

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Anthony Chavers: R1889½  
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Executive Department  
Richmond Va Apr 7[?] 1837

Sir, Your letter of [date illegible] to the postmaster of Richmond was put into my hands this morning. It appears from a list of soldiers of the Va. Cont'l line who received certificates for the balance of their full pay, that Anthony Chavors received three certificates as a soldier; Viz one on the 7 Sept 1782 for £12 delivered to himself, one on the 21 March 1783 for £24 delivered to Capt Young, and one on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1783 for £34, delivered to himself. It does not appear that he drew Land bounty. respectfully [illegible word]

[signed; first name and initial illegible] Richardson

Haw River, North Car'a.  
13 January 1840

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your favour of the 21<sup>st</sup> In't. relative to the claim of the heirs of Anthony Chavers, of the Virginia Line to a pension under Act. 15 May, 1828, Peter Chavers, son and only heir of the Dec'd. Soldier has called upon me and states that his father was a resident of Mecklenburg County Va. and in that County enlisted in the United States Service in the war of the Revolution for the War. that he has heard his Dec'd. father speak of being in the battle of the Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781].

That he has heard his father say he was under Gen'l. Washington & Gen'l. Lafayette, has heard him speak of some other officers but does not know whether he served under them or not.

That he has heard his father say that he served to the close of the war, and was paid therefor - that his father died in Granville County, N. C in May, 1831. and had never drawn a pension that he knows of.

He often heard his father say there was bounty Land due him from Va. and that it lay in the Ohio.

That he can prove by one or more persons residing in the County of Chatham that his father, Anthony Chavers, did enlist in the Virginia Line as a private of Infantry, and as such served till the close of the war. that he is the son, and only heir of the Identical Anthony Chavers aforesaid.

I enclose you the letter of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Va stating the payments made to the Soldier Anthony Chavers.

The son does not know how long his father served in the war of the Revolution, But this can be ascertained I suppose by reference to the muster and pay rolls of the Virginia Continental Line, in the War Department.

Will you be so good Sir, as to submit the enclosed to W. Crump, Acting Comm'r. of Pensions, for his inspection, and ask him to be so kind as to let Mr. Chavers know, if the evidence referred to will be competent for him to obtain a pension, under Act 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1828?

You will be so good as to return the enclosed letter to me, with the answer of the Acting Comm'r. of Pensions  
I remain, Dear, yours truly [signed] James A. Craig  
John Hill M.C [Member of Congress]  
Washington City D. C.

NOTE: The 1830 federal census for Mecklenburg County VA lists Anthony Chavers as a "Free Colored Person" 55 - 100 with a female in the same age range, a male under 10, two females 10 - 24, and one female 24 - 36.