Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Chaney W25412 Nancy Chaney VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 18 Nov 2012.

State of Virginia }
County of Pittsylvania } Sct.

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Daniel Coleman, James Soyers, Davis H. Clark and Coalman D. Bennett & William S. Pannill the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting Abraham Chaney a resident of the said County of Pittsylvania and state aforesaid aged seventy two 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. John Donalson Jr. [sic: John Donelson, Jr.], Lieutenant Moses Hutchings [pension application S8742] and Ensign Joseph Williams and marched from the County of Pittsylvania on the 9th day of April 1776 and went through Franklin County [sic: formed from Bedford and Henry counties in 1786] crossed the Blue ridge at Maggoty [Maggodee] gap, New River at English Ferry [sic: Ingles Ferry near present Radford] and continued on the Island of Holston River [Long Island of Holston at present Kingsport TN] and was stationed on that River in a fort. from that place Captain Donalson with 15 men of whom he was one, went out to search for the Cherokee Indians ranging principally through the woods in various directions for about two weeks when they returned to the same fort where they remained untill their tour of duty being for three months expired when he was discharged by Capt. Donalson at that place in the month of July 1776 about 200 miles from home making in all the time rendered on this tour including the time allowed to travel home at least 3½ Months. His discharge is lost or mislaid so that it cannot be found but the service rendered is proved by Joshua Dodson who was a soldier with him the whole time. He again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier in a Company of Militia commanded by the same Captain John Donalson Jr. Lieut. Jno. Guinn [John Guinn] and marched from the said Pittsylvania County on the 7th day of April 1778 and went through the County of Franklin to Colo. [William] Preston's in the County of Montgomery, remained near his House a few days and marched from there to Hatfields fort on Stony Creek near new River in the said County of Montgomery [now Giles] and was stationed at that place under the said officers (no other troops being there) until the 12th of August 1778 when he was discharged by Captain Donalson the whole of the time of service rendered on this tour is four months and 8 days. his discharge is lost and cannot be found but the service rendered is proved by John Farthing and John Nead who were soldiers with him at that place. In the Winter of 1781 He was drafted as a Militia soldier and marched from the said County of Pittsylvania in a company under the command of Capt. Clements [probably Isaac Clements] through the County of Halifax into North Carolina to Hillsborough and was there taken sick and placed in a Hospital near that place and confined there two Months and 15 days when he hired his Brother Joseph Chaney to take his place. Said Joseph was received as a substitute for him and he was discharged from the service being still sick. the discharge is lost and cannot be found. He does not know of any person living that served with him on this tour that he can prove it by, but can prove that he was a soldier on this tour by Moses Chaney and his Brother Joseph Chaney who took his place. the whole time of service on this tour is about three months. He resided in the County of Pittsylvania Va. when he entered the service of the united States in the revolutionary War. He now resides in the said County and has lived in it ever since the War ended. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that he is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Abram hisXmark Chaney

NOTE: On 23 Apr 1853 Nancy Chaney, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married Abram Chaney on 4 Apr 1811, and he died 25 Dec 1848. On 27 Apr 1855 she applied for bounty land, giving her age as about 78. This application was witnessed by Henry C. and William F. Chaney. The county clerk stated that on 16 Dec 1810 a license was issued for the marriage of Abram Chaney to Nancy Donelson. and the marriage was performed by Elias Dodson in 1811.