

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Upchurch S16562

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Georgia, Henry County

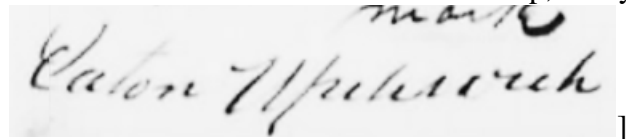
For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828 I Charles Upchurch of the County of Henry & State of Georgia do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination, at which time I was a private in Captain Casmone Medicie's [sic, Cosmo Medici or Medicie's] Company in the second Regiment of the North Carolina line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under the Resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Test: S/ David Crim [?], JP

S/ Charles Upchurch, X his mark

[p 17: Eaton Upchurch gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the applicant as a soldier of the revolution. His relationship, if any, to the applicant is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eaton Upchurch". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Eaton" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Upchurch".

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Georgia, Henry County

On this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Inferior Court of Henry County now sitting Charles Upchurch a resident of Henry County in Captain Miller's District (so called) in the State of Georgia – aged Seventy-Six 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. He entered the service of Captain James Jones who resigned after about six months when Lieutenant Cassman Medicia [sic, Cosmo Medici or Medicie] took the command and continued throughout Deponent's Term of enlistment. He enlisted in May 1776 the day not recollected in the Continental line at the Court House in Wake County North Carolina for the Term of two years and a half which he served fully out. He marched to Charleston under his aforesaid Captain. the Lieutenant, Ensign, James Armstrong – left behind soon followed after, with additions – all added together made a Company of sixty men which joined the foot soldiers of North Carolina under General Sumner

[Jethro Sumner], General Nash [Francis Nash] and General Ashe [John Ashe] – remained at Charleston two or three months – and marched to Savannah Georgia remained two or three months and marched back to Charleston remained there a month and marched back to North Carolina to Halifax Town in Halifax County, from thence after one or two months stay to Georgetown in Maryland, where a great portion of the forces took the smallpox, remained there 2 ½ months, marched to Philadelphia, remained there from about the middle of June until the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1777 – Deponent, was on Brandywine Creek near the American encampment, when the Battle [September 11, 1777] took place, stood waiting for orders with army under Generals Sumner, Ashe and Nash who marched the foot soldiers to Germantown. Deponent's Company of Horse was marched back to Philadelphia. Captain Medici was sent with money to Williamsburg Virginia and thence to Halifax North Carolina. Deponent was one of the guards which accompanied him. The three others Drury Bass, Joel Chambers and Willis Spon [?] --and in continuation of the same duty we moved on to New Bern North Carolina from thence to Charleston North Carolina [sic, Charlotte, North Carolina or Charleston South Carolina?] -- from thence to Savannah Georgia – returned to Charleston to Halifax North Carolina and there road [sic, rode] post for Colonel Long to the Governor, Richard Caswell at Kingston Maryland through Petersburg Virginia until the expiration of his Term in November 1778. He remained with service until the first day of February 1779 – and was discharged in writing by Colonel Gideon Lamb – who acted under the advice of the Governor. Deponent exhibiting his Certificate of Enlistment – obtained from Captain Jones. Deponent made application at Raleigh, North Carolina for a Grant of Land in Tennessee and left his discharge in the office at which grants were issued he thinks by Due Glass [?] who gave Deponent a grant – which he sold to a man in Tennessee. Deponent was again (in same County) and State drafted in the Militia and entered the service on the first or a few days after of April 1779 under Captain Carrington [James Carrington], General Butler [John Butler] of Chatham County North Carolina commanded the Regiment – Captain Haven [? Hover or Havens ?] commanded one of the companies – does not recollect any of the others. James Smith – John Snipes & Sampson Strickland were a part of his messmates – marched to Augusta Georgia crossed the River & marched in pursuit of the British down to a place called the Three Sisters [ferry] upon the River and marched to Stono – stayed four or five weeks marched to Stono Fort, attacked the Fort [June 20, 1779] – and continued efforts to reduce it for about two hours – fell back for the want of ammunition – drove a company of the enemy of 70 or 80 which was endeavoring to reach the Fort into the River. Generals Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Green, Sumner & Butler were commanders of foot. General Pulaski commanded the Horse. Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] commanded the Infantry – this deponent became one of them by volunteering – they returned back to the Stono old Field and were discharged – after the British had left the Fort. Deponent was discharged by Captain James Havens [?] and the discharge was also signed by James Butler on the last days of July 1779. He was 16 or 17 days going home & this service lasted four months 12 days. Again he was drafted in Wake County North Carolina – he does not recollect the time, but knows he was drafted under Captain Bullard Fowler and served two months out of the three for which he was drafted – when the news reached us that Cornwallis was taken. He was at Nash Court House in Nash County to which place he had arrived on the march to Halifax and was there discharged in company-- no written discharge was rec'd – when officers, soldiers and all, after getting sober, went home. This deponent's service makes in all – added together viz two years & nine months—4 months & 2 days & two months of the last service (unless the Department may consider a Tour of three months) makes – 3 years & three months. Deponent has omitted a service under Captain Michael Rogers and Col. James Hinton [sic, probably John Hinton, Jr.] & General Caswell [Richard Caswell] afterwards Governor before his enlistment in Wake County North Carolina -- & he marched and was attacked by

about 1000 Tories at Moore's Creek [February 27, 1776] under General McCloud – a Scotsman by birth. The rebels destroyed or pulled off the planks of the Bridge – permitted a few of the Tories to cross and fired upon them. General McCloud in front was killed by at the least seven Balls & several others on land – a few were killed and fell into the large Creek. They retreated, were followed by the rebels who took 700 prisoners – out of their entire number. The rebel force consisted of about 1500 – this service lasted 70 days – he returned home & volunteered for three months under Captain Solomon Terril [Solomon Terrell] & \_\_ Rogers [Michael Rogers] Lieutenant & Colonel James Hinton commanding about 300 – which force was constantly engaged for six weeks and was discharged, in writing which he Deponent lost some time after the war closed. He has no documentary evidence. <sup>1st</sup> Deponent was born the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1755-- <sup>2nd</sup> his brother Moses Upchurch in Chatham County North Carolina, has the register of Deponent's age in his Father's Bible. <sup>3rd</sup> lived in North Carolina Wake County when he entered service. <sup>4th</sup> he first volunteered – next was drafted – next was Enlisted – and lastly in two instances was drafted. <sup>5th</sup> & <sup>6th</sup> refer to the Statement--<sup>7th</sup> He is known to Robt. Hill, Nimrod Vincent & Major Francis Miller , William Wyatt & Joab Driver who has known Deponent for 40 or 50 years, all are his neighbors—he is not personally intimately acquainted with a minister of the Gospel – Micajah Ferril [sic, Micajah Ferrell<sup>1</sup>] of Butts County, Georgia was in the service with Deponent, under the Enlistment – he is very infirm and unable to leave home – Deponent lived in North Carolina until near 60 years of age in the neighborhood of Colonel William Dunn [?], Thomas Dunn Esqr., Wm. Harrison, Esqr—moved to Greene County Georgia – was known to General Davison now of Monticello Georgia – Thomas F. Foster in Congress – and Causly Dawson – (not his neighbor & John Hall & George Hall, Esq. & William Armon his neighbors) Deponent has heretofore applied for a pension under a pension act of Congress – was rejected for want of testimony or a witness – he has since found one in Butts County Georgia--

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

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Charles Upchurch, X his mark

S/ John T. Bentley [?], JIC

[James Sellers and Waid H. Friend [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia, Butts County

Before me John Hendrick a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County personally came and appeared Micajah Ferrell who being duly sworn deposed & saith, That he was acquainted with Charles Upchurch in Wake County North Carolina, that in the year 1776 in the month of May of that year the said Charles Upchurch enlisted in the service of the United States under Captain James Jones at the then Court-house of said County and State of North Carolina, that I served in the same company with him for two months at Charleston South Carolina under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee] and that I left him there in the service of the United States, That I was acquainted with the Charles Upchurch after the close of the Revolutionary War in the said County of Wake and State of North Carolina, and that I never heard nothing to the contrary of his having served out the time for which he enlisted, which was two years and a half, I know that he was absent for a considerable time.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1832.

S/ John Hendrick, JIC

S/ Micajah Ferrell, X his mark

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Georgia, Henry County

Before me Thomas D. Johnston [sic, he signed his name "Johnson"] a Justice of the peace for said County personally came Charles Upchurch who after being duly Sworn saith – Colonel William Alston commanded the Regiment that Deponent first served in during the revolutionary War. Said Alston went on from Halifax N. C. to Charleston & thence to Savannah -- & returned to Halifax – whether he resigned or his service expired there, Deponent does not know or recollect. Colonel Pink Eaton [Pinketham Eaton] of Halifax or Warren County N. C. -- succeeded Alston in Command. This Deponent left said Eaton in Philadelphia.

Sworn to and subscribed this \_\_\_ day of June 1833.

S/ Charles Upchurch, X his mark

S/ Thomas D. Johnson, JP

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from a book in this Office that Charles Upchurch a private Soldier of the revolutionary war drew a Warrant for the quantity of land allowed by law to a Soldier for two and a half years service at a time when all such Warrants were issued on the certificates of field Officers.

Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia and in the North Carolina Light Dragoons.]