

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Childers R1923

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State of South Carolina Your District } On the 28th day of March [1833] personally appeared in open court before Richard Gantt Judge of the court of General Sessions & common pleas now sitting Jacob Childers a resident of York District in the State of South Carolina aged sixty-nine years 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 the 1st [sic] of June 1832

1st That he was born in the State of Virginia about the year 1763.¹

2nd He has no record of his age, nor any knowledge of the existence of any record.

3rd He was removed to York District then called Craven County before the revolution when about 3 months old where he was living when he entered the service & has ever since continued to live.

4th He entered the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier for the term of 10 months and was to receive for his services a Negro – he served the whole term under the command of Captain Phillip Waters [sic, Philemon Waters] Lieutenant F. Jackson², Colonel Hamilton³ & General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] during this term of service this applicant was engaged in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] besides several skirmishes. This applicant was regularly discharged after his term of service expired and returned home where he remained about one month, when he again enlisted under Merry McGuire [Henry McGuire] a recruiting officer for the term of 3 years and received \$30 bounty and served under the command of General Huger and Captain Merry McGuire and was chiefly employed in scouting the Country in

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

² The veteran identified his Lieutenant as Samuel Jackson in the assignment dated 1782 transcribed below.

³ Perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify either Henry Hampton or Wade Hampton, both of whom served under Thomas Sumter in his State Dragoons

the lower part of the State of South Carolina and suppressing the Tories – This last term of service had not expired when peace was proclaimed and our independence established – the precise time this applicant served in this last term of enlistment he does not now recollect, but is satisfied it did not exceed 18 months.

6th This applicant received a written discharge after the first 10 months service which has since been lost. He sold his chance of a Negro to his first Lieutenant Jackson for a horse. This applicant has now no documentary evidence of his service.

7th In support of the truth of the above declaration, and as to his character as a man of veracity he refers to the Reverend George Wilkie and also to John Smith, who was personally acquainted with me in the time of the revolution and who persuaded me to enlist and who knew me in the service of my country –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of this or any other State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ R. Gantt, P. Judge

S/ Jacob Childers, X his mark

[G. W. Davis, a clergyman and John McElwee, Jr., gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina York District

On this 27th day of May A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open court before Benjamin Chambers Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary of York district now Jacob Childers a resident of York district South Carolina aged seventy-one or seventy-two years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as here after stated viz. he enlisted for ten months in the State troops of South Carolina in __ as a private soldier in an infantry company commanded by Captain Moses Guyton a recruiting Officer but said Guyton being unable to complete his company, he (Childers) was transferred to the infantry company commanded by Captain Philip Waters in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton – that he served out the time for which he enlisted and received a written discharge which has been since lost, as he was not careful to keep it not suspecting it ever would be of any value to him. At the time of his enlistment he lived in the District of York, State of South Carolina. Part of the time he was stationed at Brown's old field near McCord's ferry on the Congaree River – part of the time he was stationed at Orangeburg Court house State of South Carolina & part at the Four Holes (between Charleston & Savannah) – He was in a skirmish near Orangeburg against some Tories in which some were killed – He was also in another skirmish near the Four Holes against a foraging party of the Bloody Tory Cunningham [William Cunningham]. This deponent further states, that part of this service he did in a troop of horse.

He further states that he was in the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] & received a slight wound in his right side, but he cannot recollect, as his memory fails him of late, whether this took place during his ten months service, or when he was drafted as he was drafted for three months previous to his ten months service, but the particulars of that service he cannot recollect owing to a frail memory.

This deponent further states that he enlisted afterwards in the regular service of the United States, 18th of August 1782 for three years and a company of infantry commanded by Captain Merry McGuire – he cannot recollect who commanded the Regiment to which he was

attached but the name of the General was Huger . He entered the service in York District and marched to the High Hills of Santee in Sumter District State of South Carolina – stayed there about two months & marched through a Sandy country to about twenty miles from Charleston City & stayed there until the British soldiers left the city [the British evacuated Charleston in December 1782], when he marched into Charleston & it was here after the peace was made between England and our country and our foes had left our shores, that he left the Army, because it was said the war was over & peace was made & he thought it not worthwhile to stay longer – he therefore came off without his discharge – many of his companions Randolph with him – he was in this service seven months, wanting four or five days. He lived in York District, State of South Carolina when he entered this service – he was enlisted – he has no documentary evidence to prove his service & he refers to John Smith whose affidavit is hereunto annexed to prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Chambers, QU

S/ Jacob Childers, X his mark

Interrogatories put by the court & answers by the Deponent

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Virginia, the County I cannot recollect – I was brought from that country when I was about 3 months old I was born about the year 1762 or 1763.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age nor ever had.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in York District, State of South Carolina, have lived here ever since & to now.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was enlisted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I name in the ten months service Colonel Wade Hampton, Captain Waters, general Sumter – in the three years service – General Huger, Captain McGuire –I cannot recollect particularly the names of any regiments & I refer to my declaration for a detail of the circumstances of my service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from the ten months service – I was discharged by my Captain – it has been lost – I received no discharge from my 3 years service.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I refer to the certificates already given in my former declaration now on file in the War Department.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written

S/ Benjamin Chambers, QU

S/ Jacob Childers, X his mark

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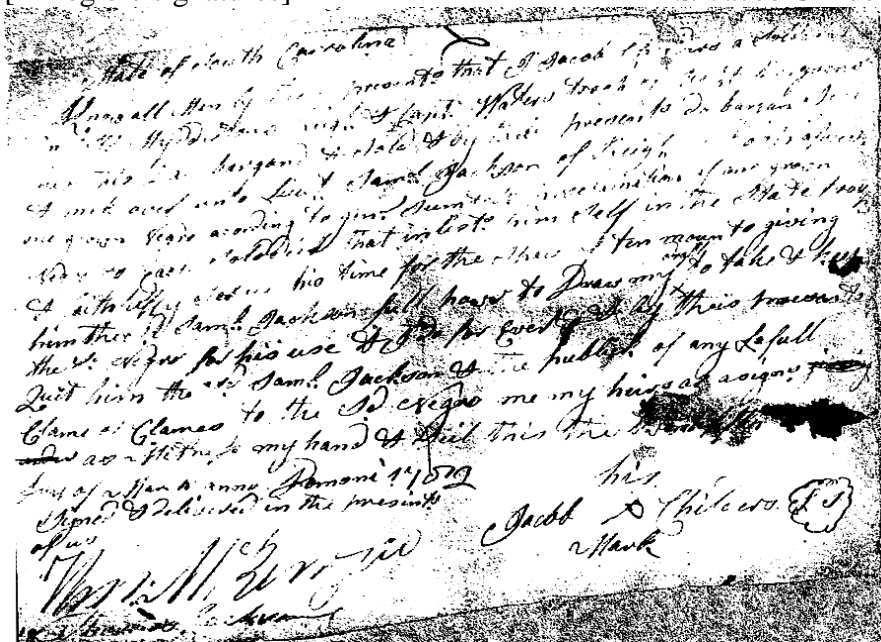
State of South Carolina

Know all Men by these presents that I Jacob Childers a Soldier [several words too faint to discern] Captain Waters troop [several words too faint to discern] do bargain & sale & by these presents do bargain [several words too faint to discern] over unto Lieut. Saml. Jackson [Lt. Samuel Jackson] of [several words too faint to discern] one grown Negro according to General Sumter's [word too faint to discern] of one grown Negro to each soldier that enlisted himself in the State troops & faithfully served his time for the term of 10 months giving him the said Saml Jackson full power to draw my ^{one} to take and keep the said Negro for his use & I do for ever & by these presents Quit him to said Saml Jackson & the public of my law for claim or claims to the said Negro for my heirs and assigns as witness my hand & seal this the [several words blotted out by an ink blot] day of [illegible] anno Domini 1782

signed & delivered in the presence of us

[2 illegible signatures]

S/ Jacob Childers, X his mark {LS}



⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.