

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Chessher R1911

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County of Floyd} Sct

On this twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and twenty nine personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Floyd and State of Indiana having the Power of fine and imprisonment and proceeding according to the course of the Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & keeping a Record of their proceedings – John Chesshir aged seventy six years and resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said John Chesshir enlisted for the Term of one year as a volunteer on the [blank] day of [blank] 1778 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Thomas West in the Regiment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Samuel Hawes in the line of the State of Virginia on the Land Continental establishment – That said Regiment was composed chiefly of drafted men That some of those who were drafted were not accepted, either from their not being able to pass Muster or from some other cause they were not enrolled and some ran away they having volunteered not being drafted was in consequence taken in lieu and enrolled to make up the quota of the Regiment That he continued to serve the United States in lieu as aforesaid in said Corps until the 17 day of February 1779 when he was discharged from the service at Camp Middle Brook [Middlebrook] in the State of New Jersey as a drafted Soldier owing as he believes to the circumstance aforesaid that he hereby relinquishes every Claim to a Pension except the Present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia. And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension. That he has until within one year before making application been able to support himself by his own bodily labor, and in pursuance of the Act of the 1st day of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. that since the Eighteenth day of March 18 [sic] no changes have taken place in my property

John hisXmark Chesshir

Schedule of Property Towit –

3 Cows and 1 Calf. 1 yearling Heifer 1 Feather bed & bedding 1 Pot and small kettle. 1 small Dutch Oven. 4 Publor[?] plates 1 Pewter Dish ½ Dozen Earthen Plates 3 Small Punch bowls. 1 Felling axe 3 Hoes one old Plough 2 mares 1 Meat Tub. 1 Water Bucket 1 Churn 1 Spider 1 Cherry Breakfast Table. 4 Split bottom chairs 1 Bedstead 1 Mattock. 1 old hair Trunk. 1 Old Saws 5 old chisels

That my occupation is that of a farmer and that I am unable to labour from bodily disability for a support have a wife named Sarah seventy two years old who is also very infirm and that I have four Children who are all married and abble to maintain themselves

John hisXmark Chesshir

Camp Middle Brook February 17 1779.

John Chessher a Soldier in 6 Virginia Regm't. Having faithfully served the Term he Was Draughted for is hereby Granted a Discharge

H. Evans[?] Lieut

Sam'l. Hawes Lt. Colo. Com'g. 3^d V. R.

[other side]

Commissaries are Requested to furnish the within Bearer with provisions on his way to Virginia.
Saml Hawes Lt. Colo. Com'g. 3^d V. R.