

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Chevront R1907 Sarah fn21VA
Transcribed by Betty Renick 5/12/10

Virginia R 1907
Joseph Chevront
Sarah

State of Virginia

On this twenty fourth day of November 1853 personally appeared before E. W. Patton Sarah Chevront a resident of Harrison County in the State of Virginia aged seventy two years who being duly sworn, according to law doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the third day of February 1853 – that she is the widow of Joseph Chevront who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War of 1776 and that he received an honorable discharge from service which has been lost. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Chevront on the ____ (blank) day of December in the year 1802. That her husband the aforesaid Joseph Chevront died on the ____ (blank) day of ____ (blank) 1832, that she was married to him at the time above stated. She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the act and is still a widow, and that she has never before made application for a pension. She further swears that from old age and bodily infirmity she is unable to attend the sitting of the court of the county in which she resides, the distance from her residence to the Court House aforesaid being about twelve miles.

Sarah Chevront (her mark)

Sworn & subscribed on the day & year above written before me and I further certify that I am not interested in the procurement of the aforesaid pention (pension)

Signed E. W. Patton, J. P.

State of Virginia
Harrison County

Caleb Chevront personally appeared before me E. W. Patton a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid and after being duly sworn, made the following statement, That he is the son of the late Joseph Chevront dec'd who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war with Great Britton of 1776 and that Sarah Chevront who is an applicant for a widows pentions (pension) is his step mother and was the lawful wife of his father the said Joseph Chevront, and that he was drafted in the State of Virginia and ____ in one of the Virginia Regiments and was at the "Surrendering of Cornwallis" and that to the best of his recollection he served in said war for the term of six months.

Signed by Caleb Chevront

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of December 1854 and I further certify that I am not interested in the procurement of the aforesaid pention (pension).

Signed E. W. Patton J. P.

State of Virginia

Jackson County To wit

On this 29 day of November 1853 Aaron Chevront personally appeared before W. Reed a justice of the peace for this County and State of Virginia and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and sayeth, That Joseph Chevront dec'd (late husband of Sarah Chevront who is an applicant for a widower pention (pension) agreeable to a act of Congress passed February 5th 1853 – was a private in Captain ____ (blank) Company of ____ (blank) in the Revolutionary War with Great Britton (Britain) of 1776 and that he served ____ (blank) months in said war and received an honorable discharge from service. Aaron Chevront deponent is son of the husband of the applicant for a pension as above. I certainly recollect that soon after my father's death myself and others were examining my father's papers and I saw his discharge from services rendered during the revolution, but for how long a term of service or the name of his captain I don't recollect. I remember to have heard him frequently say he was at the taking of Cornwallace (Cornwallis) at York.

Subscribed and sworn before me this day and year first above written. I am not interested wither directly or indirectly in the procurement of the aforesaid pention (pension). Given under my

Warren Reed J. P.

Letter in File dated May 7, 1934 to a Miss Margaret Chevront of Lincoln Nebraska regarding her "request for the Revolutionary War record of Joseph Chevront who died in 1832."

The letter gave information from the file and also said, "It was also alleged that he married in Ohio December 2, 1802, Sarah (maiden name not given)" . . . "The pension claim of Sarah Chevront was not allowed as proof of the alleged service and of the marriage of the soldier and Sarah was not furnished in accordance with the requirement of the pension law."

[Betty Renick, in her email sending us this transcription, notes:

[The following may be family myth, but it is interesting and does mention his Rev War service.](#)

[Final Words of Joseph Chevront](#)

[Supposedly this text was transcribed in 1862 by Lemuel G Chevront, great grandson of the Rev Joseph Chevront. Lemuel and his brother Andrew received a copy of Joseph's last words from their grandfather Aaron Chevront who had copied his from Joseph's original written with chalk on a slate just days before Joseph died.](#)

[He died August 12th, 1832. It is said he was suffering with quinsy that caused his throat to swell, and he was unable to speak. He used a slate to write the following words:](#)

"Since it has pleased God to deprive me of the power of speech, I bless His holy name I enjoy my mental faculties. My fingers can communicate my wishes on the slate. I address this to you my children as a memento, which I request each of you to transcribe for future generations. I was born in the city of Strasbourg in the empire of France on the 2nd day of February AD 1757. I was reared in the city of Nantes and received my education when very young. In the year of 1771 being in the fifteenth year of my age, I went to England where I remained until 1773 when I embarked for America and landed at Fredericksburg in Virginia AD 1774, and was converted to God in the following year.

I united myself with the despised Methodists, and by them have been employed in various stations, to wit, 1st as a class leader, 2nd as an exhorter, 3rd as a local preacher, 4th as a traveling preacher, 5th as a deacon, 6th as an elder and 7th as a recording steward; in all of which places I have I believe given satisfaction to my brethren. I have now been in the Church 53 years, and have never had a charge brought against me. I don't say this to boast, but to ... stimulate you to support and maintain a good character.

In the year 1781 at the siege of Yorktown God delivered me from all tormenting fear, and gave me two seals to my ministry. I have filled some important stations in the state in all of which I have endeavored to establish mine and your characters. I have tried to be a father to you, and through great difficulties I have raised you to what you are.

I have often counseled you, and have endeavored to set good examples before you yet some of you remain unconverted, and some of your who profess religion are I fear very superficial and lukewarm. I am soon going to leave you. Must I leave you in the hands of the wicked one? May the good Lord hear and answer my prayers on your behalf! This is the last advice of your dying father. Try to set the fear of God before your eyes. Do not grieve one another, live in peace and love together. Be good to your mother. Do not lay anything in her way that might distress her. I now bid you farewell,. I am truly resigned to the sufferings I experience. I have long looked for and desired the hour of my dissolution. I love God and all mankind. I feel that I am bound for the Kingdom of Glory. Glory to God in the highest!"]