

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Chandler R1847

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State of North Carolina Granville County

On this 7th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Bullock, James L. Wortham and Dennis T. Paschal members of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid now sitting, David Chandler, a Resident of the said County and State, aged sixty-seven years on the 22nd of November 1832, 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1780 he believes, but in the same year that General Gates [Horatio gates] was defeated near Camden [August 15-16, 1780] in South Carolina in the company of men was raised in Granville County by draft -- I was drafted and the Company [the following text only appears on the HeritageQuest.com version of this application] to which I was attached was commanded by Bartlett Searcey as Capt.. The Lieut. I think was a Mr. Moore -- The whole detachment was commanded by General Butler [John Butler], but the 2 companies from Granville were so slow in their preparations, that they were unable to get to Hillsboro the place of rendezvous at the appointed time, and when they arrived there the balance of the detachment had been put on its march by General Butler, who left directions for our officers to follow on as fast as they could, that he would cause a sufficiency of provisions to be stored on his route for our subsistence -- According to orders the two companies were put in motion in pursuit of General Butler. But he had failed to leave the provisions as he had promised, and our difficulties were great in procuring them, & the more so as we passed in the route he had [footnote.com text picks back up here] taken and he had well nigh exhausted them. This necessarily delayed us much on our march -- We however progressed as fast as we could. We passed from Hillsboro to Bell's Mills on Deep River thence to the Yadkin [River], which River we crossed at Moore's Ferry. We then marched rather down that River towards Camden. Before we reached that town the report of the Artillery in the battle then begun was heard. We were not long in suspense as to the issue of it -- Hundreds of soldiers belonging to our Army were met flying from the Battle ground upon the defeat of Gen. Gates. Prudence required it and we also joined in the retreat and made our way good to the Pedee [River] at Masks ferry where we found four or five hundred of our men assembled, who had in charge a considerable portion of the Baggage wagons longing to our Army. The number of men was constantly increasing and the consternation produced in our minds by the Report of the close pursuit of us by the British, was such as to determine the most

of us to seek safety in flight. We crossed the River and I, with hundreds of others, took my way by the nearest & best way to my home -- where I arrived after great peril & suffering -- I had been at home but a short time before I was attacked by the "Camp Fever"¹ which I suppose I had contracted in the service -- with disease I was most sorely afflicted and had very nearly lost my life -- I was confined to my bed dangerously ill for more than 6 months. Before I was taken down my Capt. had directed me to meet at Hillsboro on a certain subsequent day where he intended to reorganize his company and march to join the American Army but my sickness prevented my joining my company. I think I served 2 months from the time I was mustered into service until I reached home; and if the sickness with which I was so long afflicted & which I contracted I have no doubt while in service entitled me to additional pay I shall be entitled to say for 6 months further service.

The 2nd tour I served was late in the spring or early in the summer of the next year I was drafted for a Tour of 3 months duty and joined a company commanded by Stephen Merritt as Capt. & Lieut. Rose William Gill was our Col., but the other officers I am unable to recollect -- We were marched & stationed at Hillsboro in the vicinity of that village, to guard the Gov. of North Carolina who was there stationed at the house of Judge Williams. I am unable to state the precise time of Service in this tour, but while we were on duty there information was received that Cornwallis with his Army had passed through Halifax town into the State of Virginia. I think we were on active duty in this tour about 2 months and were sent home on furlough with our arms, with orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march at a minutes warning, but were never called upon.

My 3rd tour of duty was in a company raised by draft in Granville, but the time I am unable to state -- Gideon Gooch commanded the Company to which I was attached. The other officers I do not remember, nor am I able to state the names of the field officers except that I think there was in command a gentleman that was called Major McCawley. It was our duty to guard the assembly of North Carolina that was about to assemble at Hillsborough. We were marched to that town a few days before the meeting of that body and were on duty there during the whole of a long & protracted Session. The precise time I am unable to State, but I think I joined my company & went into service in March and I think we were not discharged until the month of May having served somewhat more than 2 months. Upon the adjournment of the Legislature we were discharged with instructions to hold ourselves in readiness at a Minute's Warning to perform the balance of our tour encased the State should be invaded.

The Register of my age has been lost or mislaid. I was a resident in Granville on each of these tours. I was born & raised, have ever lived & now continue to reside where I now do -- Except about 2 years of my youth -- I never received a discharge for a any tour of duty. Each tour of duty I was called into service by Draft my first Tour I think I shall be able to prove by the Testimony of 2 brother soldiers in it the is Shadrach Owen² & John Lock.³

The services in the second tour I expect to prove by Shadrach Owens and perhaps by the testimony of an old man named Rob [obliterated text] Gill in Person County. My sickness I am unable to prove by any other person except my brother John Chandler. The service on the 3rd

¹ Epidemic typhus has also been called camp fever, jail fever, and war fever, names that suggest overcrowding, underwashing, and lowered standards of living. It is caused by the bacterium *Rickettsia prowazekii* and is conveyed from person to person by the body louse, *Pediculus humanus*.

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/189804/epidemic-typhus> viewed March 16, 2009.

² [Shadrach Owen \(Owens\) W5459](#)

³ [John Lock S41782](#)

tour I expect to prove by Shadrach Owens who served through it with me. He relinquishes all claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any State or territory.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court

S/ David Chandler



John Lock⁴ aged 78 years the 7th day of September 1832 a resident of Granville County makes oath that after the Defeat of General Gates in 1780 two companies of Infantry was raised by Draft in Granville County. The first was commanded by Bartlett Searcey and the other by Capt. Ralph Banks -- I was attached to the latter and David Chandler that he Applicant in the foregoing declaration was a private in the former. We had no field officers on account of the tardiness of our men in reaching Hillsboro. The detachment had left Hillsboro -- we were directed to follow on -- We did so, and crossed the Yadkin at Moore's Ferry and as fast as we could travel we made our way toward Camden and proceeded until we heard the Report of the Artillery in the Battle near that town. It was not long before we were fully satisfied of the Defeat of the Americans, by the crowds of American soldiers we met flying from the Battle Ground. Our two companies turned round and joined in the flight and when we arrived at Maskes ferry on the Pedee River we found a large collection of men with a large number of Baggage Wagons. The most of the man composing our two companies chose to seek their own safety in flight -- and among the rest David Chandler did so. Our companies entered on a Tour of 3 months. We left home in July and returned about the last days of August.

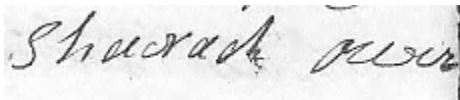
Subscribed & sworn to in Open Court

S/ John Lock



Shadrach Owens⁵ aged 72 years the 12th day of December 1832 resident of Granville County makes Oath that he has heard the foregoing declaration of David Chandler read and he this affiant testifies & declares that he was a private soldier in each of the tours set forth in the foregoing declaration of said Chandler and that he fully corroborates & testifies to the material facts set forth by him therein and knows of the performance of the duties as stated -- Subscribed & sworn to in open Court

S/ Shadrach Owen



John Chandler makes oath that he was 57 years of age on the 25th of October 1832. That he is

⁴ This MAY be the same man as [John Lock S41782](#) who was pensioned for his service as a Continental soldier under the 1818 act.

⁵ [Shadrach Owen \(Owens\) W5459](#)

the brother of David Chandler who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration for a Pension under the Act of 7th of June 1832.

That he was a small boy when his said Brother returned from the Army after the defeat of General Gates -- and that he remained at home but a few days before he was attacked by a fever, which was called the "Camp Fever" that he had a very long and lingering illness, and it was for a long time considered very doubtful whether he would live or die. That from the time he was taken until he was able to walk about I think was about 7 or 8 months.

This affiant has a strong recollection of this sickness of his brother from the following fact -- This affiant was very fond of his said Brother, and upon his return, he (this affiant) would sleep nowhere but with his said Brother and continued to do so until he became severely ill. The consequence of this cohabitation was that he himself was attacked with the same disease and suffered long & painful illness before he recovered from it. It was 2 or 3 years before he entirely recovered.

Subscribed & sworn the 7th of November 1832

S/ John Chandler



[James Downey, Sr. & John Royster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

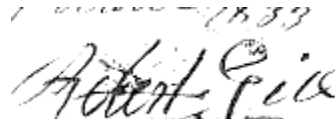
[p 27, Samuel Henry Smith, a minister of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 31]

State of North Carolina Person County: This day Robert Gill Senior came before me Robert Jones Junior one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County and maketh oath that sometime during the revolution ware [sic] David Chandler Served a three months tour under Capt. Merret as well as he recollects. Sworn to and subscribed this the 25th day of October 1833.

Test: S/ Robert Jones, JP

S/ Robert Gill



[p 32]

State of North Carolina Granville County: this 24 October 1837 I David Chandler do hereby certify that the last tower I served in the revolutionary war as mentioned in my declaration as guarding the legislature of North Carolina was under a lawful draft of the United States which I served at least 2 months and there was several prisoners we had under guard at this time.

S/ David Chandler

[p 33]

State of North Carolina Person County: This day Hampton White⁶ came before me William Bailey one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County and maketh oath that sometime

⁶ [Hampton White S38467](#)

during the revolutionary War David Chandler served a 3 months tour under Capt. Bartlett Searcey .

Sworn to & subscribed the 8th day of August A.D. 1833.

S/ Hampton White, X his mark

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran's claim was rejected because his service in the NC militia guarding the State Legislature could not be counted in fulfilling his required minimum of six months service of the United States. See p 14.]