

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Cherry S32174

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State of Tennessee Bedford County: On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me James Billington one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Joshua Cherry a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one years, 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 of the United [States] under the following named officers and served as herein stated. This deponent States that according to the documents he received from his Father's family record he was born in the year 1761 February 15th in the State of North Carolina Martin County and in the same County about the age of 17 he enlisted in the Service of the United [States] as a soldier and served under Captain Francis Chiles [sic, Francis Child or Childs] and Lieutenant James Tatum regular officers in the third North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogun. We rendezvoused at Petersburg in Virginia then marched through the States to New York went up the North River and built a Fort at West Point called Putman's redoubt from thence to Philadelphia where we wintered and where his time expired he was then placed on board a Vessel, brought back to Virginia Suffolk, then to North Carolina Halifax where he was discharged but states that his discharge he cannot produce, but knows he enlisted for nine months but served twelve before he was discharged which he thinks will be found on the roll. This deponent further declares that in the year 1780 he entered the service again as a substitute in the Militia line in the place of a certain James Cottenhead of Pitt County North Carolina for the term of three months he was first under Captain Shoot then under Captain Samuel Dudley and ended his three months tour under Captain White and obtained his discharge which he cannot produce, the above Militia Companies along to the third Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel Allen under General Caswell in this tour we marched to Charlestown but it was said we got within 40 miles of that place when it was taken.

This deponent further declares that in the same year the fall season he entered the Service as a substitute for Benjamin Burress who was drafted in the same County of Martin North Carolina for three months and served the said tour of three months under Captain John Ballard and Lieutenant Isaac Kennedy in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Branch under General A. Jones in this tour he states we marched to the upper part of the State of North Carolina and ended this tour in the State and obtained his discharge which the record of time as in the other tours has

placed out of his power to produce.

But further declares that some few years past he thinks he could have obtained witnesses to have proved his actual service in the above tours but now believes they are all dead. One particular witness was Major James Tatum who died a few years ago in the town of Nashville Tennessee.

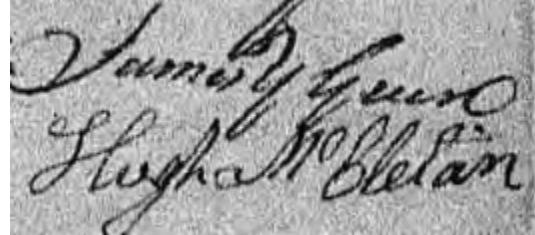
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Billington, JP

S/ Joshua Cherry, X his mark

[James Y. Green , a clergyman, and Hugh McClelan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

A photograph of two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "James Y. Green" and the bottom signature reads "Hugh McClelan". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged.

[fn p. 8: On September 9, 1838 in Marengo County Alabama, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension payments to the Alabama agency stating that he has moved from the County of Bedford to Marengo County: "His son Jared W Cherry has previously removed to Alabama and with a view of living with or near his son, and of bettering his condition and improving his health by living in a southern climate he removed to Alabama and the summer of 1835."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]