

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Chancellor S35833

VA

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State of Indian [sic] }

Spencer County Sct }

On this 14th Day of September 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the county afs'd. David Chancellor resident in said county aged 77 next October who being first duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 That he the said David Chancellor enlisted in the month of January 1779 in the State of Virginia in the company of Guards commanded by Capt. Hollman Rice [sic: Holman Rice, pension application S31327] in the [Convention Army Guard] Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor in the line of Virginia continental establishment said Regiment being enlisted to guard Burgoins troops [sic: troops of Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, termed the Convention Army, brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779, and transferred to Winchester Barracks in Feb 1781] & the prisoners of war that he continued to serve in said Regiment till the 1st Day of May 1781 when he was discharged from the service at Winchester in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present – that his name is not on the rolls of any state but virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that in March 1818 as near as he can recollect he applied to be put on the pension list but on account of some change in the pension act as he was informed his declaration was not received as completed and that in March 1820 as this declarant believes he again applied for the same purpose but to the same effect

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 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 person 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. I have principally been engaged to support myself and family by farming but being for a number of years by reason of my age too infirm to support myself or family by farming exclusively (though I have been charged no rent for eight years for the Land I have lived on) I have as I been able at times been employed at the coopering business which has not been sufficient to support my family. That all my children have left me and are unable to render me any assistance. My wife aged 69 is unable to contribute much to our mutual support – and had it not been for the assistance rendered me by Stephen F. Ogdan [sic: Stephen F. Ogden] since the year 1816 amounting to \$270.50 inclusive of interest I must have suffered. Since the 18th of march 1818 but little change has been made in my property at that time nor since at any time has my property amounted in value to \$20 excepting necessary cloathing and Beding – and all the property I now own is contained in the Schedule following clothing and Beding excepted – to wit.

[signed] David Chancellor

1 Eight Gallon Kettle

1 - 6 Gallon Pott

1 Cow. 6 Chairs

6 Pewter plates

4 knives and forks

1 Table – 1 old ax.

[signed] David Chancellor

[On 11 Jan 1826 William Rowntree (pension application S6028) certified that he had served with Chancellor.]

Bath County Kentucky January 14th 1826

I do hereby certify that I was Duly appointed a Captain of the Virginia line, on Continental Establishment in the month of January 1779 being a resident of the County of Goochland Va. That this regiment was raised for the purpose of Guarding Burgoin's Troop (prisoners) then stationed at Albemarle Barracks Va – and that David Chancellor Enlisted with me in the s^d month of January above mentioned as a soldier, and serve Faithfully in my Company; until some time in August same year when I quit the said Regiment, and I further certify that Francis Taylor Esq of Orange County Virginia Commanded said Regiment – William Fontain [sic: William Fontaine] Lieut^t. Colo. and John Roberts Major; and that I have the best Rite to believe that said Chancellor was transfer^d to Capt Mereweathers [sic: Meriwether's] Company, same Reg^t. where he served several months Longer. Given under my hand the day & date above mentioned.

[signed] Holman Rice Cap. Reg^t. ABGs

[Shortly before the arrival of prisoners at Albemarle Barracks, Congress approved a resolution placing the Convention Army Guard Regiment on Continental Establishment. The Pension Commissioner was apparently unaware of this and was reluctant to grant Chancellor a pension under the acts of 1818 and 1820, which covered only Continental service. This reluctance was the reason for the following statement.]

Bath County Kentucky September 8th 1828

I do hereby Certify that I was Legally appointed Captain in the Continental Army of the Revolution War, In the County of Goochland & state of Virginia about the 15th of January 1779 and Raised my full quota of men, and more, until my company was Complete, and then marched them to Albemarle Barracks to Guard General Burgoin's Troops then prisoners of War, stationed at said Barracks; That my Company joined others there, all Raised as Regular Continental Troops, to Draw Rations Clothing & military utensils upon the same footing, and to be considered as other Regular Troops During the War; And my Company was must^r^d return^d Dril^d &c as the law then requir^d, In a Reg^t. properly Commanded by Francis Taylor of Orange County Virginia; That I enlisted David Chancellor as a Soldier who served faithfully in my company & Regiment, & Elsewhere, until the End of the War, agreeable to my Recollection, And I further Certify that I have seen soldiers pensioners, Drawing their pay at Lexington, that served in the aforesaid regiment, and that the above David Chancellor (who is legally intitled to his pay) upon information to me lately, is a poor, verry poor man, now 70 years of age and has never yet Drawn his just Wages for want of proper information. Given under my hand the day & date above written

[signed] Holman Rice Capt. Reg^t. ABGDs

NOTE: After further objections and entreaties from Chancellor's friends, he was finally granted a pension of \$8 per month on 17 March 1832.