

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Chapman S19237

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State of Virginia }

Nicholas County } Ss.

on the 10th day of December 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Nicholas County the same being a court of record Jacob Chapman a resident in said County of Nicholas and State of Virginia aged eighty years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he was drafted for a tour of six months under Capt. James Armstrong in the County of Greenbrier State of Virginia the precise month or year he cannot exactly recollect but it was in the spring of the year and was one or two years before the close of the revolutionary War. This company met at Lewisburg and were immediately marched to "Chisel's mines" near the Holstien river [sic: the lead mines at Fort Chiswell near New River (not Holston River) in present Wythe County VA] where they remained perhaps two months guarding Tories and preparing for the further prosecution of their campaign this company was attached to Col. Andr. Hamilton's command. After leaving "Chisel's mines" they were marched to "Logan's Station" [at present Stanford] in Kentucky where they remained guarding the country from the depredations of the Indians until the said six months for which he was drafted expired when he was discharged and permitted to return home.

During the next summer [probably spring 1778] after the performance of the foregoing services he was again drafted for a term as he thinks six months to guard the County of Greenbrier from the depredations of the Indians. He was stationed generally at "Donally's fort" [Fort Donnally at present Frankford] in Greenbrier County But frequently moved from thence to "Keenys fort" "Mud fort" and "Brittons fort" under the command of Capt. [Matthew] Arbuckle. He was marched from "Renexes fort" [Fort Renick at present Lewisburg] to "Donnally's fort" at the time of the engagement between the American' and Indians who with the forces in company rescued the fort from the assault of the Indians. This engagement is rendered notable by the services rendered by the famous "Dick Pointer" [see endnote] Col. Donnally he thinks had the command of the fort After his term of service expired he was discharged

The summer (as he thinks) before he was marched to Logans Station as before stated he was drafted under Captain Wm. Hamilton and was stationed at "Kenys fort" in Greenbrier County where he served three months and was then discharged by his Captain

1st. He was born in Stanton [sic: Staunton] Augusta County Virginia But he does not know in what month or particular year

2nd. His age is said to be recorded in a bible now in the possession of And'w Blake in Greenbrier Co. Va.

3rd. He was living in Greenbrier County Va when called into service where he continued to live until he moved to the County where he now lives.

4th Answered

5th Col Wm. Hamilton, Col. Jno Stuart were the superior officers.

6th He received discharges signed by his captains but he cannot say what has become of it. He never served as an officer

7th He is known to Elverton P. Walker, Michael Rader & Geo Rader of his neighbourhood who can testify as his character for veracity & their general belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution There being no clergyman in his neighbourhood

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name

is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services but expects to prove them by living witnesses

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] Jacob Chapman

Nicholas County to wit

this day Jonathan Windsor [pension application R11703] personally appeared before me [William Sims] a justice of the Peace in and for said County and made oath that he knew one Jacob Chapman now of Nicholas County in the Company of Capt William Hamilton in the County of Greenbrier forted at Keeny's fort in the Spring of 1778 he knew said Chapman in the Spring of that year how long he continued attached to said company he does not exactly recollect – this Company was engaged in guarding the frontier settlers against the depredations of the Indians – Said officiate is a little upward of 83 years of age and Chapman is some younger this 9th day of January 1834

[signed Jonathan Windsor

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

Jacob Chapman Pensioner – 15 mo. receives \$50. p annum.

I the undersigned Jacob Chapman having been called on by W. G. Singleton, agent of the Pension office, for the details of my services as a soldier in the war of the Revolution and statement of my age – give the following to Wit–

I am in my 80th year of age. was born in Staunton augusty county & settled in Green brier County in my sixteenth year of age. Some two, three, four or five years “after the campaign of 1774 & Battle at the Point” [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774] I cant pretend to tell the year, I was drafted in Greenbrier county for a six month touer to serve against the british on the east side of the Allegany [sic: Allegheny] Mountains. I hired one Died Cottle [Jedediah Cottle BLWt500-100] to take my place, who done so and was killed whilst in service at Bluford defeat [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]. I gave him \$1000– in continental money & had to sell my place to raise the money –

Some five six or seven months (perhaps more) after the preceeding transaction I was drafted again in said county for six months. (I cant tell in what year this was) & marched under Capt James Armstrong – there were two companies under Major Andrew Hamilton. – we went from Greenbrier county to Chissels' mines where we remained for 3 months & then moved on to Logans Station in Kentucky. at the latter place we were discharged and returned home after being in service six months – this was about the end of the war.

about a year or two after the campaign of 1774 I served a tour of duty of 3 mo. at Muddy Creek Fort in Greenbrier County under Capt Hamilton at his own Fort and on his own place –

after the close of the Revolutionary war I was at Andrew Donleys [Andrew Donnally's] Fort at the Battle and was in this last mentioned service about one week – the forgoing comprises all the service I ever done. – Samuel Price wrote my Declaration to whom I gave the same account of my services that I now give except the 3 month tour at Muddy Creek Fort. – I said nothing to him about that tour – I did not prove my services except by reputation – by contract I was to give Price one years pay. – “I state in addition that I only claimed in my declaration for six months services and gave to Price an account of only six months services.” Price read my Declaration to me and to the best of my recollection it only claimed for six months service – on receiving my certificate entitling me to \$50 annually Price told me that that sum was allowed for six months services.

In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name.

Jany 12, 1835.

Witness William Chapman.

Jacob Chapman

A Copy

W. G Singleton

Note – the certificate obtained by Mr. Chapman has been restored – I learn from various quarters that Mr.

C. sustains fair character among his neighbours. from my examination of him I could not resist the conviction of his Honesty – he has been imposed upon by a designing Scoundrel. – I sincerely believe him to be Entitled to a certificate Entitling him to twenty dollars a year, and respectfully suggest that such an one be sent to him – If my suggestion be adopted enclose the certificate to Chapman himself – direct to “Sommersvill [sic: Summersville] Nicholas County”

W. G. Singleton

Fraud & certificate surrendered.

has drawn nothing – certificate returned – & entitled to a certificate for 6 months services.

NOTE: The “services render by the famous ‘Dick Pointer’” were described as follows by Alexander S. Withers in *Chronicles of Border Warfare*, 1831: “Early next morning, John Pritchett (a servant to Col. Donnelly) went out for some firewood, and while thus engaged, was fired at and killed. The Indians then ran into the yard and endeavored to force open the kitchen door; but Hammond and Dick Pointer (a negro belonging to Col. Donnelly) who were the only persons within, aided by the hoghead of water, prevented their accomplishing this object. They next proceeded to cut it in pieces, with their tomahawks. Hammond seeing that they would soon succeed in this way, with the assistance of Dick, rolled the hoghead to one side and letting the door suddenly fly open, killed the Indian at the threshold, and the others who were near gave way. Dick then fired among them, with a musket heavily charged with swan shot, and no doubt with effect, as the yard was crowded with the enemy.”