## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Childress W10604 Temperance Childress VA
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Henrico County, Virginia 9th June 1818

I Alexander Childress of the County aforesaid aged about sixty three, having been informed by my friend David Micale Randolph that a Law has been passed by the Congress of the United States, making provision for the Soldiers and Sailors of the revolution, giving them severally a small pension, according to their services, do hereby state and declare, that I enlisted as a soldier to serve in the regular Army two years, with John Pleasants as my Captain belonging to the fifth Regiment from which regiment I was transferred to the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison [VAS1411], in the Company of Captain Nathaniel Burwell [W18681]; that I served (by enlistment) in the said Regiment of Artillery for longer term, making my whole time of service amount to about five years; after which I received a regular discharge from General [Henry] Knox at Basking Ridge in New Jersey; but which discharge after having been worn away by keeping it in my pocket, cannot now be found: my Land warrant being rec'd, I then entered in the service of the said Colo. John Pleasants as his miller at the Norwich Mills on 4 mile [Fourmile] Creek in the County of Henrico aforesaid, and there continued many years; since which time I have lived next to the said mills; and after hard struggling to support a family, during which I had the misfortune to dislocate an arm, which still fails me very materially, I am now under the necessity of swearing, to enable me to take the benefit of the act of Congress aforesaid, and do hereby, and herein distinctly declare and state, That from my reduced circumstances, I need the assistance of my Country for support

Mr. Childress being unable to write, I have caused him to make his mark, and do hereby certify the same D M Randolph Alexander his Xmark Childress

## District of Virginia SS.

On this second day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico, Alexander Childress aged sixty nine years, a resident in the county of Henrico in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment of Artillery comd'd. by Col. Charles Harrison in a company com'd. by Capt. Nathaniel Burrell on the continental line in the Revolutionary War, his original declaration was made on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818, and the number of his pension certificate is 4858

and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, that his real estate is twenty five acres of land with a small log house, that his personall estate is none, necessary clothing and bedding excepted, that he is a farmer by occupation, but possess but little ability to pursue it, that his family consist of a wife about forty years of age, one daughter 14, one 12, and one son about 6 months olde. That he also swears that he stands in need of assistance of his Country for support

Alexander hisXmark Childress

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I Certify that Alex'r Childress served as a Matross in the first Reg of Art'y from the 6 July 1777 to the tenth Jan'y 1780 being enlisted for three years but was discharged the above date with a number of others by particular orders of Gen'l Washington

Ed Carrington Lt Col [Edward Carrington W6635]

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The whole of this claim as well for land as pay is assign'd by Childress to Wm. [undeciphered] as by Voucher in the Auditors Office Ed Carrington L Col

NOTE: On 5 March 1855 Temperance Childress, 75, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Alexander Childress by John Courtney, a Baptist minister, in Henrico County around September 1810, and that her husband died on or about 22 Dec 1839. Mrs. Eliza Robertson stated that she was at the wedding of Alexander Childress and Temperance Bennett, and Maria Johnson stated that the wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, who was then sick in bed. On 24 April 1866 Allen Childress and Joseph L. Childress stated that they were the only heirs of Temperance Childress, who died on 17 July 1861. A Treasury-Department document dated 14 May 1866 gives the date of her death as 18 July 1860.