

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Chisam R1932

Sarah Chisam

f33SC

Transcribed by Will Graves

5/26/11: rev'd 8/20/19

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: There is no application or supporting affidavits in this file. The main clue I could find in the file as to what may have happened to the contents appears in a note on fn p. 8, which reads: "The application Sent July 8, 1856 to Hon G. W. Jones Chairman of Comt on Pensions." The most comprehensive clue I find in the file as to what may have been in the widow's application and the supporting affidavits is in an undated, unsigned 2-page document which appears to be a summary (author unknown) of the evidence in the case. That document reads as follows:

"Nancy Fisher only heir of John Chisam a deceased Revolutionary soldier who died in Alabama June 15/29 leaving a widow Sarah Chisam who remained his widow and died August 30, 1848 act White County Tennessee. There were seven children then living is Nancy Fisher, John Chisam, Rachel Riddles, Polly Pollem, Betsy Burnside, Sarah Chisam and Francis Hately [probably Frances] – all dead but Nancy Fisher who applied in September 1855 – Service claimed by widow who applied in June 1844 under act of 1836 as volunteer from Spartanburg district South Carolina under Colonel Thomas and Captain Taylor and under General Pickens and General Green for more than two years – claims to have been married in 1774 by a Minister of the Gospel in Spartanburg district knows of no marriage record – She knows of her own knowledge of his going into service. John Chisam son of John & Sarah swears in February 1852 that he is 71 years old – and that Nancy Fisher was then 31 – Lewis Taylor¹ swears in June 1844 – That he served with John Chisam under Captain Thomas, Captain Taylor, Colonel Thomas, General Pickens & General Green – that he was present at their marriage, that they have lived together since their marriage – Has known them more than sixty years – Lewis Taylor was a pensioner under Act of 1832. Mary Chisam in August 1855 make affidavit that she is the widow of one of sons of John & Sarah Chisam who is dead, that she drew a pension as the only heir of Jonathan & Margaret Harris,² and filed in that case her family Bible – Has often heard the old man talk of his service in the revolution. That they had 12 children of whom Nancy was next to the youngest – of August 2 1786 – James White with an order from John Chisam drew £32.14.3 ½ . The indent numbered 3435 – certificate obtained August 6/55 – William Adcock of DeKalb County Tennessee swears on September 5/55 that he was acquainted with John and Sarah Chisam prior to 1794 – Has heard Chisam & his own father talk of their revolutionary services – New them in Spartanburg district South Carolina they had several

¹ This MAY be the same man as [Lewis Taylor S1728](#)

² [Jonathan Harris W4979](#)

children in 1794 the oldest was then 15 or 20 years of age –]

[p 21: Certificate dated August 6, 1855 from the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office showing a payment made to John Chisam for duty done in the Roebuck's Regiment.]

[Note: The following may relate to the above veteran]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to John Chisim [sic]	AA21 ⁴
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1245	
Transcribed by Will Graves	8/20/19

[p 2]

[No.] 2435

No. 114

[Book] X

2 August 85 [1785]

John Chisim [sic] for Militia duty, before, & Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency £229

Stg. [Sterling] £32.14.3 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received the Amount of the Within in an Indent No. 3435, X, per Order
S/ James White

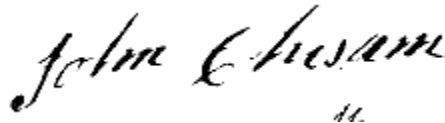


[p 4]

Gentlemen

Please to Deliver the whole of my Indent if Ready to Mr. James White and you Will much oblige your Very Humble Servant

S/ John Chisam



To the Commissioners
Treasurer of State South Carolina
S/ R Harrison JP

March 19th 1787

³ 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.

⁴ Except for the document transcribed above, the other documents in this file relate to reimbursements sought by Captain John Chisolm for provisions provided for the militia.