richmond Va Apr 29 1839

Sir, Your letter of the 25 inst the postmaster of Richmond was put into my hands this morning. It appears from a list of soldiers of the Va. Cont'l line who received certificates for the balance of their full pay, that Anthony Chavors received three certificates as a soldier; Viz one on the 7 Sept 1782 for £12 delivered to himself, one on the 21 March 1783 for £24 delivered to Capt Young, and one on the 14th April 1783 for £34, delivered to himself. It does not appear that he drew Land bounty.

respectfully yours &c [signed] Wm H Richardson S.C.

Haw River, North Car'a./ 13 January 1840

Dear Sir [John Hill M.C [Member of Congress],

Since the receipt of your favour of the 21st In't. relative to the claim of the heirs of Anthony Chavers, of the Virginia Line to a pension under Act. 15 May, 1828, Peter Chavers, son and only heir of the Dec'd. Soldier has called upon me and states that his father was a resident of Mecklenburg County Va. and in that County enlisted in the United States Service in the war of the Revolution for the War. that he has heard his Dec'd. father speak of being in the battle of the Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781].

That he has heard his father say he was under Gen'l. Washington & Gen'l. Lafayette, has heard him speak of some other officers but does not know whether he served under them or not.

That he has heard his father say that he served to the close of the war, and was paid therefor – that his father died in Granville County, N. C in May, 1831. and had never drawn a pension that he knows of.

He often heard his father say there was bounty Land due him from Va. and that it lay in the Ohio.

That he can prove by one or more persons residing in the County of Chatham that his father, Anthony Chavers, did enlist in the Virginia Line as a private of Infantry, and as such served till the close of the war. that he is the son, and only heir of the Identical Anthony Chavers aforesaid.

I enclose you the letter of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Va stating the payments made to the Soldier Anthony Chavers.

The son does not know how long his father served in the war of the Revolution, But this can be ascertained I suppose by reference to the muster and pay rolls of the Virginia Continental Line, in the War Department.

Will you be so good Sir, as to submit the enclosed to W. Crump, Acting Comm'r. of Pensions, for his inspection, and ask him to be so kind as to let Mr. Chavers know, if the evidence referred to will be competent for him to obtain a pension, under Act 15th May, 1828?

You will be so good as to return the enclosed letter to me, with the answer of the Acting Comm'r. of Pensions I remain, Dear, yours truly [signed] James A. Craig

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Memorial of Peter Chavers of the County of Orange and state of North Carolina, to His Excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia. respectfully showeth: that your Memorialist is the only son and heir at law of the late Anthony Chavers of the County of Granville in the State aforesaid, that said Anthony Chavers was born and raised in the County of Mecklenburg, state of Virginia and that said Anthony the father of your Memorialist did, during the war of the Revolution, enlist in the United States Service at Mecklenburg Court House in the State of Virginia; That said Anthony was a private of

Infantry in the Virginia Continental line and as such served 'till the close of the Revolutionary war. Your memorialist has frequently heard his dec'd father, Anthony Chavers aforesaid, speak of the difficulties and privations he had to encounter as a private Soldier, in the war of the Revolution; Has heard his Dec'd. father say he was in the Battle of Brandywine, and taking of Lord Cornwallis; That he was most of the time under General Washington: Has heard him speak of being with Gen'l. La Fayette & Gen'l. [Nathanael] Green; Has heard him speak of Captain Young, but does not remember whether his father said he served under Captain Young or not.

Has frequently heard his Dec'd. father say that he served the United States as private aforesaid 'till the close of the Revolutionary war, and that he was paid therefore

Your Memorialist remembers of hearing his Dec'd. Father, Anthony Chavers aforesaid, say that, some payments of the war made to himself; and that one payment was by Captain Young, whom he had authorised to receive it for him, and that the last payment was at the close of the War, he thinks and made to himself

That your memorialist produced the affidavits of Richard and Lucy Evans of Chatham County in Support of his claim

That your Memorialist is about 67 years of age (67) that his Dec'd father died in the County of Granville North Carolina, some time in the Spring of 1831.

That your Memorialist has frequently heard his Dec'd. Father, Anthony Chavers aforesaid, say that there was land due him from the State of Virginia, for his Revolutionary Services; and that the land lay he thinks in the Ohio. That he saw his father some short time before his death, and heard him mention the subject of the land the State of Virginia was due him.

Your Memorialist, peter Chavers aforesaid having understood from his dec'd. father Anthony Chavers aforesaid that for his revolutionary services as a private of Infantry in the Virginia Continental line, that there was land due him from the State of Virginia, and having further understood that his father never received said Land, therefore, your Memorialist prays you that said land due his Dec'd. father as aforesaid, may be conveyed to him or that you would render to him an equivalent therefor – and your Memorialist as in duty duty bound will ever pray &c. Peter hisXmark Chavers

State of North Carolina } S.S
Chatham County }

On this the 21th day of October, 1839, personally appeared before me A. Goodwin a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Richard Evens a resident of Chatham aforesaid who being first duly qualified according to Law maketh oath, that he was born and raised in Mecklenburg County, Virginia and was raised neighbour to Anthony Chavers of said County, that said Chavers did enlist in the United States Service in the Virginia line, and as a private Soldier did serve therein 'till the war of the Revolution closed.

This deponent does not at this distant day remember the names of the officers under whom Anthony Chavers served, except General Washington under whom this Deponent has often hears said Anthony Chavers say he served, and under Washington was in the Battles of the Brandywine, and Little York [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. that he served till the close of the war in the Virginia Line – that upwards of thirty years ago, this deponent and said Anthony Chavers moved into No Carolina about the same time both being brothers-in-law, they were intimate, frequently visiting each other – this deponent was well acquainted with said Anthony Chavers, 'till his death which occured about 7 or 8 years ago. that said Anthony left no widow him surviving, but a son named Peter Chavers now about 67 years of age and that said Peter is the son of the Identical Anthony Chavers, who during the war of the Revolution was a private Soldier in Virginia Line, and served as such till the close of the war.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written, before me

Richard hisXmark Evens

[On 21 Oct 1839 Lucy Evens stated that Anthony Chavers married her sister, Betsy Evens, and that they lived on the same plantation with her until about 35 years before, when they moved to North Carolina.]

NOTE: The 1830 federal census for Mecklenburg County VA lists Anthony Chavers as a "Free Colored Person" 55 - 100 with a female in the same age range, a male under 10, two females 10 - 24, and one female 24 - 36.