

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Chester R20317

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution, approved on the 15th of May 1829 [sic, 15th of May 1828], I David Chester of Rutherford County, North Carolina, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war, on the 23rd of October 1776. I was a quarter Master Sergeant in 1779, a Sergeant in 1782, in Captain Ralston's Company of the first North Carolina Regiment, commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark, in which capacity I remained to the end of the war, and I also declare, that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I am not, on the 15th of May 1828, on the pension list of the United States. Witness my hand this 25th of August 1829

Sworn to before me

S/ Robert Wilkins, JQ

S/ David Chester, X his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg district

William Blake, a man of fair character swears before me, that he served in the same Company, line and Regiment with David Chester, and knows that he rendered the services above stated by himself, the 25th of August, us 1829.

S/ Robert Wilkins, Jake you

S/ Wm Blake, W his mark

[beneath this document is a handwritten note reading as follows: "Forged by H. Moore. No Record L.D.S. Nov. 4/80"]

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution, approved on the 15th day of May, 1828, I William Blake, of the District of Spartanburg, and State of South Carolina, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war as a Sergeant in October 1777. I was a private in 1778, a Corporal in 1779, and a Sergeant again in 1780, in said capacity to the end of the war. I was attached to the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark, and lost in

Company, and I declare that I was attached to the North Carolina line.

And I further declare, that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1828, on the pension list of the United States. Witness my hand this 27th of August 1829.

S/ Robert Wilkins, JQ

S/ William Blake, W his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Came David Chester before me, and made oath that he was well acquainted with the above deponent William Blake, and served with him through the war, and know the above statement to be true, 27th August, 1829.

S/ Robert Wilkins, Jake you

S/ David Chester, X his mark

[fn p. 5: there is a typed statement as follows: "The claim was rejected on the ground that the affidavit was a forgery and not made by David Chester."]