

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Chitwood S1751

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State of Tennessee Campbell County: SS

On this the 11th day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County of Campbell now sitting James Chitwood a resident of said County and State 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the State Troops of South Carolina engaged in the service of the United States in the month of May 1781 for the term of ten months – in the company commanded by Captain Levi Johnson, Samuel Jackson was first Lieutenant Garrett Vinsant was second Lieutenant. In the Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel John Thomas – and afterwards commanded by Colonel Middlton [Middleton] – our Major's name was John More [John Moore] – Under the command of General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter]. He resided at the time he entered the service in Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina. He joined head quarters and was mustered into service upon the Congaree River below the mouth of Saluda, and near the falls of the Congaree a short time before General Greene raised the siege at Ninety Six, he states that he was attached to aid and assist in guarding some prisoners at Ancrum's bluff – from there we were marched to Camden – where we stayed near three months – from there was marched to the High Hills of Santee and gave up the prisoners to General Green – from there we marched back near the Bluffs upon the Congaree River and was encamped in what was called Brown's Old fields – shortly afterwards he took the mumps and was confined for some time unfit for service – during which time the battle was fought at the Eutaw Springs, a short time after the Army returned from the battle at the Eutaw Springs he states that he was taken with the Ague and fever and was furloughed until he got able to perform service again – he then joined the Army at Orangeburg about the last of January or first of February. At this time the Army was divided into several detachments – and a number of the troops were furloughed – After a number of marches and changes – The troops met at New Market about the 15th of April where they were to receive

their bounty of one Negro each but the bounty was not paid to any of them at that time. The troops were there discharged by Captain Philip Waters about three or four days afterwards, and he returned home. He states that he was born in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia on the 21st day of June 1751 – he understands the name of the County is now called Powhatan [Powhatan] he has no record of his Age at this time but has seen the record of his age which was kept by one of his uncles. That at the time he entered into service he lived in Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina where he lived for some time after the war was ended. He then moved to what is now Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He recollects General Green & Colonel Lee, who were regular Officers he does not recollect to have ever seen General Marion or Colonel Washington, but heard them frequently spoken of. He states that he received a discharge from Captain Philip Waters which was then called a certificate which he sold and assigned over to a certain Thomas Jackson, to whom he had sold the claim he held upon the state for his bounty. He states that he knows of no person in this Country by whom he can prove his actual service, but in his own neighborhood he is known to Thomas Chambers, Esquire, Frederick Nester Esquire, Wright Sartine, John Smith, Henry Dunkin and divers others who can Testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Chitwood

01.15.1831

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Chitwood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Chitwood".

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the date above written

S/ William Casey, Clerk

[Thomas Moad and Frederick Nester gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]