Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Chittam (Chittim) S10116 fn12NC
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North Carolina District, SS

- I, Henry Potter Judge of the District Court of the United States of America for North Carolina District, By authority of the act of Congress, passed the 25th day of April, 1812, entitled, "An act to relieve and continue in force an Act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War, and for other purposes,"
- Do hereby especially authorize and commissioned William Wilson of the County of Lincoln and District of North Carolina aforesaid to take all evidence pursuant to the rules and regulations of said act for substantiating the claim of John Chittim of Lincoln County aforesaid and district of North Carolina aforesaid to be placed on the Pension List of the United States by reason of known wounds received in said war, or since, (as prescribed by the 4th section of "An Act concerning invalid pensioners," passed the 25th of April, 1808,) while in the actual service of the United States, and in the line of his duty. And when the same shall be completed, to return the evidence, affidavits, certificates and findings had thereupon, together with this commission, to the Secretary of the Department of War.

Given under my hand and seal at Raleigh the first of December in the year 1814 S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: John Chittim Claimant for a pension in consequence of a wound Received from the Common Enemy during the Revolutionary War

In pursuance of the annexed commission I have proceeded to take evidence as therein directed being as follows (viz.)

Colonel Frederick Hambright deposeth and saith that he commanded a Regiment of Militia in the American Army at the Battle of Kings Mountain the seventh day of October 1780, where Colonel Ferguson was defeated, that the aforesaid John Chittim was a Soldier in said Regiment and that he then and there received a Gunshot wound from the Common Enemy That the Ball entered the right breast and came out near the point of the shoulder blade; and further said Deponent saith that said Regiment was not Enrolled for any particular time, but had been raised for the purpose of opposing the said Colonel Ferguson and his Majesties forces – and further said Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of January A.D. 1815

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Doctor William Maclean doth hereby certify that he saw the said John Chittim on the Battle Ground at Kings Mountain the next morning after the Battle in his wound which he then and there received in the battle where Colonel Ferguson was Defeated and that the said Chittim's wound was a Gunshot wound and that the Ball penetrated the breast between the superior and second rib on the right side of the thorax at the most convex part fracturing each of the bones a little, and passing out behind Shoulder through the scapula near the interior angle – and that he attended the said Chittim as a Surgeon chiefly during his recovery, and has known and attended to him ever since that he then did live, and ever since has continued to reside in the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina that his Occupation is that of a Farmer, and that he has been by his wounds disabled him from hard labor and of late years from almost all labor being confined to bed for three or four months in each year in consequence of a Defluction of humors upon his Lungs from the wound there received; and further the said Deponent doth certify that the said John Chittim was disabled by the said described wound from performing military duty from that time during the revolutionary war.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27th day of January A.D. 1815 S/Wm J. Wilson, Commr. S/Wm Maclean, MD

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John Chittim the Claimant on Oath saith that the reason why he did not sooner apply for a pension was, that after his wound was cured he was in hopes it would never again trouble him and that he was much disposed to endeavour to support himself without a pension, that he sometimes had it in view to make Application but never until now had an Opportunity which enable him to effect his purpose, and that his Sufferings of late years have been so great and his expense considerable, that he is compelled now to apply to his country for Assistance. And further said Deponent saith that he is not now, nor ever has been on the pension list of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of January A.D. 1815

S/ Wm J. Wilson, Commr.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of six dollars per month and received his pension until he died. The last payment was made in September 1817, if I am interpreting the notes in the file correctly.]