Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Chapman W3483 Elizabeth Whitaker
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of North Carolina } Ashe County } At a Court of pleas and quarter Sessions opened and held this day for the County of Ashe personally appeared Isaac Chapman of said County aged sixty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law

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deposeth and saith in order to obtain the provision made by a late act of Congress for the relief of officers and soldiers engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war, that he the said Chapman enlisted on the 26th of October 1776 in Amelia County virginia in the company commanded L. A Jones [probably Llewellin Jones], of the first regiment of virginia troops [1st Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons] commanded by Th Bland [Theodorick Bland], and John Temple [sic: Benjamin Temple] Lt Col. That he enlisted for two years but served longer from the 26th of October till the 10th of December 1778 when he was discharged at Winchester in Virginia when Temple commanded as Col & John Watts Captain. That he was in the Battle of Brunswick in New Jersey; on the same day at the Short Hills and then at Strawberry Hill which may be considered as one battle. In the battle at Iron Hill near the Head of Elk in Maryland [Battle of Cooch's Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777]; in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] where his regiment was met by Gen'l. Washington with the troops under his command and there was wounded in the hip – also in the Battle of Germanton [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] near Philadelphia where he was detached under the command of Gen. Wash. at the time [Gen. Francis] Nash was wounded. Then again in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]; and in the militia service after his enlistment expired he was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780].

That he is in indigent circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Note. The above named Isaac Chapman further states that in the year 1780 he enlisted under Capt Peter Randolph for and during the war. That he was at the capture of Cornwallis at York Town Virginia [19 Oct 1781]; That his discharge obtained at Winchester was in a Trunk in Amelia County Virginia and was taken by Tarlton as he passed through that County [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, Jun 1781]. That he was sent to N Carolina to guard the baggage waggons under Col Long and the war being at an end he never obtained his discharge from the second enlistment.

Sworn to in open Court this the 9th of August 1819 – Isaac his Xmark Chapman

NOTE: On 18 July 1845 Elizabeth Whitaker, 75, of Smyth County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Isaac Chapman on 14 July 1787, and he died 4 Aug 1822, after which she married Richard Whitaker who died on 18 Oct 1838. James Chapman and John Chapman certified a family record copied by Thomas Lewis, a school master, and is transcribed below. On 20 July 1846 Elizabeth Whitaker added that about 1820 Isaac Chapman came with her from Ashe County to the part of Washington County VA that became Smyth County in 1832, where she had lived since. On 18 Dec 1848 Elizabeth Whitaker was said to be 87 years old. On 2 April 1855 Elizabeth Whitaker (or Whitacre), then living in Washington County VA, made an application for bounty land that was witnessed by William Chapman and William Pucket.

The year of her second marriage is said to be 1829 in a 9 Feb 1856 letter to the Pension Commissioner from her agent, J. W. Stevens, inquiring whether she was owed Isaac Chapman's final pay. The letter includes the following: "I tell the Old Lady If he was Entitled to it, he re'd it, when he was settled with. Well, she says, you just ask the Mr. Pension Man, he can tell, My Dear Sir, I hope you will pardon the poor old Lady – she speaks in her own way."

Nathan Chapman was born the 26^{th} of October in the year of our Lord 1788 William Chapman was born the 3^{th} of March 1790

Isiah Chapman was born the 27th of August 1791

James Chapman was born the 7th of Fabruary 1793

Sara Chapman was born the 27th of September 1795

Patcy Chapman was born the 3th of June 1797

Stephen Chapman was born the 4th[?] of May 1799

Rachel Chapman was born the 26th Jeneuary 18[??]

Peggy Chapman was born the 2th of December 1802

John Chapman was born the 18th of June 1804

Andrew chapman was born the 30th of OCtober 1806

Benjamin Chapman was born the 23th of November 1808

Rufus H. Chapman was born 30th day of May 1825

Aleyann Chapman was born The 6th day of January 1820