

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Chew VAS1810

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Spotsylvania County Legislative Papers

To the Legislature of Virginia

Henry Chew of Spotsylvania respectfully represents that he is now 64 years of age: poor & Infirm: and totally unable to support himself by manual Labour.

That he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; during a greater part of its duration, having been nineteen months Issuing Commissary upon Continental establishment under Col. William Munford: that the concerns [?]¹ and duties of the office were great & required his whole attention. He served various terms in the militia service: He went down to Hampton among the Minute Companies & was not out of service more than three months during the War.

He considers he has rendered service to his country in assisting in obtaining its Independence: & he confidently hopes that a pension to make easy his latter days will not be denied to him.

S/ Henry Chew



[Reverse]

Henry Chew's Petition

December 8th 1821

Referred to Claims

rejected

reported on

Bill drawn January 2nd 1822

Hamilton

January 17th 1831

referred to Revolutionary Claims

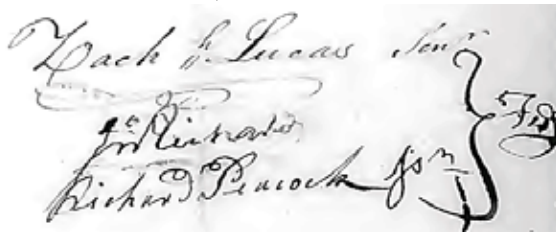
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I hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with Mr. Henry Chew of Spotsylvania County, that the said Chew acted as Issuing Commissary at Fredericksburg part of the year 1779 and 1780 under the direction of Col. William Munford of Charles City Issuing Commissary General, that the said Chew was in service for about __ months, and discharged his duty faithfully.
Given under my hand at Fredericksburg this 19th day of May 1820.

S/ Zach. Lucas Senr. [Zachariah Lucas, Senior]

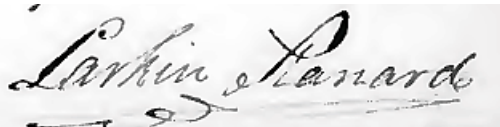
S/ Jno Richard [?]

S/ Richard Peacock, Jr.

A photograph of three handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads 'Zach. Lucas Senr.', the middle one 'Jno Richard', and the bottom one 'Richard Peacock Jr.'. There are some additional scribbles and a large flourish on the right side of the signatures.

This is to certify that I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Harry Chew [sic] for about 50 years, that shortly after the commencement of the Revolutionary War he served 2 towers [tours] as a volunteer to Williamsburg – he afterwards became an officer in what were called minute Companies, was encamped on the Rappahonnock River for some time, and from thence marched to Springfield Camp below Williamsburg and from thence to Hampton – he also served several towers in the Militia, was in General Mauhins's [?] Brigade when the British landed at Burwell's ferry; he was afterwards appointed Issuing commissary at Fredericksburg by Col. Mumford Commissary general for the state of Virginia in which capacity he served about 12 months. In those several stations I have always understood that Mr. Chew discharged his duty as a faithful soldier. Indeed I believe (except for some short intervals) Mr. Chew was engaged in the service of his country during the whole of the Revolutionary Struggle. He has now become old and infirm, and unable to support himself by labor and having no other means appeals to his Country.
Given under my hand this 22nd day of September 1820

S/ Larkin Stanard²

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads 'Larkin Stanard'. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

² [Larkin Stanard S7607](#)