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Virginia documents pertaining to Robert B. Chew VAS2980
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One document in the file is illegible. The file also includes without explanation a copy of the 1823 pension application of Levin Hyslop W7858.]

To the Governor & Council of the State of Virginia

The petition of the undersigned heirs of the late Robert B Chew of Fredericksburg in Spotsylvania County, who was a Lieutenant in the revolutionary army on Continental establishment as appears on record respectfully sheweth that although the said Robert B Chew entered the army early in 1776 and served in the continental line until Dec'r. 1779 (and as it is believed to the end of the war – as it nowhere appears that he ever resigned) as is fully set forth and established by the affidavits of Peter Apperson [S37680] an old revolutionary officer hereunto annexed yet the said Robert B Chew did not during his life time receive either land or comutation as by law he was certainly entitled to as your petitioners verily believe – nor have they received any thing who are his only heirs, they therefore respectfully pray that their claim in virtue of the said Robert B Chews services, be speedily considered, and that your honorable body be pleased to award an order on the register of your land office at Richmond to issue a land warrant or land warrants for the the several quantities of bounty land promised to the said Robert B Chew by the various laws of the State of Virginia and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Eliza French/ Geo F Chew/ Ann E Chew/ Robt I Chew

Wednesday 3rd April 1776.

Present Mr. Vice President.

Mr. [Dudley] Digges	Mr.[Thomas Ludwell] Lee
Mr. [Paul] Carrington	Mr. [William] Cabell
Mr. [James] Mercer	Mr [Richard] Bland
and Mr. [Thomas] Walker.	

A Warrant to William Stanard £19.0.7½ for pay &c to ye 28th Feby inclusive

Same to Robert B Chew £5.19.4½ for Ditto

extract from the minutes of the Committee of Safety. Jas E Heath aud/ 1 Nov 1833

Dr. The Army for their pay Cr.

1776. April 20th To cash paid Robt. B. Chew Qr. Mr. [Quarter Master] Sergeant to 6th Regim't. his pay to 20th April, from 28th Feb'y £9.4.5½

extract from the accounts of the Committee of Safety No 15 Jas E Heath aud/ 1 Nov 1833

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 15th day of Mar. 1784, in the name of Robert B Chew as Lt Inf for £86.9.7, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. H. Banks and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

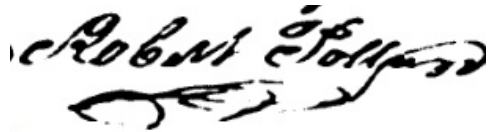
Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 1st day of November 1833.
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

I was acquainted with Mr Robert B Chew of the County of Spotsylvania & Town of Fredericksb'g, who held an appointment of Lieutenant in the first Virginia State Regiment during the revolutionary war attached to a Company commanded by Capt John Camp [VAS2856].

I don't recollect the period that he received his appointment, but think it highly probable at the formation of the Company. That regiment marched to the north in the fall of the year 1777 and joined the army under the immediate command of General Washington, the latter end of Sept'r or early in October [several undeciphered words], they remained with the main army as I have always understood for several years, and I had no opportunity of knowing how the officers generally [undeciphered word] of themselves, nor of Mr Chew in particular, but I never heard of his resigning that I can recollect, and if he did not he must have held his Commission to the end of the war.

Richmond October 26th 1833

Robert Pollard [S5944]



Corporation of Fredericksburg To Wit [24 March 1834]

Personally appeared before me A Justice of the peace for the Corporation aforesaid Peter Apperson a credible witness aged seventy four years (a pensioner of the United States) and made oath that he was well acquainted with Robert B Chew of Spotsylvania County and that in the spring of 1776 he entered with him in the marine service in Capt Gabriel Jones' [VAS1276] Company he the said Chew as a Lieutenant and he Apperson as a private. That Jones died and Lt Kemp [sic: John Camp] took command of the Company. In the fall in December 1776 they all joined the land service, and enlisted for three years, Kemp as Capt, Chew as Lieutenant, and he Apperson as a private. In 1777 were put under the command of Colo. Gibson [George Gibson BLWt1985-500], who resigned and was succeeded by Colo Hugh Brent [sic: William Brent VAS2639]. That the said Chew was transfered afterwards from his company to some other in the Regiment, that he knew him well, and that he served untill December 1779 at which time he the said Apperson left the army, and the said Chew marched with the regiment to Virginia, he never heard of the said Chew resigning, and thinks it probable he served to the end of the war. and further this Deponent sayeth not.

Peter hisXmark Apperson

Corporation of Fredericksburg, To wit [20 June 1834]

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the Corporation aforesaid Peter Apperson a revolutionary pensioner and a credible witness aged seventy four years and made oath that he was well acquainted with the late Robert B Chew of Spotsylvania, and that in the spring of 1776 he enlisted in the marine service as a soldier under Captain Jones and the said Chew also entered the marine service as a Lieut. that Jones died and Capt John Kemp took command of the company, and in the fall or December following they all joined the land service in the regular army and enlisted for three years Kemp as a captain Chew as a Lieut. and he Apperson as a private in Colo Gibsons Regiment. and in the spring of 1777 marched and joined the army at head quarters in Pensylvania. That Colo Gibson resigned and was succeeded by Colo. Hugh Brent. the said Chew was transfered from Kemp's company to some other Company in the regiment, but he knew him well and knows that he served to December 1779 – at which time the term of enlistment for three years having expired he the said Apperson left the army and the said Chew marched with the rest of the troop from Philadelphia to the state of Virginia. The s'd Chew was a good officer and he never heard of his resigning and thinks it probable he served to the end of the war and further this deponent sayeth not.

Peter hisXmark Apperson

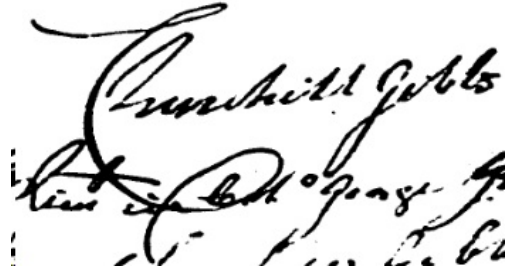
Va }

To wit } I hereby Certify that I became acquainted with Lt Robert B. Chew in the Early part of the 1777 after being transfered from the marine service. He was attached to the 1st Va. State Regt Com'd by Col Geo. Gibson while in said Regt he was marched an joined Geo. Washingtons Army in the fall of 1777 and was in said Regt in winter quarters in the winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge on the schoolkill [sic: Schuylkill] River, and was with us in the Campaign of 1778 and I also think in 1779 and returned to Va. in the early part of the 1780 but am not positive

Given under my hand this 10th of June 1837

Churchill Gibbs [S46002] Formerly

Lieut in Colo George Gibsons Regt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Churchill Gibbs". Below the signature, there is some faint, partially legible text that appears to be "Lieut in Colo George Gibsons Regt".

Corporation Fred'g To wit [3 Nov 1837]

Personally appeared before me Thomas Jones [possibly S5630] a revolutionary soldier and a pensioner aged eighty two years a credible witness and made oath that he was acquainted with Robert B Chew and also his brother John Chew [X145] they were both officers in the revolution. John Chew had his arm cut off at Gates's defeat [battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. Robert B Chew served as an officer in the revolution as this deponent always understood and believed and that he first served to the North and then at the South.

Thomas hisXmark Jones