

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Mordecai Chandler R1848

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State of South Carolina, Union District

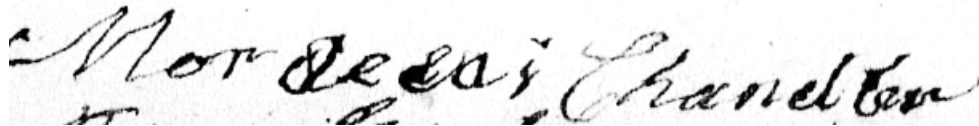
On this 4th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the court of common pleas and sessions now sitting for the district aforesaid, Mordecai Chandler, a resident of Union District, aged 70 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: that he entered the service of the United States of the following name to offer service and served as here in stated.

I enlisted for the term of two years in Newberry District South Carolina under Captain Dickson [sic, Dixon?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Jack of the state of Georgia in October 1777 and marched to Petersburg [sic, Purrysburg] in Georgia; thence to Fort Wells on the of Ogeechee [River] where we remained six or seven months from which place we marched to Augusta and thence to East Florida and going as far as St. Mary's River we returned to a place called Midway Meeting house, between Sunbury and Savannah where I was discharged by Col. Samuel Jack, the governor of Georgia having released the remainder of my term of enlistment on account of my tour to Florida. Shortly after my return I joined the company of Captain James Liles in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Liles and marched to Augusta and turning down the river proceeded as far as the Briar Creek – where we met the British Army and retreated before them back to Augusta and crossing the river to our station at the Shoal, across from Augusta where we lay about three months until our tour had expired and I was regularly discharged. In 1779, I again joined the Captain Liles in Colonel Liles Regiment and marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River and having made several excursions through the country, we marched to a place called Quaquaw [Caw Caw ?] Swamp near to Stono, from whence we marched to the Battle at Stono, in which I was engaged, and after the battle we returned to the camp at the swamp where we

remained until I was discharged. I then joined Captain Roebuck's company in Colonel John Thomas's Regiment and marched to North Carolina where we joined General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and arrived at Ramsour's Mill a short time after the battle was over. I then fell in with Clarke and Shelby and was shortly afterwards at the battle at the Iron Works or Cedar Springs – and then at the battle of Musgrove's Mill– we then retreated to North Carolina where I joined my old regiment under Colonel Liles and marched back to Newberry South Carolina where, on a scouting party, I was taken a prisoner and carried to the jail at 96 – where I lay until the British retreated to Charleston where I was taken and placed on board a prison ship—where I remained about two months and was exchanged. On my return I joined Colonel Purvis and performed a tour of duty in the lower country as a volunteer against the out layers and Tories. I then joined a volunteer company under Captain Williams for six months and continued patrolling and scouting until the final cessation of hostilities and was finally discharged. I have no documentary evidence of my services. In answer to the interrogatories put by the court high answer. 1 & 2. I was born in Culpepper County Virginia on the 15th of May 1762 but have no record of my age. 3. I lived in Newberry district when called into service and have lived principally in South Carolina ever since the war. 4 & 5. See within. 6. I got one discharge in writing which is lost. 7. I refer to the Reverend Willis Walker and Major Thomas Young¹ to prove my good character.

Sworn to and attested that day and year of for said.

S/Mordecai Chandler



S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Pres. Judge

[Willis Walker, a clergyman, and Major Thomas Young gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Union District

Mordecai Chandler came personally before me and deposes as follows that In order to Explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 -- Saith that in October 1777 he Enlisted in Captain Dickson's Company in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Samuel Jack of the State of Georgia for 2 years, being a Regiment of Minute man by the authority of the State of Georgia properly authorized by the law of that State, Marched as set out in my first declaration and In consequence of Volunteering to go to Florida the Governor of Georgia then discharged us from our enlistment after having performed our Tour to Florida, having served 12 months of our 2 years Term of Enlistment.

I again was drafted under Captain Jas. Lyles and marched as set out in my first declaration and served 4 months duty & was discharged, I again was drafted the 2nd time 1779 under Captain Jas. Lyles & Colonel John Lyles & served another Tour of war months duty our draft was for but 3 months but owing to great difficulty my officers prevailed on me to remained one month over our regular Tour, Said my first declaration

¹ [Thomas Young S10309](#)

under whom & where my service was performed, -- I again after the fall of Charleston Volunteered, as a refugee under Captain Roebuck in Colonel Thomas' Regiment. We then marched to North Carolina & joined the General Sumter Clark & Shelby, was in the Engagement set out in my first declaration, and after the battle at Musgroves we again retreated to North Carolina again where I joined my old Regiment under Colonel Lyles, and marched back to Newberry District South Carolina where I was taken prisoner while on a Scouting Party having then served 9 months, was conveyed to jail at 96 & remained in jail 5 months and then sent to Charlestown & put on board of a prison ship where I remained 2 months before I was exchanged. -- I again volunteered under Colonel Purvis & performed a Tour of duty in the lower Country, of 2 months, I again Joined Captain Williams' Company as a volunteer, for 6 months -- I again served one month under Major Pearson not before set out, I also served 3 months as a Substitute under Captain Henry Lyles omitted before in my first declaration, this deponent served over 4 years to the best of recollection, This deponent further states that he never followed any civil pursuit during his Service in the revolutionary War as set out was always called into the Service under & by Competent Authority.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 8th August 1833. S/ Mordecai Chandler
S/ James Rountree JP

State of South Carolina, Union District

Meshach Chandler² came personally before me and deposed that during the year 1777 in October as this deponent believes his Brother Mordecai Chandler did enlist under Captain Dickson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jack of Georgia for the Term of 2 years, the deponent did not see said Mordecai enlist but heard the officers say he had enlisted his Brother, this deponent further saith that his mother did endeavor to get his Brother Mordecai off from his enlistment he being at that time under age -- but she could not effect his termination -- This deponent further saith that he has heard the declaration of Mordecai Read & believes it to be true as said Mordecai was repeatedly out in the Service of his Country, and greatly more than this deponent.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 9th of August 1833

S/ Meshach Chandler, X his mark

S/ Wm Mitchell, JP

State of South Carolina Union District

Mordecai Chandler personally appeared before me and deposed that after the fall of Charleston this deponent Volunteered as a Refugee under Captain Roebuck (South Carolina then in possession of the Enemy) in Colonel Thomas Regiment, we then was compelled to retreat to North Carolina where we joined General Sumter Clark & Shelby and was as there engaged as set out in my first declaration, We then returned to South Carolina & after the Battle at Musgrove's was compelled again to retreat to North Carolina, (Gates & Sumter was then both defeated,) and after retreating to North Carolina at this time I then joined my old Regiment under Colonel Lyles, when we again returned into South Carolina -- Newberry District -- when I was taken a prisoner while out on a Scout under Captain Otterson -- endeavoring to discover at the situation of the Enemy -- this was during the time I served as a refugee -- and was continually in the Service from I

² FPA W10616

volunteered as a refugee until taken prisoner which Term of service was 9 months = I
volunteered as a refugee in May or June 1780 -- but believe and May
Sworn to & subscribed this 27th of November 1833. S/ Mordecai Chandler
S/ Jeffrey Palmer, JP

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* Carolina * District: Personally came Potter Inlow³ before me and made oath in due
form of law and saith that he knew was well acquainted with Mordecai Chandler in the
revolutionary war, and knows that he Enlisted in the service in the year 1777 under
Captain David Dickson for the term of 2 years for he was with him most of the time
during said term and that he the said Chandler was late true and faithful soldier and that
he went to Florida under the command of Governor Matthews in Colonel Samuel Jack's
Regiment the balance of his time he served in the State of Georgia and was discharged
in the State of Georgia Sworn to and subscribed the 5th day of September 1832.

S/ Potter Inlow



S/ Philip Brewton, JQ

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State of South Carolina Union District

Mordecai Chandler Personally appeared before me & deposeth as follows in order
to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832 -- and to give more explicit
Satisfaction to the Terms of his Services during the revolutionary War -- Saith that he
served 12 months certain and thinks longer on his first enlistment and was regularly
discharged before the expiration of his enlistment on account of his having Volunteered
& marched to Florida -- the 2nd Tour was out 4 months, under Captain James Lyles &
the 3rd Tour under Captain Liles 4 months -- I again served 9 months & upwards under
Sumter, Clark & Shelby, before I was taken prisoner, I then lay in jail at 96 a prisoner 5
months precisely, and then sent to Charleston & put on a prison ship where I remained 2
months before I was exchanged, I again served another tour of 2 months and at another
Term a Term of one month under Major Pearson not before set forth. I also served a
Tour of 3 months as a Substitute under Captain Henry Lyles which Term I had omitted to
set out in my first application -- and lastly I entered as a volunteer under Captain
Williams & served 6 months -- This deponent further states that the whole length of his
Services was 4 years, and he thinks longer but of that Term of time he is certain.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6th day of May 1833

S/ James Rountree, JP

S/ Mordecai Chandler

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State of South Carolina Union District

Personally appeared before me John Rogers Clerk of the Court of Sessions &
Common Pleas Major Joseph McJunkin,⁴ who deposeth that he was well acquainted with

³ [Potter Enloe \(Inlow, Inloe\) W11912](#)

⁴ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

Mr. Mordecai Chandler during the Revolutionary war, that the said Chandler was at repeated times in Company together [with McJunkin] in the Service of his Country that he was a faithful Soldier & believes he became acquainted with Mr. Chandler in the Service, before the battle at Ramsour's Mills North Carolina in June 1780 -- that he was prisoners together at 96, and believes that Mr. Chandler was a good Whig to the Close of the war & I believe Mr. Chandler's declaration to be.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 26 September 1832.

S/ Jo. Rogers Clk

S/ Joseph McJunkin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph McJunkin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Joseph McJunkin".

[Chandler was granted a pension at the rate of \$80/annum; he died in Union District in May 1846 survived by a widow, Elizabeth, who died in May 1852 survived by the following children: Robert Chandler, Samson Chandler, Rosanah Philips, wife of Samuel Philips, Jane Stevens, wife of Chamas Stevens, Margaret James wife of William James]

[fn p. 31 SC Comptroller General's report of payments made to Mordecai Chandler during the Revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service in the South Carolina & Georgia militia.]