

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John (or Josphe) Chapman W18895

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

On this 7th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before David S. Swain Esq., Judge of the Superior Court of Law of said County now sitting, John Chapman resident in the County of Wilkes and State aforesaid aged 82 years who being first 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 entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated. That he first volunteered in the Militia in the horse in July 1780 under Captain Robert Holmes and Colonel Charles McDowell this command was called the Company of Rangers. He continued to serve in this company and under those officers until the month of April 1783 except that on one occasion he Served in the foot in pursuit of Cornwallis and one other tour under Captain Joseph McDowell and Colonel Charles McDowell in an expedition to Wilmington which was also performed on foot. In this last mentioned tour he joined the troops and Served under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. He says that he honestly and conscientiously believes that he has Served two years and upwards in the Service of the Country. That he was born in Loudoun County Virginia in the year 1750 and when about 15 years old removed to Burke County [NC] where he lived when he entered the Service. He has lived in the same neighborhood ever since, he was a volunteer – He never had any discharges. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person except William Smith whose testimony he can procure by which he can prove his Services. His age is recorded in a Bible now in his possession. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any cat state.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Chapman, X his mark

I William Smith resident in the County of Iredell do hereby certify that I am 70 years of age and am well acquainted with John Chapman who hath Subscribed and Sworn to the foregoing declaration that I believe him to be 82 years of age and do know of his having Served in the revolutionary war as we were messmates in Several tours particularly in pursuit of Cornwallis and in the tour to the Cherokee nation.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Smith

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The additional declaration of John Chapman made upon oath before me the Subscribing Justice of the peace on the 22nd day of July 1833.

He says that he resides in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina and that the reason why he makes application in the County of Iredell is that William Smith who is the Witness to a part of his Services lives in Iredell. He says that there is no Clergyman living in his Neighborhood whose testimony he can procure to assist his application. He further says that he Served in repeated and continued engagements Some times as a volunteer and once was drafted, but always in the Service from the month of July 1780 to the month of April 1783 as set forth in his original declaration.

His first tour in the horse under Captain Holmes & Colonel McDowell he was a volunteer & Served six months.

Second tour on foot from January 1781 for three months under Captain Holmes and Colonel Locke

Third Tour under Captain Bickerstaff in the horse for three months.

Fourth tour under Captain Highland & Colonel McDowell in the Cherokee Nation in the horse three months

Fifth under Captain McDowell to Wilmington three months

18 months

He says that decides the regular The service is herein set forth he was frequently called into the Service so that or than two years as heretofore set forth he was in the actual Service of the Country.

Sworn & subscribed this 22nd day of July 1833 before. S/ John Chapman, X his mark

S/ J. Campbell, JP

William Smith being also Sworn Saith that the first, second, third and fourth tours mentioned in the foregoing declaration of John Chapman he served with said Chapman. He does not know respecting his the fifth tour, but all the others mentioned besides repeated short tours not included in them he was in the service with said Chapman.

Sworn to & subscribed this 22nd day of July 1833 before. S/ Wm Smith

S/ J. Campbell, JP

In addition to the foregoing John Chapman maketh oath that his first tour, he marched from home to South Carolina after Bryant, and after the engagement with the Tories at the Hanging Rock continued in the service in Burke, Wilkes & Lincoln Counties.

In his second tour he pursued after Cornwallis from the Catawba to Guilford and was in the battle of Guilford Court house.

In his third tour he was engaged in Scouring Wilkes, Burke and Lincoln Counties.

In his fourth Tour he marched to the Cherokee Nation.

In his fifth Tour he marched to Wilmington.

Sworn & subscribed the 16th day of November 1833 before. S/ John Chapman, X his mark

S/ J. M. Morrison, JP

[On May 1, 1843 in Wilkes County, NC, Leannar [also spelled Lennah, Leanner] Chapman filed application for a pension stating that she is 82 years old; that she is the widow of Joseph Chapman [sic] late pensioner of Wilkes County; that she married Joseph Chapman in Wilkes County NC on January 18th 1779; that her husband died November 15th 1836. She signed her name "Leanner Chapman". The file contains a marriage bond given by Joseph Chapman and Patrick Hambrick for the marriage of Joseph Chapman to Leanner Brown in Wilkes County, NC]

[letters in the file stating that the above named applicant was named "John Chapman" not Joseph Chapman and that he was the only pensioner of such name in Wilkes County NC.]