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Pension Application of Andrew Chilton R1930                      Betsy Chilton                      VA  
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At a Court held for the County of Lancaster [VA] at the Courthouse thereof on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 —

Andrew Chilton who resides in this County this day came into Court and declared and made oath that he served in the War of the revolution on the continental establishment as a private in Capt. Butlers company 5<sup>th</sup> regiment Virginia line that he entered into the service of the united States on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1778 and enlisted for and during the war and continued in the service till the end of the war after which he was honorably discharged from the service with the rest of the United States troops, and that he the said Chilton is now in need of assistance from his country for support and the declaration aforesaid being satisfactory to the court to prove the statement therein contained – It is ordered that the same be certified to the secretary of war

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certify that Andrew Chilton was a soldier in the revolutionary War and I beleive enlisted for the War at Middlebrook in the year 1778. I knew him personally at the Seige of Charleston [spring 1780] and after we were prisoners at Haddrells point as a Bowman to Capt Lawrence Butler [VAS2166] and I do believe he was at the Seige of York [Yorktown 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and continued in service to the end of the war.

Ro. Beale [Robert Beale BLWt263-300]  
late Capt of 5<sup>th</sup> Va Reg't  
15<sup>th</sup> May 1819

This day personally appeared before me [undeciphered] Harvey a justice of the peace for the County of Lancaster and State of Virginia John Haydon [S37993] aged about sixty three years and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that Andrew Chilton was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and that he enlisted for and dureing the war and that he verily beleives he served until the Expiration of the War and I do further certify that he the said John Haydon is a man of good fame[?]

Given under my hand and seal this 20 day of May 1819 [undeciphered] Harvey

NOTE: On 15 Oct 1838 Betsy Chilton, about 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Andrew Chilton on 26 Dec 1786 [sic], and he died 15 Nov 1819. The file contains a copy of the following:

Sir/ This is to sertify to you that there is no defraud or dispute between the parties conserved in the marage of Elizabeth Davis

December the 23. 88

Joseph Kern gardian

To Col. James Gordon”

The federal file also contains a copy of a bond signed on 23 Dec 1788 by Andrew Chilton and John Hill for the marriage of Chilton to Elizabeth Davis. A document in the file states that Betsy Chilton died on 15 May 1839 leaving the following three children: Richard D. Chilton; Hiram Chilton (who died leaving children Richard Chilton and Margaret Chilton); and Mary Chilton.