

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abner Chappell S16707

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

I Abner Chappell do hereby certify in open Court that, Agreeable to my register that I was born April 13 day In the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty three, In the County of Amelia and State of Virginia, where I lived untill the 1807 from thence I removed to Bedford County in the State of Tennessee, where I remained untill 1820 from thence I removed to Howard County State of Missouri where I now live; my Revolutionary Services were as follows. To Wit, in the fall of 1780 [sic: 30 Dec 1780] my State was invaded by A British force under the command of the traitor [Gen. Benedict] Arnold, as I was informed, I was called at that period to defend my Country, I served a tour of six months, terminating in April 1781 My field Officers was General Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] first in Command, General's Lawsin [sic: Robert Lawson] and Mead was his subordinate's Rawley Dowlman [sic: Rawleigh Downman BTWt1917-300] commanded the regiment that I was Attach'd to, We marched out of our County under the command of Capt. William Crawley [William Crowley] a Militia Officer, who resign'd his command and went home, I was then put under the command of Capt. Holmes a regular officer, our company soon after was broke and I was attached to Capt. Allens company from Cumberland County Virginia, from him I received my discharge, my service was all performed in the capacity of a private Soldier. I was stationed about two months near a place called the great Bridge where the British had a fort, no engagement took place during my term of service, except with Scouting parties after my return I volunteer'd under the command of Capt. Pleasant Roberts a Militia officer, to collect and pasture Horses for the service of the United States, our first collection we deliver'd at Stantown [sic: Staunton] in the State of Virginia, our second and last collection we deliver'd in the County of Goochland in the State of Virginia, my term of service terminated at the time Cornwallis and Tarlton made there appearance in the State of Virginia [sic: Lord Cornwallis and Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, early May 1781] [4 Feb 1833]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Abner Chappell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. Below the main signature, there is a smaller, less legible mark that appears to be "day".