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Pension Application of Solomon Chalffin (Chalfant) S9166

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State of Virginia } SS.

County of Monongalia }

On this 27th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the County court of Monongalia, now sitting Solomon Chaffin aged eighty 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 7th 1832.

That he was enlisted as a private soldier for three years in the army of the United States, on Back creek in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] county Virginia, in August 1776, by sargeant David Gray, in a recruiting party under Lieut. Nathaniel Pendleton, attached to a company commanded by Cap. Gabriel Long of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county Virginia of the eleventh (he believes) Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. [Moses] Rawlings and major Williams – that the recruits were rendezvoused at Martinsburg, and were there joined by half of Capt. Shepherds company – we were then marched to Bergen point, where we joined the main army, from thence we marched to Fort Lee, where he was ordered to drive a waggon of deficient arms to Philadelphia to be repaired, which order he very reluctantly obeyed, as he preferred remaining in his company but his officers were pleased that a man for this service should be selected from their company – from Philadelphia he drove the waggon back loaded with cloathing for the first and third Virginia regiments, which was very acceptable at the time. from thence he accompanied the troops to Newtown in Bucks county Pennsylvania and from thence to head-quarters at Morristown New Jersey where the troops wintered – that from Morristown in the spring of 1777 we took some boats on the carriages to Pompton in New Jersey, and the boats remained on the carriages untill they were taken to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD] – that he was at the battle of Brandywine in September [11th] 1777, and during the engagement kept his waggon near supplying the artillery with ammunition – that soon after the engagement, he was appointed, without any solicitation on his part, waggon master by Thompson, waggon master general – that he went into winter quarters with the army at Valley forge the winter of 1777 and during the winter was engaged in hauling forage for the use of the army from the head of Elk and other places –

That he was engaged during the whole of the year 1778 in collecting and receiving forage for the army, and in the winter of that year, wintered at Fluckemin[?] in New Jersey –

That during the year 1779, he was principally engaged as he was the previous year, and in the latter part of 1779, altho' the term of his enlistment was out, he was ordered to take a considerable number of horses belonging to the United States into Prince William county Virginia to winter, and did winter a number of them at Col. Peytons – that in March or April 1780 he left the service, which he would not have then done, but he had been very much injured by the upsetting of a waggon –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Solomon Chalffin

[The following letter is in the pension file without further explanation.]

Dear Parmee

your great Grand faher was living in West Vignia when he died about 15 miles west of Morgan Town the seat Justice of Monongahela Co. (now Monongalia Co.) on Dunkard creek He moved there I think from Martinsburg Berkley Co Va I do not rember wehere he lived when entered the servis or where lived when he married the first time Miss Eaton She died before my recollection he married your great grand

Fathers widow James Cotton Cotton your Grand father fathers Father who was killed by a tree falling
whos name Aesha, she died before (He died) your great grand Chalfant did I am now over 80 years old
& had stroke of percelusis & cannot scarcly write

(So no wife survives him)

S. C. your great Grand father lived where died during the time he drew a pention

Nicolas Hagar your mothers father lived in Waynesburg green [sic: Greene] Co Pa where he died his
Father was born in Strasburg [sic: Strasbourg] now France he was German I think he Nichlas was born in
Fayette Co Pa I am a shame of this disconnected statement I not well

I have been West foty years)

yours affecty

from my people)

R. H Cotton