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Pension Application of Thomas Chiles S12703

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State of North Carolina } Personally appeared Thomas Chiles before me William Dismukes one of
Anson County } the Justices of the peace for said County and made Oath in due form of
law, that he the said Thomas Chiles is and has been a pensioner and has
drawn a pension for a number of years in consequence of having been wounded in the American Service
in the Revolutionary War, and that he never did receive a certificate of his being pensioner from the
Department of War and that he never was advised or informed that such Certificate was necessary until
within a few months passed. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August 1820
[Certified 31 Sep 1820]



Wadesborough N.C. Aug't. 31st 1820

The Honable Secretary at War }
Washington City }

Dear Sir, Annexed you will receive the affidavit of General Thomas Chiles and will
thank you to forward the necessary Certificates or papers in order that he may receive such relief (as a
pensioner) as is prescribed by Act of Congress. Your obt Serv't./ Joseph Ingram Sen'r.

NOTES:

A typed summary reads in part: "... from the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau it appears that Thomas Chiles served as Captain during the Revolution and was wounded while in the service, nature of wound and details of service not stated.... He died September 15, 1820."

According to the *Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States* p 465, on 7 March 1796 Thomas Chiles was awarded a pension of two-thirds the amount of pay he was receiving as a Captain when wounded. (<http://books.google.com/books?id=AZ4FAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA465&lpg=PA465&dq=%22Thomas+Chiles%22+wounded+pension&source=bl&ots=ZvP4IDA-2a&sig=LocXInVHaKoIh8JNsZTNSmxHwEU&hl=en&sa=X&ei=0LKzUaa-OdOj4APmLICgDQ&ved=0CC0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Thomas%20Chiles%22%20wounded%20pension&f=false>)

Gabriel Smith (NC18) refers to Capt. Thomas Chiles of the Montgomery County NC Militia, who "was wounded by a ball through the arm" at "Mays Ferry" soon after the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 and later promoted to Colonel.

John Smith (S14488) refers to a Col. Thomas Chiles as follows: "In April 1778, as well as he can recollect the time, he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Continental line under Captain Joseph Parsons in the rifle Regiment of Colonel Thomas Chiles for the period of five years.... affiant was marched with his company & Regiment to the City of Charleston. Below that place the Americans under Wayne, had two slight battles or skirmishes with the British said to be under Tarlton in which affiant was engaged, & in the last one Colonel Chiles was wounded in the left arm & some lives were lost. When Colonel Chiles was wounded affiant was about 20 yards from him – saw him wave his hat over his head calling aloud 'I am wounded – but huzza boys! fight 'till you die!'" This account is suspect, however, because Banastre Tarleton was in the vicinity of Charleston only during the spring of 1780, and Gen. Anthony Wayne commanded there only at the British evacuation on 14 Dec 1782.

Thomas Landrum (S1546) refers to Col. Thomas Childs, who was wounded in a skirmish at Beatti's Bridge on 4 Aug 1781.