

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Chick S10440

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State of Kentucky } Sect.

Knox County }

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court of Knox County now sitting James Chick a resident of Greasy Creek in the County and state aforesaid Aged 72 on the 14th day of May 1832 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 June the 7th 1832

That he entered the service under the following officers and served as herein stated

I was enrolled in Capt. William Due's[?] Company on the first Saturday in June 1776 – we were enrolled then at 16 years of age – this was in King & Queen County Virginia where I then lived. I was first called on in the month of January 1777 to do military duty for one month. War's[?] was my Captain we marched from King and Queen County to little york where Cornwallis was taken in '81 [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] when there, Col Nelson seemed to be the commanding officer he was not from King & Queen at the expiration of the month I was discharged at little york – it was about 80 miles from my home to York when discharged at york we always drew four days provision to last us home – the next time he was called out was some time in the latter part of '77 it was also for one month, his Capt at that time he believes was Campbell we again marched to little york, and discharged there at the expiration of the month, he went 3 other Tours to york of one month each [the following words between carets written in margin] ^We were all numbered and when our number was called for we went one of my trips to York I went as a substitute for Dixon Lyon^ but the precise time or even the year is not remembered with certainty, but he recollects he was called on and served from the first tour in '77 one and sometimes two tours in every year until he completed the 5 Tours in one of the last 3 mentioned he served under Capt Hill – in another under Capt Hoskins – he believes the other tour he served under Capt Coatney [probably Courtney] – he knows he was down with Coatney but whether he was his officer or not is not confident

In November 1780 he was called out and marched to Williamsburg upon a months Tour but upon the expiration of the Tour he thinks in about 15 days from the call he was discharged at Williamsburg – he does not remember the Captain that he marched with, but when he got to Williamsburg six of the company that went down with him of which he was one was attached to the artillery company under Capt Eddings [possibly Samuel Eddins]

In January 1781 he moved from King & Queen County to King William and in a few days after he took up his residence there he was enrolled in Capt Owen Gawthmemys [sic: Owen Gwathmey's] Company in the first days of Feb. afterwards I served a tour of one month under some Capt whose name I have forgotten we then marched to williamsburg and was there discharged before our month was out it was called 65 miles from where he lived to Williamsburg – on the 15th day of May 1781 he was called on for one months Tour and marched under Capt. John Quarles – we met with the main army under Gen'l Lafayette at the 4 mile springs from Richmond – although we started for one month the time was in fact two months at the expiration of the month many of his company contrary to orders left the service and went home – one young man was overheard by Col Tolls [sic: Oliver Towles] to say that his time was out and he would go home. Tolls had him put under guard and the next day for this offence he rec'd. 25 lashes four muskets was stacked up with the Bayonets locked in each other, the young man was tied and hitched to the Bayonets, the men were drawn up in a circle to see him whipped – after this although many of us thought we had a right to go home nothing more was said – this was in Spotsylvania County

– during the whole of this two months – we were continually marching and countermarching – we were too weak to fight the British until we made a junction with Gen'l. Wayne [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781] and some days afterward by Gen'l. Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] after that the British retreated to Williamsburg. for 7 weeks of this service I was a corporal of the quarter guard commanding 6 men our duty was to guard the Tent of Col Charles Dabney of Louisa County then of the continental line Col William Campbell Maj. James Quarles, Maj. Abram Murray [Abraham Murray] and a Maj. Tunstall on the 17th of July he was discharged at the Marben Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] on James River – we marched in this Tour through Richmond, Hanover, Spottsylvania through the lower end of Orange, then into Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County thence to the Raccoon ford [on Rapidan River, 6 Jun 1781] thence through a part of Spottsylvania again and took what was called the Marquis' new cut road thence into Louisa we went from there down James River on the south side following the Brittish Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] commanded the brigade but he considered the the Marquis [Marquis de Lafayette] as the head commander of all he never rec'd a written discharge in his life and has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service. his Brother William lives in Buckingham County Va. Will. Lankford [pension application S8823] of Chesterfield County both of whom could prove his service if there testimony could be procured but he states that it was 4 or 500 miles to where they live and that he knows of no one by whome he can prove his actual service nearer than them unless a Mr. Thomas Lefairn late of Woodford 100 miles distant is living

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 state or agency

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year afores'd. [signed] James Chick