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Pension Application of Stephen Chelton S1189

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State of Kentucky Woodford County Ss

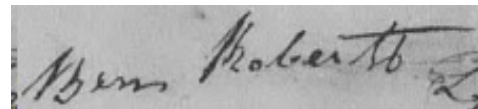
On this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the county court of Woodford County Stephen Chelton a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged between Seventy two and seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia (where he was born) with Captain Benjamin Roberts [pension application S31343] and and served in the — regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers Capt Benjamin Roberts Lieut's Joseph Sanders [sic: Joseph Saunders S11347] and James Slaughter [S31370] and Ensign William Asher [VAS2306] of the company in which he served Major George Slaughter [W8729] commanded the Battalion and Col Joseph Crockett [S46377] the Regiment in which he served. He enlisted at Col William Champs in Culpepper County Va for the term of two years the time of his enlistment was November 79 in February following he was marched to Redstone old fort [now Brownsville PA] where the troops took water and went to the falls of the Ohio river [at present Louisville KY] where he remained until the month of June 1780 he being frequently out on scouting parties on the 8th of June of that year he was on a scouting party in the now State of Indiania [sic: Indiana] when his party had a skirmish with the Indians and on his way back to the Fort near the falls he was taken prisoner by the Indians of the Tawa [?] nation by whom he was carried to Detroit where he was sold to a Canadian Frenchman Isidore Shane [Isidore Chesne] by name with whom he remained about One year at the expiration of which time he was given up by said Shane to the Britaish when he was sent by water to place within about six miles of Montreal on an Island in the river St Lawrence where he was Ironed and chained to another prisoner in which condition he remained some five or six months he was then sent round to New York and regained his liberty returned to Virginia sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] where he received a discharge from Major Slaughter who had returned from Kentucky to Virginia that discharge he has lost or mislaid so that it cannot be found.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and hedeclares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or territory

Stephen hisXmark Chelton

Kentucky Shelby county Sct

The following is the deposition of of Capt Benjamin Roberts of Shelby county Ky. being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposeth and saith that in the fall of 1779 he enlisted Stephen Shelton in Culpepper county Virginia for the term of two years that on the eighth day of June 1780 he (the said Stephen Shelton) was taken prisoner by the Indians near the falls of Ohio he further states that his company belonged to Major Slaughters Corps and Col. Crocketts Reg't. and further this deponent saith not

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent "B" at the start and a long, sweeping tail on the "t".

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) filed as Chilton, Stephen. Some of the papers are undated and apparently out of order in the file. They are arranged here in what seems to be logical order.]

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Your memorialist was exchanged by a cartel agreed on, that he thence went home in Culpeper County Va, that all the service your memorialist done was as a soldier, your memorialist would therefore ask of government that bounty in Land due him for the Services aforesaid which he has never yet received and he will ever pray &c
Stephen hisXmark Chilton

The affidavit of Captain Benjamin Roberts taken at the town of Frankfort on the day & date above This affiant states that in the fall of 1779 he enlisted Stephen Chilton as a regular Soldier in his Company while in Culpeper County Va that said Chilton was marched to the Western Country and on the 8th of June 1780 was captured by the Indians together with Lewis Field [S30413] Will Butt [William Butts VAS1916] & Jno Angel [John Angel] that he never saw either of them in the service any more, the fact of their being captured appears on the roll of this affiant now in his possession, which is dated 8th June 1780. Said Chilton never was seen by this af't. during his command afterwards, said Chilton &c were sent out to kill provisions for the Support of the Army. Given under my hand this 21st day of May 1835



To his Excellency the Govenor of the state of Virginia [31 Aug 1837]

Your Petitioner Stephen Chilton of Woodford county Ky would respectfully represent unto his Excellency the Govenor of the state of Virginia That he is now in his 77th year of age and that he was formerly a regular soldier in the army of the revolution and for which service he is now drawing a pension, your petitioner would state that he enlisted in the service of the united states in the year [blank] in the company of Capt Geo Slaughter in Culpepper county state of Virginia that he served in said company as a regular soldier for the term of two years and that he did again enlist in the service of the united states in the Virginia state line in the company of Capt Benjamin Roberts, and Lieut Jas. Slaughter, and that he with s'd company marched from Culpepper county state of Virginia to the falls of Ohio now Louisville Kentucky and that after being there the exact time your petitioner does not now recollect your petition [one or more lines missing from bottom of page] by the Indians and was taken from the falls of Ohio to Canada and was kept and detained a prisoner by the Indians and British about six years as heretofore stated by your petitioner and all of which facts was then more fully stated by your petitioner and other evidence that of Capt Roberts which is now filed in the Executive Chamber at the City of Richmond Va. your petitioner would state that for his services he has never rec'd his bounty land from the state of Virginia and that he would now ask his excellency to grant unto him a warrant for his services that for the particulars of his service our petitioner would refer his excellency to his former statements and the other evidence on file and you petitioner would ever pray the same to be granted unto him in virtue of his services in the army of the revolution in the Virginia state line
Stephen hisXmark Chilton

To his Excellency The Governor of Virginia

Your Petitioner Stephen Chilton would most respectfully represent unto your honor that he made and present his petition to the Hon'l Governor your predecessor in office in which petition he stated & made oath to the Contents of the within petition and proved by the oath of his Capt Ben Roberts the facts as well as said Roberts could recollect[?] and altho he entered the service in 1777 in Capt Slaughters Co. & served out 2 years and again enlisted under Capt Roberts and served untill he was made a prisoner of war in the west and continued as such untill the very end of the war yet after all the privations as in this & a former petition stated the Gov refused to allow the Claim for land bounty. Your petitioner thinks himself entitled for the war and now files his new petition and the additional evidence of a document for his depreciated pay which he most earnestly hopes will effect a favorable result and a final allowance he therefore prays a rehearing and allowance of his Land Bounty for the war.

Stephen Chilton/ By W H Todd atto in fact

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 31st day of May 1783, in the name of Stephen Chilton as a Soldier for £50.13.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Maj'r Slaughter and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 13th day of October 1837.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.