

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Chandler S35832

VA

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[22 June 1818]

To the Secretary of War

Your Petitioner William Chandler states on Oath that he served in Continantion Three Years and Six months as a regular soldier in the United States Army on Continental establishment during the revolutionary war.

That he enlisted under James Dillard a Leut. in Virginia, belonging to the 10th virginia Reg't. Commanded by Col. [Edward] Stevens. He was first put under the command of Capt. [James] Franklin and afterwards Capt. [Clough] Shelton.

He enlisted for three years. He does not recollect certainly the year when he enlisted but thinks it was in 1776. He was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and several others. He was in Gen'l. Green's Division but can't recollect what brigade – but thinks it was a Brigade commanded Gen'l. De la Fayette [sic: Lafayette]. He served for the whole period for which he enlisted, and six months longer, when he was honorably discharged.

He retained his discharge until about two years ago when it was lost.

He does not know that he can certainly prove the forgoing facts by any other person in Kentucky.

He is very old – and in such very “reduced circumstances” as to need the support of the Gen'l. Gov't.

Whereupon he asks for a pension under the Law passed for that purpose during the last session of Congress.

Wm. Chandler

State of Kentucky Madison County Sct

On the 6th day of may 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County William Chandler aged between seventy and eighty years resident in Madison County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in Buckingham County Virginia into the 10th Virginia Regiment at that time commanded by Colo Stevens. That he served in said Regiment three years and six moths. That he first served in a Company commanded by Capt. Franklin afterwords commanded by Clough Shelton. That he is by trade a wheelright but from age infirmity and loss of sight is unable at this time to pursue that business or to do much of anything in any way for his support. That he has a wife upwards of fifty years of age very infirm of her age and unable to contribute much towards her support. That his children are married and moved away from him except two – a son about seventeen years of age who about twelve months since fell from a tree and injured himself so much that he is still often wholly unable to labour even for his own support. That his other child with him is a daughter about nineteen years of age, who labours for her own support and that of her Parents. He also states that he was placed on the Pension list under the law of the 18th March 1818 by certificate bearing date 5th day of February 1819 – his pay to commence from the 22nd June 1818 – at the rate of eight dollars per month. The number of the certificate 6.525. That the original Declaration was made before Judge Kelly of the Garrard Circuit Court Kentucky. And he further solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he

any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.
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Two head of poor horses Six head of cattle twenty four hogs. William hisXmark Chander [sic]

NOTE: On 4 July 1826 William Chandler applied to have his pension transferred to Indiana, having moved to Switzerland County because "he lived in poverty in the state of Kentucky where slavery is tolerated and removed to Indiana a state of freedom = where some of his relations now reside."