Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Chaudoin (Chadoin) W22745 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris Sarah Chadoin

VA

State of Illinois, Franklin county, Ss

On this 3d day of October, 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the circuit court for the said county of Franklin, now sitting, John Chadoin, a resident of the said county, and state aged seventy-one 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was born in Chesterfield county, Virginia, on the 16th of November 1761, and has a record of his age, taken from a register kept by his father. He was living in Buckingham county, Va. in the month of February 1777 [sic], when he entered the service of the United States, as a substitute for Peter Lashure, who was drafted on a three months' tour of duty as a militiaman, under one Captain Dugot [probably William Duguid], in the regiment, he thinks, of Colonel John Cavill: His company, with some few others, were marched to Albermarle barracks [sic: Albemarle Barracks constructed late 1778], where they were stationed for the remainder of their tour or term of service, guarding the prisoners [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779]. During this term of service, he was in no battle, nor was he with any regular officer of whom he recollects.

In the course of the year succeeding his first term of service, this applicant again turned out for three months as a substitute for Samuel Lashure, in the service of his country. He thinks the captain under whose command he was placed was named Millar, he thinks under the same Colonel Cavill, in whose regiment he had first served. They were marched into North Carolina towards Hillsbury [sic: Hillsborough] under General Washington [see endnote], and did nothing more during this three months term than follow the enemy to and fro, having never overtaken them. He was consequently engaged in no battle during this second term of service; and recollects Major Boyce [William Boyce of the Militia] and General Washington, regular officers. At the expiration of the three months he returned home to Buckingham county, where he remained until some time in the month of August, 1781, when he was drafted for further service as a militiaman. He was placed under the company command of Captain Cunnigan, under whom he marched to Little York, Virginia, where General Washington took command as general in chief. Here they remained, besieging Little York, which was in possession of the British under Lord Cornwallis, until the 18th or 19th of October, when the enemy surrendered [19 Oct 1781]. During the seige this applicant was engaged in the forts, at service there. After the surrender of Cornwallis, Captain Cunnigan's company, to which this applicant still belonged, was marched to Winchester, Virginia, guarding the prisoners taken a Little York. He knew none of the regular officers engaged in the seige except Major Boyce, who had the charge of the fatigue men, and General Washington, who was commander in chief. The three months, for which this applicant was drafted, expired about the time of Cornwallis' surrender, but the militia, at least a portion of them, among whom was this applicant, were retained in service, to guard the prisoners to Winchester, as before mentioned – in which service they were engaged about 3 weeks, being that much over his time. He never was in service after this last mentioned term. This applicant received regular discharges from the captains, above named, under whom he served but he has lost them all.

He has no documentary evidence of the facts he has stated, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. John his Xmark Chaudoin

NOTES:

Gen. Washington did not arrive in Virginia until Sep 1781, and he did not march into North Carolina.

On 30 March 1848 "Sary Chaddoin commonly called Shaddoin," 82, of Hamilton County IL, applied for a pension stating that as Sary Wilkerson she was married to "John Chaddoin commonly called Shaddoin" in Chesterfield County in February 1788 by Rev. Eliazar Clay, and that her husband died on 21 June 1843. She enclosed her family record, which is transcribed below. The file includes a summary of the minister's return for the marriage of John Shaddoin and Sarah Wilkinson.

[illegible name] born Nov 16, 1761 [illegible first name] Wilkinson born Jan'y [illegible] 1769 [illegible first name] Chadoin was born Feb [illegible] 1789 Susannah Chadoin born Aug't 16, 1790 [illegible] Chadoin was born June 25, 1792 Mary Chadoin was born Decem. 1, 179 [page torn] Andrew Chadoin born Decem. 27, 1795 John[?] Chadoin born April 9, 1798 Charity[?] Chadoin born Aug't. 16, 1800 Jesse[?] Chadoin born 30 July, 1802 Thomas[?] Chadoin born 6 July 1804 [illegible] Chadoin born [illegible] 30 Matthew Chaudoin was born [illegible] 18 [?]16 [other side] Melindy was born may 12th 1812 John phenix was Born may 13th 1812 William phenix was Born may 13th 1814 Morris Chaudoin Was Bornd oct the 11th 1832 Mary Chaudoin Was Bornd Nov the 23th 1834 Claborn Chaudoin Was Bornd June the 18th 1836 Sary Chaudoin Was Bornd Sept the 16th 1838