

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Chase W6910 Sally Chase VA
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At a Court held for Accomack County by adjournment on Tuesday the 28th day of August 1832 Robert Chase of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress pass on the 7th day of June 1832 viz "Declaration of Robert Chase, on this the [blank] day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Accomack now sitting Robert Chase a Resident in the County of Accomack and State of Virginia aged Seventy one years & upward, 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 the 7th 1832 that he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was enrolled in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. John Moore in May 1777 attached to 2nd Regiment Virginia Militia commanded by Col. Southey Simpson till his death & then by Col. George Corbin to the end of the war, and that he kept guard or both Sea & Bayside of the said County on folly creek at a fort called the Black House [sic: blockhouse], on Pockamoke [sic: Pocomoke] River, on Assawoman & other different places & on Hog Island, where they had an engagement with several barges of the enemy & took one of their boats and on many alarms and marches in the whole at different times during the war he verily believes that he served upward of two years or nearly three but the precise time he cannot say. I was born in the County of Accomack & State of Virginia Jan'y. 1st 1761 I have no record of any age but my sister which is set down & my parents always told me that I was ten [possibly "two"] years the oldest.

Robert Chase"

[2 Feb 1833] The affidavit of Robert Chaise an applicant for a pension under the act of June the 7th 1832 who says in answer to the 5th objection that that in the year 1777 he was enroled in a company of Militia as a private commanded by John More that he went on guard June 1777 at the Blockhouse on folly creek the first time for three weeks the next time at Assawoman creek three weeks and three weeks on Pocomoke River and I kept three tours at Folly Creek and two on Assawoman Creek that year which was our regular places for keeping guard for said company that he cannot state the precise time of commencement and ending of the times but that he kept guard every year during the war at those places regurally in their turn and sometimes three times at one place and four at other places aforesaid in each year and at other times one and two weeks once or twice at those places in each year that sometimes during the war this deponent was marched with said company from one end of the county to the other to oppose the landing of the enemy at the various creeks but cannot tell the length of time that this deponent is confident that he was in service at least two years but he cannot state the precise time as he kept no account of his services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension rool of agency of any state whatever

In answer to your 13th objection I have no record that I can refer to of the length of time of my service nor know of any one that I can prove it by for I have tried and cannot find a man living that mustered in Captn. Moores company in the war of the revolution and cannot obtain any more proof that will accompany this declaration that I know of.

In answer to the 5th interogation he states that he was well acquainted with Col. Cropper [John Cropper, pension application W3781] of the 9th Regiment and Col. Levin Jones and Maj. John Paulson and almost all the officers in the contnental line for this county.

In answer to the 6th Interogation that he never received any discharge in writing as none were given

In answer to the 7th Interogatory that he is known by Captn John Miligan Samuel Marshal Sen'r. Col. Levi Dix Henry Fletcher Esqr. and Richard Wimbrough. Robert hisXmark Chase

The depposition of Maddox Fisher [Maddox Fisher, pension application R3571] of the County of Accomack aged seventy three and upards being first duly sworn Deposeth and sayeth that he was a favourite in Capt Richard Justices Company attached to the 2nd Regiment Virginia Militia and served in the said Company about foure or five years during the revolutionary war and that he was well acquainted with Robert Chase and served with the said Chase during the said war upards of two years That they frequently musterd together in Bloxoms field four or five year and that they war on Guard together booth on bay and see side and on hog Island where they had an Ingagement with several barges of the enimey and Took one of the barges and they keep a tower on guard On folly Creek at a place called the block house and That the said fisher has resided in the neighbour hood of The said Chase ever since the said war and still lives in less than three miles of the afore said Chase and farther this Deponant sayeth not

[signed] Maddox Fisher

The Deposition of Zadock Bayly [Zadock Bayley, pension application S37696] of the County of Accomack aged seventy seven years or thereabouts being first duly sworn Deposeth and sayeth that he was well acquainted with Robert Chase as a private in John Moores Company with the aforesaid Chase when called On Guard at the block house on folly creek and this Deponant thinks that he served two years and six months and father this Deponant went in The regular service as witness my hand and seal This 19th day of June 1832

NOTES:

Documents in the file indicate that Chase's pension was suspended in Aug 1834. Apparently his pension was restored by 1851 when he signed a request for a new pension certificate.

On 3 July 1854 Sally Chase, 87, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert Chase in or about 1787, and he died on 19 Nov 1853. On 18 April 1855 Sally Chase applied for bounty land.