

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Chiles S8200

VA

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State of Virginia

Orange County, Sc

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Orange James Chiles resident of the County of Orange State of Virginia aged upwards of seventy years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he enlisted he thinks it was in the state service of Va. under ensign John Taylor of Orange in what year he does not now recollect, nor does he recollect the regiment to which he was attached. He served at the Barracks in guarding the prisoners in the County of Albemarle Va. and Winchester [Hessian prisoners captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779, then transferred to Winchester Barracks in Feb 1781] under Col. Francis Taylor in the company of Capt Garland Burnley for upwards of two years – his Lieutenant was named Thomas Porter and John Taylor was the ensign – he was discharged at Winchester the year that Col. Wallace was taken [sic: Gen. Cornwallis, captured at Yorktown 19 Oct 1781], he resided in Orange at the time he entered the service. He was in no battle during the service but was as a militiaman drafted after his discharge at Winchester at the taking of Col Wallace; he marched from albemarle to Winchester with the british prisoners returned and carried the Hessians who were given over to some troops from Maryland and there he was discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

signed "James hisXmark Chiles"

NOTE: On 15 May 1852 Clayton Matthews, administrator of James Chiles, applied for the balance of the pension due to Chiles up to 7 Jan 1852, the date of his death in Louisa County VA, where he had lived the last five years of his life.