

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Chapman R13115

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[Punctuation partly corrected and paragraphing added for clarity]

State of Illinois } Before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and state
Tazewell County } on this, the 16th day of 8th month, in the year of our LORD, one
thousand, eight hundred, and forty seven personally appeared James Washington Chapman of
our Conterminous County, Logan in said state, and also personally known to me, who. being of
lawful age and first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he is the
Administrator on the Estate of the late Captain John Chapman, an officer of the state line of
Virginia, in the "Illinois Brigade" or "Regiment" (so called), which came out here, under the
command of General George Rogers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark], and Colonel Joseph
Crockett in the revolutionary war, for the subjugation of the posts of then St. Vincent, now
Vincennes in the State of Indiana [25 Feb 1779], and Kaskaskia in this (Illinois) State [4 Jul 1778];
that his uncle, Captain John Chapman - together with Captain Abraham Tipton - were both (as
he has reason to believe) killed by the ambushade of Indians on Beargrass Creek near Louisville,
Kentucky on the 2^d of September 1781; that John Boyle of Tazewell County Ill was his
Coadministrator at Camden[?] the County seat of his (Chapman's County) Logan in the year
1840 - and the title of administrator put by Judge Ezekiel Bowman of the probate Office and by
this Deponent into the hands of said Coadministrator, John Boyle and were mailed (he has every
reason to believe) by said John Boyle at the post office of Springfield, our Metropolis - addressed
to Honble Eq[?] D. Baker and either Col. James L. Edwards, or the Secretary at War which (it
seems) were unceremoniously kept back from[?] Col. J. L. Edwards Office - but can be replaced
by a true copy. He further declares, that his said Uncle John Chapman never married, nor left
any legal issue, and never (to his knowledge, or belief, or that of the other heirs) made any will -
but died intestate; that said Captain John Chapman's both father and mother died in Frederic
[sic: Frederick] County, Virginia before their sons and daughters came out to Kentucky, that said
Captain John Chapman's brothers and sisters were as follows —
first Joseph Chapman, the Eldest son, who was killed by his Negroes in Adair County, Kentucky,
leaving a widow, alive 10 years ago, and his (Joseph's) Eldest son, Peyton Chapman, who moved
away to the remote parts of Missouri - and a daughter by the name of (Say) Dehoning, by whom
there is (as he hears[?]) one son — Dehoning in Adair County, Ky aforesaid — of any other
children of his Uncle Joseph's he knows not.
Secondly Thomas Chapman, this deponent's father dead - and the widow, his mother, dead also;
leaving alive three sons (deponent one) and one daughter - 1st John Strother[?] Chapman alive
with 4 heirs in Union County Ky - 2^{dly} William Cook Chapman alive with no heirs but his wife, &
he at Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky. 3^{dly} Elisa Chapman alias Chapman - married her
cousin John Chapman both alive on Wolf Creek Sangamon County in this State. 4th this deponent
James W. Chapman alive in said Logan County, Illinois, with 5 heirs alive, towit[?] Sarah Jane
Barnes alive & married - daughter dead [illegible words interlined] Nancy McKinney alias
Chapman the wife of William McKinney [illegible interlined words] both dead in Union County,
Kentucky and leaving 4 children. 6th Jane Thornbury, alias Chapman wife of Wm. Thornbury both
dead in said Union County, Kentucky, leaving (say) 3 or 4 heirs
third - son William Chapman, the husband of Fanny Rust of Frederick County, Va. both dead in
Union County, Ky aforesaid leaving 4 heirs viz: John & William Chapman 3^{dly} Harriet Bryant alias
Chapman & 4^{thly} Polly Dowdale[?] alias Chapman - the 2 former on Wolfe Creek and 2 latter
within 2 miles of Springfield - all in Sangamon County Ill aforesaid -
4th a daughter viz: Nutty Davenport alias Chapman the wife of Adrian Davenport both Dead, he
in Union County, Kentucky aforesaid and she at Shawneetown in Gallatin County, Illinois leaving
6 sons.
5th another daughter Rachel Thornbury alias Chapman wife of Thornton Thornbury both dead in
(say) Logan County, Ky leaving two sons - Wm died with him and Thomas Thornbury alive, and a
daughter Nancy Thornbury her husband's name not remembered

6th and last a daughter her first name not remembered, but married to Thomas Ballard and both dead in Frederic County Va. - whether heirs to them or not deponent knoweth not. and further deponent sayeth not.

signed James Washington Chapman