

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Chappell W25410      Ruth Chappell VA  
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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } Towit  
Bullitt County    }

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County court of Bullitt County (in the state of Kentucky) now sitting William Chappell, aged seventy two years on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832, a Resident of Bullitt County, State of Kentucky 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as is herein stated. In the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia in the fall of the year 1776 he was drafted as a private in the Militia Company of said County Commanded by Captain John Archer for the Term of Three months which Company was a part of the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Miles Botts and we were marched to Taney Town and then to Williamsburg in said State of Virginia. The Cause of the militia being called on was this. The British had made their appearance on the coast and the Govenor and Council called the militia into service for the protection of James Town & Williamsburg. After the expiration of the term aforesaid he was discharged in writing but he does not now recollect who signed his discharge. He does not recollect the day or the month when he entered the service or the day or month when discharged but he is positive of the length of his service.

In Chesterfield County State of Virginia about the last of February 1778, the day is not precisely recollected, he enlisted in the army of the United States for one year in the company commanded by Captain William Fowler in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line commanded as he believes by Colo. [Thomas] Gaskins in General Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade. From Chesterfield County he was marched to Valley forge at which place he joined the Army. at that place he was taken sick and was sent to yellow spring Hospital where he lay sick two months. during the time of his sickness the Regiment and Brigade to which he belonged had marched to Monmoth [sic: Monmouth NJ] and then to White Plains in the state of New York and so soon as he recovered his health he joined his company regiment & brigade at the White Plains. From that place we marched to Westpoint [sic: West Point] and were employed in working on the fort & bomb proof until the beginning of winter when we were marched to Middle Brook [sic: Middlebrook] in the Jerseys and went into winter quarters. During part of the period of his service the company to which he belonged was commanded by Capt William Bentley. He enlisted as a private and served as such about six months, he was then appointed an Orderly Sergeant and served as such until he was discharged which was on the last day of February or first of March 1779 having served one year. He recieved a discharge in writing but it has been lost or distroyed 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.

To the Interrogatories prescribed by the War department and propounded to him by the Court, he makes the following answers.

To the 1<sup>st</sup>. He answers that he was born in Chesterfield County state of Virginia on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1760

To the 2<sup>d</sup>. He answers that there is a record of his age in Chesterfield County State of Virginia in the church where he was Christened.

To the 3<sup>d</sup>. He answers. That he was living in Chesterfield County, Virginia, when called into service. He lived there some years after the Revolutionary War, and moved to Kentucky and he now lives in Bullitt

County State of Kentucky.

To the 4<sup>th</sup>. He answers that for the first tour of duty of three months he was drafted as a private. For his second service of one year he enlisted & served as is before stated.

To the 5<sup>th</sup>. He answers that he recollects now only the names of Col. Miles Botts & his Capt. John Archer were with the troops where he served in 1776. He recollects Captain William Fowler, Captain William Bentley, Colo. Gaskins & Gen'l. Muhlenburg but he cannot recollect the different regiments owing to the lapse of time, his age & consequent loss of memory. The general circumstances of his service he has already detailed.

To the 6<sup>th</sup>. He says that he did receive discharges in writing for both services but he does not recollect who gave them they having been lost or destroyed many years ago.

To the 7<sup>th</sup>. He says that he is known to Jeremiah P. Hinton Jesse Willson, William Regnor & John Myers of his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Wm Chappell

[Certified by Jesse Chappell, age 64.]

NOTE: On 27 May 1858 Ruth Chappell, 85, stated that as Ruth Quick she was married to William Chappell in Bullitt County by Rev. Simeon Hall. Her statement was witnessed by Lemon H. Quick, 43, and Ann Goldsmith, 54, who stated that "William Chappell died in Lexington Kentucky about [blank] years since - he having gone there to receive his pension money." Ruth Chappell also stated that "in the fall of the year [William Chappel] went to Lexington Kentucky and drew his money, and there took sick and died at the residence of my brother Laban Headington." On 22 Feb 1869 Ruth Chappell, 96, applied for an increase in pension, giving her post-office address as Pitts Point, Bullitt County KY.