

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of James Chappell VAS1977

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Halifax County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Legislature of Virginia Sitting in the City of Richmond.

Your Memorialist James Chappell Humbly Sheweth.

That he served during the Late American War as Quarter Master to a Corps of volunteers under the command of Brigadier General Robert Lawson<sup>1</sup> by whom he was appointed and Commissioned. Also as Quarter Master to a Detachment of militia marching from Halifax and the bordering Counties, under the command of Colonel Peter Rogers who gave the Appointment as will appear by the Evidence is attending this Memorial. In neither of which cases as your Memorialist been Compensated.

Your Memorialist begs leave to suggest that his Object in Delaying Application to this late day, was owing to the Inconsiderable provision made for such Claims. Incident to the Low State of public resources and Consequent reduced Credit: But as the State of Affairs is happily Changed, and finding that Others having served at the same time have been rewarded, I am induced to hope that my long waiting will not ultimately Exclude me from those benefits that my Countrymen in Similar Circumstances have Enjoyed And the Just reward for faithful Services.

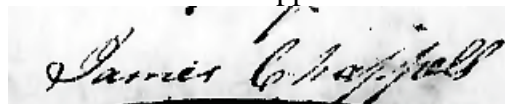
By adverting to the Brigade and Regimental Returns it will be found that your Memorialist was appointed and did serve as herein stated, And the pay Rolls of some will prove that he was not compensated. Your Memorialist therefore prays that your Honors will consider the merit of his Claim and make such Provision for the same as in your Discretion may be thought Wise and Just &c and Your Memorialist will ever pray.

The Claim has not been paid by the State

S/ J Pendleton

Auditors Office 24 November '94

S/ James Chappell



N. B.

Certificates of the Length of time I served in the two Capacities herewith stated will Accompany this.

S/ James Chappell

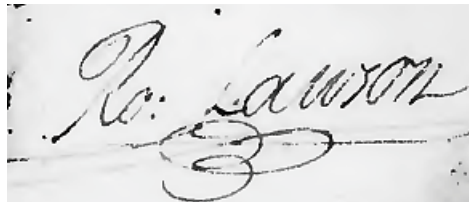
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<sup>1</sup> [Robert Lawson VAS850](#)

[Reverse]  
Chappell's Petition  
November 18<sup>th</sup> 1794  
to Claims  
Reasonable  
McKee  
28<sup>th</sup> G<sup>re</sup> 94

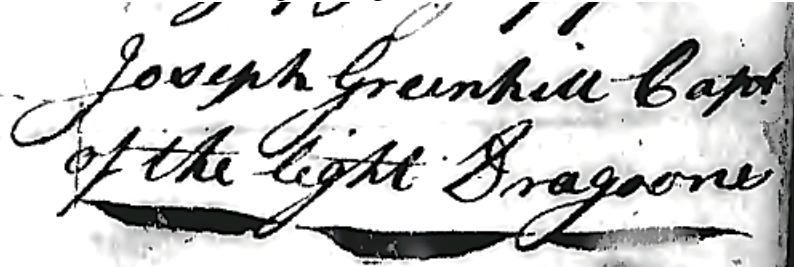
Mr. Chappell acting as Quarter Master to the Volunteers under my command has a right by the Authority of the Governor & Counsel to draw rations for himself & forage for his Course while he is going to & returning from Richmond; during the time he is necessarily employed there on the Service of the Volunteer Corps.  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1780

S/ Ro. Lawson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ro. Lawson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

This is to certify that James Chappell served as quarter Master and General Lawson's volunteer light horse, & his Commission will show the commencement, and was discharged December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1780. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1793.

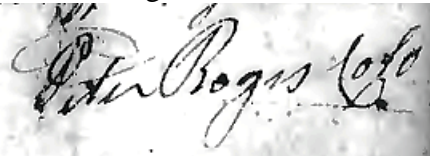
S/ Joseph Greenhill, Captain  
of the light Dragoons

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Greenhill Capt of the Light Dragoons". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Halifax County September 13<sup>th</sup> 1781

This is to Certify that James Chappell is appointed to Act as a Quarter Master to the Militia under my Command, and he is hereby ordered to attend punctually to his Duty and the men to obey his Command as far as required agreeable to his Office.  
Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781

S/ Peter Rogers Colo.

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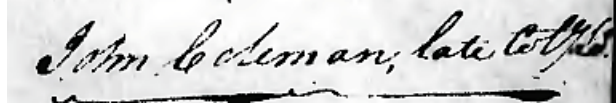
Halifax County Sct.

I do hereby certify that James Chappell was ordered to march with the Militia from this County under the Command of Colonel Rogers, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781 to Join the Army

under the Command of the Marquis de Lafayette, that he marched according to orders, and that the Tour of duty was for three months agreeable to the act of Assembly.

Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1793

S/ John Coleman, late Coty Lt. [County Lieutenant]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Coleman, late Coty Lt.", written in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.