

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Chandler S30927

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County of Owen }

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Jany 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Owen County Court now sitting James Chandler a resident of said County and State aged 77 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated - that he mustered into the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the Company of Capt John Hall the lieutenant whereof was James Perry upon a tour of three months and was immediately appointed orderly sergeant of said company and served as such during the whole of said tour. That he entered the service upon said tour in the month of February 1776 as well as he now recollects and rendezvoused with his company at the Courthouse in Randolph County North Carolina of which county and state he was at the time a resident. That he was marched with his said company from this said place of rendezvous towards Cross Creek [now Fayetteville] where the tories were collecting in a large body under one [Gen. Donald] McDonald and they joined General Moore [Col. James Moore] at a place called Rock Fish Bridge [Rockfish Bridge in Hoke County] on Cross Creek and were there placed under the command of Col. Alexder Mayban. He states that soon after he joined General Moore the tories retreated and the troops under Gen'l Moore engaged in the pursuit of them but did not overtake them - they were however met on Moore's Creek by some American troops and totally defeated [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, 27 Feb 1776]. he states that soon after the pursuit of the tories as abovementioned was abandoned he was marched with his Company to Cape Fear River near its mouth and there remained watching the movements of the British Vessels in that river & protecting the country from the depredations of parties sent from them till the expiration of his said tour of duty and having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged by his officers and retired to his home in Randolph County North Carolina.

He further states and declares that being a resident of the same county and state and there being a great disposition amongst the tories on deep and Haw rivers to embody themselves he again volunteered upon a tour of three months and entered the service accordingly in the month of September 1776 in a company commanded by Capt. William Beatty lieutenant John Delany. that he was immediately appointed orderly sergeant of his said Company and served as such during his said tour. that he rendezvoused with his said company at the house of Capt Beatty and marched from thence directly to the settlements on deep river and upon the route they were joined by Col. [Benjamin] Cleveland who took the command of them. that from the settlements on Deep river they were marched to those on the Haw river and that as they traversed the country the tories dispersed - from the settlements on the Haw river they marched to the Catawba and from thence to the Yadkin. He states that he was kept engaged in this kind of service moving from one point to another in order to keep down the tories till the expiration of his said tour when he was discharged having fully served out the same and returned to his home in the said County of Randolph North Carolina.

He further states and declares that he mustered into the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months upon a tour of three months in the company of Capt Isaac Williams in the month of October in 1777 - that he rendezvoused with this said company at the Courthouse in the County of Moore and was attached to a regiment under the command of Col. Clarke. that he was marched from thence to Cape Fear river to repel the depredations of some British vessels that he was kept in that quarter of the country for sometime and was one of a party that was dispatched under Capt. Williams against a body of tories on the Yadkin. that his party came upon them near the forks of that river and after a slight skirmish in which four of the tories were killed and two of them taken prisoners they were dispersed. He states that he continued in the service till the expiration of his said tour

of duty and having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and returned to his home in Randolph County.

He further states and declares that in the month of November 1778 he again mustered into the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a six months tour in the company of Capt. John Hall - lieutenant William Piles - that he was immediately appointed an orderly sergeant in said Company and served as such during the whole of his said tour. that he rendezvoused in Randolph County together with various other companies and that he was attached to the command of Col. Brann [William Bryan or Bryant] and General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] brigade and he was marched to Charleston in South Carolina. upon their route they were joined by General Ash [John Baptist Ashe] with a stout body of militia - that General [Benjamin] Lincoln had the command of the forces at Charleston and about the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1779 the army was marched by Genl. Lincoln from Charleston towards the Savannah river and General Lincoln made his head quarters at Purysburg where we were joined by the remnant the troops that had been defeated under General Howe [Robert Howe, defeated at Savannah 29 Dec 1778] The Army remained stationary for some time. He states that the British Army under General [Augustine] Prevost was on the opposite side of the river - That after sometime the main army was marched up the Savannah and crossed it and went into Georgia and afterwards returned and followed the British Army which had crossed the river into South Carolina - that they followed the British through South Carolina to within about 30 miles of Charleston. That while the British Army was stationed in that quarter an attack was made by General Lincoln on them at Stono ferry and the Americans were repulsed [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779]. He states that he was personally engaged in this affair and that soon afterwards his term of service expired and he was discharged having faithfully served out the same and returned to his home in Randolph County

He further states and declares that soon after his return from the tour last mentioned he joined as a volunteer a company of minute men under the command of Capt. James and served therein as occasion required till about the first of Sept. 1780 - that he volunteered in said company as a private soldier he thinks in June 1779 and that he was frequently called upon to act with said company in quieting the disturbances in the county and keeping down the tories - that they were almost constantly upon the alert and engaged in services of this kind till about the first of Sept. 1780-

He further states and declares that in Sepr. 1780 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private soldier and militia man upon a tour of three months in the company of Capt Isaac Williams and was immediately appointed orderly sergeant of said company and served as such during said tour - that he was attached to a regiment under Col [Richard] Campbell - that he joined General [Horatio] Gates at Hillsborough in North Carolina [following the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] - that the state was then invaded by Cornwallis who soon afterwards retreated [13 Oct] and the American Army advanced and took possession of Charlotte where it remained for sometime and General [Nathanael] Greene arrived and took the command of the army instead of General Gates [2 Dec 1780] - that soon after the arrival of General Green this declarants term of service expired and he was discharged and he returned home to Randolph County

He further states and declares that he again mustered into the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of six months about the first of April 1781 in the company of Capt Jesse Bazey [or Basey] - lieutenant Isaiah Ray. that he rendezvoused with his company at the house of Capt Bazey who lived in the same county with this declarant and they marched immediately to the camp of Genl. Greene on deep river - that he was immediately upon his entering upon this tour appointed orderly sergeant of his company and served as such during his said tour and that upon their joining General Greene they were attached to the command of Col Reade [sic: James Read] - that soon after the army was marched from deep river into South Carolina near Camden and they remained in the vicinity of that place for sometime cutting off the supplies of the British garrison at that place - that at last the battle at Hobkirks Hill was fought near to Camden [25 Apr 1781] in which the Americans were worsted and they retreated for some miles. He states that he continued with the main army for some days afterwards and was then one of a detachment which was sent out for the purpose of

assisting in suppressing the tories who abounded in that state and he did not join the main army again till after the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781] and sometime after that occurrence his term of service expired and he was discharged on the Santee river having fully and faithfully served out his said tour

He states and declares that from his advanced aged he cannot swear positively as to the particular times of all of his said services that his memory has greatly failed him and he finds it difficult for him to recollect the names of his commanding officers and the names of many of those who served with the troops where he did but from his best recollection he served at the times and in the manner above states. that he served at the least eighteen months as a volunteer six months as a militia man and six months in active service as a minute man - that he served not less than twenty one months of the time as orderly sergeant of his company and the residue of said time he served as a private soldier. He states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his said services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove his said services or any part of them except his sister Sarah Dunaway by whom he can prove his absence from home and his return

He 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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Jas Chandler  
Interrogatories put by the court to the above applicant

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Pendleton and State of Virginia on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1755 according to my information

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at home in my bible

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in the County of Randolph and state of North Carolina when I entered the service upon each of my tours of duty and after the revolutionary war I remained in said county till the spring of the year 1795 when I moved to the State of Kentucky and settled in Clarke [sic: Clark] County where I continued to live till the fall of the year 1812 and then moved to the County of Gallatin now Owen where I have continued to live ever since

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into the service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer In four of the tours that I performed I was a volunteer in the others I was a drafted militia man. In the services I performed as a minute man I was also a volunteer

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I recollect to have seen Genls [Daniel] Morgan Greene, Lincoln, Gates, [Isaac] Huger, Cols [Henry] Lee, [William] Washington, Martin all of whom I believe were regular officers and served with the troops where I served I recollect to have seen also Genls Moore, Ash, Rutherford, [William Lee] Davidson and Stephens [probably Edward Stevens of VA] and Cols. Woods, Mayban, Clarke, Brann, [Richard] Caswell, Campbell, White [possibly John White of Georgia], Cleveland and Reade who I think were militia officers. Upon my first tour I joined Genl. Moore at Rock fish Bridge and after the retreat and defeat at Moores Creek Bridge of the tory Genl. McDonald I was marched to Cape Fear river near its mouth and there remained till the expiration of my tour which was for three months. in this tour I was a volunteer. In my second tour I was also a volunteer and served three months, having engaged to do so, in keeping down the tories in North Carolina. in this tour I also served as orderly sergeant of my company. Upon my third tour I was stationed upon Cape Fear river and was one of a detachment sent upon the Yadkin against the tories and the forks of that river we had a skirmish with them. Upon my fourth tour which was for six months I again acted as orderly sergeant of my company and we marched first to Charleston in South Carolina and then to the Savannah river. then into Georgia and back to the neighbourhood of Charleston and we had a battle at the ferry across Stono river. In that battle I was personally engaged. After my return home from this tour I volunteered in a

company of minute men and continued pretty actively employed with it till the fall 1780. I think I must have been in actual active service in this company not less than six months. About 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1780 I entered upon another tour of three months and again acted as orderly sergeant of my company and joined General Gates at Hillsborough and remained with the army till the expiration of my tour. The next tour I performed was one of six months and in this I acted as the orderly sergeant of my company. He joined General Greene at his camp on Deep river and we were marched to South Carolina during this tour the battle of Hobkirks hill was fought in which I was personally engaged.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I do not believe that I ever received more than one discharge in writing which was signed by my officers and which I have since lost

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer I will name Nimrod Wiley, and John Abbott as persons who live in my neighbourhood and who are well acquainted with me

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid                      Jas hisXmark Chandler