

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edmund Chapman S16701 VA
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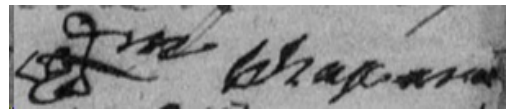
State of Missouri }
County of Randolph } sect.

On this 21st day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Jno. Dysart & the Hon. H. Shoemaker composing the members of the county Court of Randolph County now sitting Edmund Chapman a resident of Sugar Creek Township in the County of Randolph & State of Missouri, aged 68 years almost 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He entered the service under Capt Geo. Madison [George Madison], ensign Wm Samuel [William Samuel] – Lieut. Don't recollect – Don't recollect his major's name – & Colonel Anthony Thornton, in the Virginia Militia in the month of February 1781 in the County of Caroline, rendezvoused at Needmond[?] (a tavern in Caroline County Va.). First marched to Port Royal on the Rappahannoc [sic: Rappahannock River] in the afd. County & there continued the tour out – two months was the length of this tour. No fighting on this tour. Commander of the brigade was Brig. Gen. [Robert] Lawson. Don't recollect of any regular officer being the station at the afd. place during his said tour 2nd The next engagement commenced some time in May [sic] – say the tenth – under Lieut. Raling Tiler [possibly R. Keeling Tyler], Capt. Jno. Tyler [John Tyler], major __ & Col. Thomas Mathis (mathews) [Thomas Mathews] on this tour he was a drafted private in the mitia service of the United States of the Virginia Line. Rendezvoused at the same place in Caroline County Virginia afd. marched from thence to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia – stayed her fully ~~two~~ one months – there was a little fighting here – the British drove this afd. Regiment – which was then attached to the a Brigade Commanded by the afd. Brig. Gen. Lawson from the afd. town of williamsburgh [probably April 19 or 20] & afterwards one or two hundred volunteers belonging to the same regiment (3d regiment) the same night that they were driven out of the said town went back to said Town & attacked the British stationed in the town – they were repulsed by the British several of them receiving wounds from the British shot – next retreated to Richmond Va. stayed here three days & relieved by another Corps. – He knew the following regular officers, Major Armstead (perhaps his Christian name was Thomas) [sic: Thomas Armistead] Major walker Baylor, citizens of Virginia. on this 2d engagement while they were at Richmond, the British came to Manchester on the opposite side of James River from Richmond & Burned the town & destroyed the property of the inhabitants [late April 1781].

The 3d engagement commenced some time about the first of August [sic] under Capt. Francis Thompkins [sic: Francis Tompkins], (perhaps major Ramsey, same Col. & regiment as in the second tour – then disvoused[?] at Bolingreen [sic: Bowling Green] County seat of Caroline County va. from thence marched to Morbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] on James river below Richmond in Henrico County Va. Belonged to the Brigade commanded by the afd Gen. Lawson. Lay here at said place two weeks with the command of Gen. Lafayette & Gen. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] – from thence marched thro' James or Charles City (County then known by the known in Va.) Stayed some two or three weeks at a tavern in said county calld Birds Old Tavern [8 mi NW of Williamsburg] – while here the British took some twelve or thirteen prisoners of the americans one on a Scouting party. Continued about here but after Wayne's battle near old Jamestown Va. [Gen. Anthony Wayne, Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] then moved on & joined the general army of Americans & French Allies stationed at Williamsburgh afd. – Reg. Genls Lafayette & Wayne & Washington [arrived 15 Sep] perhaps was here & near this place at this time – from thence mached to the Hospittle about 2 miles below Williamsburgh va. there dismissed & went home off

the third two months tour, about the latter part of September 1781. The first tour he went on, was as a substitute for Wm. Chapman his father – drafted on the two last tours. served in all fully six months – did not receive any written discharge from either of his engagements – he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person living in the state of Missouri by whom he can prove his services aforesaid. All his services were performed in the Virginia line of militia – he lived in the state of Virginia Caroline County, when he entered the service he was born in said County & state lived there when he left the service – he was born in the year of 1764 in the month of January – 8th day – lived some twenty four five years after the revolution in the state of Virginia then he removed to the state of Kentucky lived in said latter state from 1805 till 1828 since which time he has lived in the County of Randolph & State of Missouri he has a record of his age taken from his fathers family record – the record of his age is at home in his Bible & Church prayerbook – he never received a commission during the rev. war –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. Chapman".

The declarant Edmund Chapman in addition to his former original Declaration by him made & to which this is attached, in order to obtain a pension under & by virtue of the act of Congress of 7th of June 1832 allowing pensions to soldiers of the Revolution, further declares deposeseth & says that he entered the service of the U. States on his 1st tour with a corps called into the service by competent authority on the first of February 1781 under the officers therein mentioned & served part of the tour in a garrison & the other part in the field – he served a tour of two months with the rank & office of Corporal and quit the service afd. off this first tour on the forth day of Aprill 1781 without any written discharge, but a verbal one – having completed the said two months tour. And the said Declarant Edmund Chapman further declares deposeseth & saith that he entered on his second tour of duty in his said original Declaration mentiond on the first day of May, as on the first tour a militiaman & served for the second tour in the field a private & after serving as a private for the full tour of two months, he was verbally discharged in Richmond Va. on the first of July 1781, having fully completed his said second tour of duty under the said officers in his said original declaration mentioned – And this declarant E. Chapman further declares deposeseth & saith that he enter on his third tour of duty on the first day of August 1781 a drafted militiaman and served as in his said original declaration mentioned for the tour & time of two months in the field and left the service on the first of October 1781 after performing a tour of two months as aforesaid merely as private – he recd. no written discharge from the service but a verbal one And, that the reason he the said declarant did not in his original Declaration produce the certificate of a Clergyman was because there was none convenient at court & because he understood that it was not indispensibly necessary to have such certificate – And that he has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – and believes there is no person living anywhere by whom he can prove his service except perhaps one in the state of Ky. but does not know that he is alive.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edmund Chapman".