

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Pleasant Childers (Childress) R1924
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County

On the 19 day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges for the Circuit Court, in and for the State aforesaid, personally appeared P. Childers aged fifty-seven years; who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make to following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law of Congress entitled, “an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war”; that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Floyd; and that he was enlisted for 9 months in Warren County, the state of North Carolina on or about the ____ day of May 1780 and served in the company commanded by Captain James Parker of the Fifth Carolina Regiment, Col. Armstrong. He thinks upon reflection that Parker was Adjutant to Wm. Christmas, Capt. of the Company. That he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States in the continental army against the common enemy, until about the ___ day of March 1781 when he was honorably discharged from service at Cross Creek by Capt. Armstrong in the state of North Carolina, that he was in service the said nine months and in the battles of Stono and Guilford, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his County for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge; other than that which is here transmitted,

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid,

S/ B. Mills

Jacob Saunders also sworn at the same time and place deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with aforesaid applicant Pleasant Childers & with his circumstances - that he appears to be an unhealthy man so as to affect his ability to labor - that he considers him a very poor man, and although he might shift along so as to live without any aid from his Country yet he is in such reduced circumstances as to require the aid of his Country.

July 25th 1822. Floyd County Circuit Court. This day came Joseph Boneney, a credible witness into open court and made oath that he was in the Revolutionary Army, and that he knows personally that Pleasant Childers was a regular soldier, in the 5th Regt. North Carolina troops in the NC State Service. The deponent saw him at Guilford Court House two or three days before the Battle and knows that he was in active services.

S/ Silas W. Robbins, Circuit Judge

State of Kentucky, County of Floyd

This day Thomas Lovelady, a credible witness came personally into open court and made oath that he served in the revolutionary army and that he knows of his own knowledge that Pleasant Childers was a Soldier in the Continental service and that he served in Capt. Wm. Christmas' Company of the 5th Regt North Carolina troops – Col. Armstrong. He says that he saw said Childers within service and especially at the Battle of Guilford and that it was more than nine months between the finish and last times that he saw him in service.

Given under my hand as Circuit Judge of the Floyd Circuit Court, it being a court of record.

Same County and Circuit,

This day came Pleasant Childers, into open court (it being a Court of Record) and made the following Schedule of his property:

That he has no land, nor slaves.	
That he has four cows worth \$10 each	\$ 40.00
That he has eight young cattle worth \$5 each	40.00
1 crippled mare worth nothing (say \$5)	5.00
10 head of hogs worth \$1 each	<u>10.00</u>
	\$95.00

Which is all he has except his clothing and his house and kitchen furniture. He is a laborer and has no trade, is 59 years of age and has a wife aged 59 and two children living with him, one a boy about 17, the other a boy about 14 years of age. That he works on rented land for a living.

I, Silas W. Robbins, do hereby certify that the foregoing Declaration was taken and sworn to before me in Open Court, this 25th day of July 1822.

S/ Silas W. Robbins

Circuit Judge for the 11th Judicial Dist.

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State of Kentucky, Floyd County & Circuit

At a court continued and held for Floyd Circuit at the Courthouse in Prestonsburg [sic, Prestonsburg] on Tuesday the 29th day of April 1823, Pleasant Childers, an old Revolutionary soldier presented in open court and made oath to a schedule of his property of which is as followeth to wit:

Schedule

On this 29th day of April 1823 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said circuit, Pleasant Childers, aged 60 years, resident in the county of Floyd in the circuit aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he was enlisted for nine months at ___ in Warren County in the State of North Carolina on or about the ___ day of May 1780 and served in the Company commanded by Capt. James Parker of the Fifth Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong, he thinks, upon reflection, that Parker was Adjutant & William Christmas Captain of his Company, that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States in the Continental Army against the common enemy until about the ___ day of March 1781, when he was honorably discharged from service at Cross Creek by Capt. Armstrong in the State of North Carolina, that he was in service the said nine months and in the Battles of Stono and Guilford; That he did on the 19th day of October 1818 originally make an application or declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to Provide for Certain Persons Engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", but as yet he hath [not] obtained said pension, and said Pleasant Childers did further swear as follows: and 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 means 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 of Congress to Provide for Certain Persons 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, receipts, 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 he has no land nor slaves,	
That he has four cows worth \$10 each	\$40.00
8 young cattle worth \$5 each	40.00
1 crippled mare worth nothing or very little say	5.00
10 head of hogs worth \$1 each	10.00
Household and kitchen furniture not recollected when his previous schedule was given in the whole worth \$18.48 and no more	<u>18.48</u>
	\$113.48

which is all the property he has except his clothing. He is a laborer and has no trade, is now 60 years of age and has a wife aged 60 years, two children living with him: one, a boy about 18 years old and the other, a boy, about 15 years of age. That he works on rented land for a living.

S/ Pleasant Childers, X his mark

State of Kentucky, County of Floyd

This day Thomas Lovelady,¹ a credible witness came personally into open court, it being a court of record, and made oath that he served in the Revolutionary War and that he knew of his own knowledge that Pleasant Childers was a soldier in the Continental service and that he served in Captain William Christmas’ Company of the 5th Regiment North Carolina troops, Col. Armstrong. He says that he saw said Childers in the service and especially at the Battle of Guilford and that it was more than nine months between the first and last times that he saw him in service.

Given under my hand as Circuit Judge of the Floyd Circuit Court this 29th day of April 1823.

S/ Silas W. Robbins

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State of Kentucky, Floyd County

The Deposition of Joseph Boney,² an old Revolutionary soldier about seventy three years of age:

I, Joseph Boney, do solemnly swear that I do know Pleasant Childers, an old Revolutionary Soldier did Enlist into the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolutionary War in the year 1780 in Warren County in the State of North Carolina, in Captain William Christmas’ Company of Infantry for the term of nine months in the Fifth North Carolina Regiment, an Continental establishment commanded at that time by Col. Armstrong and afterwards by Col. Parker; that this deponent served with him from the time of his enlistment until the full end of his term of enlistment was expired; that this deponent does know that the said Pleasant Childers was in the Battle at Guilford; that this deponent does know that the said Pleasant Childers was honorably discharged at Cross Creek in the State of North Carolina after he had served out his full term of enlistment by General Linkhorne [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] in March in the year 1781 after he had served nine months under one

¹ [Thomas Lovelady W8065](#)

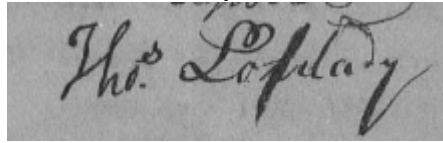
² I could not find an application filed with the federal government by anyone of this name (or any variant I could think of) for service in the NC line.

enlistment.
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S/ Joseph Boney, B his mark

The Deposition of Thomas Lovelady, an old Revolutionary Soldier, deposeth as follows: I, Thomas Lovelady, do swear that I was well acquainted with Pleasant Childers, an old Revolutionary Soldier that I do know that he did Enlist into the service of the United States in the 5th North Carolina Regiment in the year 1780 commanded at that time by Col. Armstrong and afterwards by Col. Parker; that he does know that the said Pleasant Childers was an enlisted soldier for the term of nine months and that he enlisted in Warren County in the State of North Carolina in Capt. Christmas' Company. This deponent does know that the said Childers did serve out his full term of nine months under one enlistment; this deponent does know that the said Pleasant Childers was in the Battle at Guilford; and that the said Pleasant Childers was afterwards honorably discharged at Cross Creek in the State of North Carolina in the month of March in the year 1781 by General Lincoln after his full term of enlistment was expired.

S/ Thos. Lovelady

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Lovelady". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 8: On October 28, 1839, Sarah Childers, resident of Pike County, KY filed for a pension as the widow of Pleasant Childers; she says she married Pleasant on April 16, 1785 in Buckingham County Virginia; that Pleasant died April 25, 1839 with colic.]

[fn p. 14: On may 19, 1851 in Pike County Kentucky, Nathaniel Childress, a resident of Pikeville Kentucky filed a claim for the pension due his mother Sarah Childers under the 1838 act; he states that he is the son of pleasant Childress, a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that his father died April 25, 1838; that his mother's maiden name was Sarah Jeffries; that his mother died August 10, 1843; that his parents left seven children now known to be living, to which, Lucy, Elizabeth, Sally, Jesse, Nathaniel, Pleasant and Flemon Childress.]

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The name of Pleasant Childress does not appear on the musterroll of the North Carolina line in the Revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 10th June 1819
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing December 7th, 1824, for nine months service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private.]