

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Chambers S34199

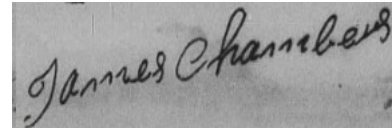
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

New Jersey } Be it Remembered that on the Eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one
Monmouth Ss } Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before the Subscriber
one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common pleas in & for the County of Monmouth James
Chambers residing in the said County and being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
deposeth and saith That some time in the year one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy nine, he this
Deponent enlisted into the company of Captain Michael Rudolph [Michael Rudolph BLWt945-300] in the
Infantry in the army of the United States of America in the War with Great Brittain for and during the
War. that this Deponent some time after his enlistment by an arrangement entered into the Company of
Infantry Commanded by Captain James Armstrong in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Henry Lee.
Deponent enlisted in the County of Monmouth, that about nine months after Deponent enlisted he
proceeded to North Carolina with the Regiment under Colonel Lee & General Green [sic: Nathanael
Greene]. that Deponent Continued in the same regiment in Lee's Light Infantry in the different States of
North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia untill the End of the War That Deponent was under General
Green at the Battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Eutaw Spring [Eutaw Springs
SC, 8 Sep 1781] and Others and Continued in the service Of his Country untill peace was proclaimed.
This deponent further saith that after he entered into the Company of Captain James Armstrong at
Burlington in New Jersey & after remaining some time with him he was by some further arrangement of
the Officers Transferred to the Company under the Command of Captain Kearns [sic: Patrick Carnes
BLWt2266-300] in the same Regiment & Continued with the said Captain Kearns for & during the
Continuance of the war and was near four years in service

Deponent further saith when the news of peace being proclaimed he was with the Southern army
at George Town near Charles Town [Georgetown near Charleston] South Carolina and after wards was
sent by water to the Head of Elk [now Elkton] in Maryland where Deponent was dismissed till Called
upon again but that Deponent was not formally otherwise discharged and that he was never after Called on
again on the same occasion

Deponent further saith that he is considerably Infirm and from his reduced Circumstances he
needs the assistance of his Country for support



State of New Jersey } On this seventeenth day of October eighteen hundred and twenty,
Monmouth County Ss } personally appeared in Open Court, being a court of record and the
Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Monmouth, James Chambers aged
about fifty seven years, a resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law does on
his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in Captain Michael Rudolph's company
and in Colo Henry Lee's Legion and that his original declaration is dated the eighth day of April eighteen
hundred and eighteen, and that the number of his certificate of Pension is (no number endorsed on his
certificate) And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of
March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or
any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of
Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United
States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any
person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other
than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

221 acres of poor pine land and a log house thereon, two horses (one of them lame) one waggon and old harness – 5 Cows 3 three year old Steers 3 two year old heifers, 2 Calves 9 Sheep – 6 hogs – 2 old Ploughs – 2 old harrors – 2 axes 7 hoes. Beetle and wedges – one old wood sled very poor 11 common Chairs, five good & six old 3 Tables – 1 [undeciphered word] 1 old desk – ½ dozen knives and forks – ½ Dozen plates, pewter, ½ Doz. d'oe earthen, ½ Doz. iron Spoons – 4 d'oe pewter 1 empty Hh'd [hogshead] 2 D'oe Barrels 1 tight barrel, 1 mowing sythe, 1 Cradling Sythe 3 pails, 2 tubs – 1 Meal cask – 1 d'oe Barrel – Lot old iron – 2 piching forks – 1 dung d'oe – 1 iron shovel – 1 large spinning wheel – 1 small D'oe – Shovel and tongs – 2 trammels 2 iron pots – 2 meal Barrels – 2 pine chests.

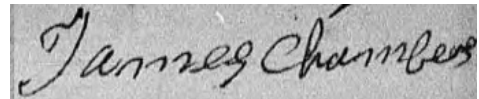
James Chambers

This declarant further saith he is a farmer by occupation and is able to pursue it, only when debilitated by the Rheumatism which he saith he is Subject to and at times prevents him from doing any labour And that he has four in family, towit, his wife Margaret aged about fifty five very infirm & not able to do much towards a support. One daughter Margaret about thirteen years old, good health capable of contributing to her support in the family & himself Also a grand daughter Maryann Headly about 4 years old.

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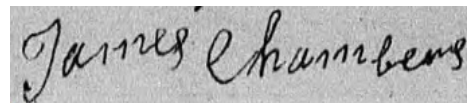
[The court valued the property at \$395. The Pension Office deemed property valued at more than \$200 as disqualification for a pension under the act of 1820.]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of “an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution” approved on the 15th of May 1828, I James Chambers of Freehold in the County of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for & during the war & continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a Private, in Captain Michael Rudolph's Company, in Col Henry Lee's Infantry Regiment or Legion of Virginia line – And I also declare that I afterwards received, as I believe, a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th May 1778.



New Jersey

Monmouth Co. Ss. James Chambers being duly affirmed according to Law saith, that in September 1779 he enlisted for during the war at Pleasant Valley in the County of Monmouth & State of New Jersey, in Capt Rudolphs Company, in Lees Virginia Legion of Infantry – that he was discharged in August 1783 at the head of Elk, that some time in the year of 1787 this deponants house was accidentally burned, together with all his papers, his discharge from the Army being amongst them – that under the Law of 1818 he received a pension, which was stopped by the Law of 1820. Sworn & Subscribed this 12th of September 1829 before me John Headden Justice of the peace



TREASURY DEPARTMENT, / THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE, / 7th October 1829

It appears by the records in this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to James Chambers in Colo. Lees Legion

It further appears that James Chambers is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3^d March 1826

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