

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Childers (Childres) S39298

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August Sessions 1818

Thus [?] personally appeared in open Court David Childres aged fifty seven years and in pursuance to an act of Congress of the United States, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land or Naval Service of the United States and after being duly sworn according to law made & subscribed the following Declaration: to wit that the said David enlisted into the Continental service of the Revolutionary war in the year 1775 as well as now recollected in Charlotte County State of Virginia for and during the term of three years under a Captain Worton who was a recruiting Officer, and that said Worton resigned his commission and this Deponent was taken from the place of enlistment by a Lt. Littlebury Mosby into the State of Georgia and put under Captain John Mosby of the Second Regiment of the Georgia Line which regiment was commanded by General Elbert [Samuel Elbert] & Colonel Pandle [probably either John Pannell (Pannill) or Joseph Pannell (Pannill)], that after the Deponent joined said Regiment he served in the same nearly three years in the States of Georgia and South Caroline until in an engagement with the British at Sunbury [sic, Sunbury] in Georgia this Deponent was taken prisoner, and was conveyed on board a ship & kept in close confinement for six months, as a means of coercing him to enlist into the British service and finding no alternative but remain in prison, he at length through stratagem did enlist and in about two months he deserted from said service that being the first opportunity he had of so doing, at which time his period of enlistment expired, and on his return after deserting the British he met with the Lieutenant Mosby who he was originally under, and for this security he gave him a discharge as he had no opportunity of obtaining a discharge from a superior officer, being in a state of imprisonment when his term of servitude expired, he also states that he again after his releasement and discharge from service volunteered at the time the British were making inroads through the County and in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], and several other engagements and continued in service for one year at as a volunteer.

He also state that from length of time & accident he has lost his discharge and has it not in his power now to produce the same but actually served for three years close servitude in the continental line, except the Eight months during which he was imprisoned by the enemy and was in almost the whole of the southern Battles at the Eutaw Spring [September 8, 1781] and elsewhere. He also stated that he has resided in Sullivan County twenty-six years last past and within the United States ever since he left the army and from his reduced circumstances in life, he stands in need of the assistance of the County for support.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court this 19th August 1818.

S/ David Childers, X his mark

Sullivan County, State of Tennessee: August 1818

I, Matthew Rhea, clerk of the Court of Pleas for said county did certify that the forgoing declaration was duly made by subscribed and sworn to in open court on the day of this date thereof. I

also certify that from the knowledge of the court, said applicant is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of the Country for support, and ordered by the Court to be certified to the Honorable Secretary of War.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Court in open Court this 19th August 1818

S/ Matthew Rhea, Clerk

#### SCHEDULE

District of Washington, Sullivan County

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the district [~~ircuit, & County or corporation, as the case may be~~] David Childres aged Sixty one years, a resident in said district and County who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: to wit in the Second Georgia Regiment commanded by Colonel Pandle for the term of three years as set forth in his original declaration now in the war office, and was in the Battle of the South between Savannah & Sunbury, and many other Southern engagements and was taken prisoner and in consequence of his service was pensioned, the date of his certificate is fifth February 1819 and Number 6674

And I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. To wit,

One Mare, five head of cattle 3 grown and two yearlings fifteen sheep 12 old and 3 lambs, and some little [illegible word] furniture and pots not specifically known of less value than ten dollars.

Test S/ Joseph C. Rhea, C. Clerk of Sullivan County

S/ David Childres, X his mark

and further he swears that he has a wife and three children all living with him his wife is unhealthy, one of his children is a son of 17 years of age and the other two are daughters of the ages of 19 & 14, and that he is by occupation a farmer and is unable to pursue manual labor and is dependent upon the labor of his son for the families support.

Sworn to, and declared, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1820.

Test: S/ Joseph C. Rhea, D. Clerk of Sullivan County

S/ David Childers, X his mark

State of Virginia Powhatan County September 3, 1818

I do hereby certify that David Childres was a soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. of Continental troops raised for the defense of the State of Georgia and that he was taken prisoner at the time that Savannah was taken by the British under the command of Colonel Cambell [Archibald Campbell], the said Childres served in the light Infantry Company Commanded by Captain Fras Moor [Francis Moore] as appears on the pay Rolls now in my possession. Given under my hand the day & year above stated.

S/ Litty. Mosby late Capt.

and pay Master to the

2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Regt.

State of Virginia, Powhatan County Sept. 9. 1818

I do hereby certify that David Childers was a soldier in the 2. Regt. of Continental troops raised for the defence of the State of Georgia and that he was taken prisoner at the time that Savannah was taken by the British under the command of Genl. Campbell. The said Childers served in the Light Infantry Company commanded by Capt. Genl. Moore as appears on the pay rolls now in my possession.

Given under my hand the day & year above stated

Littly Mosby late Capt. and pay Master to the 2. Georgia Regt.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 19, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Georgia Continental line.]