

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Chapman S49313

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Sevier County: County Court June Sessions 1826

On this 7th day of June 1826 personally appeared in open Court to wit the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Sevier, the same being a Court of Record expressly so made by the Statutes of the State of Tennessee, and having the power of fine and the imprisonment, Robert Chapman a citizen of said County, aged about sixty-nine years, or thereabouts, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows

That in the latter part of the year 1776 as he believes he turned out for fifteen months against the Tories, and after the expiration of which period a few months he enlisted on the Congaree River South Carolina under Captain Uriah Goodwin [Uriah Goodwyn] in Colonel Thompson's [William Thomson's] Regiment in the Continental establishment for the term of three years, which period he faithfully served, and was honorably discharged that during said service he was at the capture of Savannah by the British & in several skirmishes. After his discharge he substituted himself in the room of another and was at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. That his discharges are lost and that he knows of no other evidence now in his power to prove his services but his own declaration and Reference to the Muster Roll. That he is very infirm, has never enjoyed good health since he left the Army, is very poor and in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country he is by occupation a farmer but has no land and is wholly unable from age and infirmity to labor – 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 – to wit –

One note on John Dunkins for	\$10.00
– note on Chany Moore	3.00
for Sixty Gallons whiskey	
John R. Hatcher owes me	2.00
George Campbell owes me	2.00
but he has moved away and	

I never Expect to Get it
My Necessary Clothing excepted I owe
in all to Various persons About eight
or nine dollars. I have no family but myself—
Thomas Ogle, Isaac Ogle and
M. Whaley each of them owes me \$2.00
But I never expect to get it

Sworn to and Subscribed
in open court
the date above
S/ Simeon Perry Clk

S/ Robert Chapman¹

State of Tennessee Sct.

Be it known that on the 7th day of December 1826 personally appeared Robert Chapman in open Court to wit – the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Sevier County the same being a court of Record made such expressly by the Statutes of the General Assembly of the said State of Tennessee and having the power of fine and imprisonment and the said Robert Chapman a citizen of said County, being first duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in addition to the one made by him and said court on this 7th day of June 1826 in Order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first May 1820 that since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. I at or about that time owned a mare worth about \$30 I had been living with a man of the name William Underwood for some considerable time and his account against me for boarding and lodging etc. amounted to more than the value of the mare, however, he agreed to take the mare, as he was moving to Alabama where he now resides, as I suppose if living but not within my reach. About 2 years after I parted with the mare to Underwood I purchased another horse beast of Mr. Randall Hill at the price of \$40 or \$45 a small portion of which was to be paid in cash, the balance in whiskey, which I got principally for teaching a small school. That beast I exchanged to John Hatcher for another one and gave Hatcher \$20 in corn as the difference, the corn I had obtained by teaching school and some little bartering & Traffic, This last beast I exchanged with Mr. George McCown for another one, and got \$8 in cash as the difference, the beast I got of McCown I exchanged with Mr. Samuel Low for a Horse, which together with a saddle and bridle, I sold to Robert Shields for 200 gallons of whiskey. I then paid some debts I owed to Colonel Preston and others, and with the balance of the whiskey, I purchased another horse beast ...[veteran continues at length describing in detail the bartering and trading he did since 1818 but without significant effect on his property holdings]....

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 28, 1826, for 3 years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

[Note: I'm not positive the account below relates to this veteran.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Robert Chapman

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¹ The signature of the veteran appears to be in the identical handwriting as the balance of the document, consequently I do not believe that it is his actual signature

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1200A

[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 44 Book Q dated May 5th, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Robert Chapman this our Indented Certificate, for the Sum of Fourteen Pounds Sterling for six months Pay due him as Sergeant in the Third So. Carolina Regiment in 1779 & 1780, per Account Audited.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent]

Received 22nd January 1790 Interest in full to the 1st of April last

£. 19.7

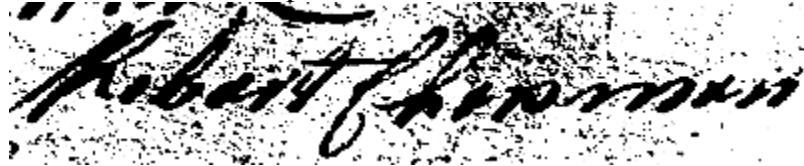
5.17.6

S/ Robert Chapman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Chapman".

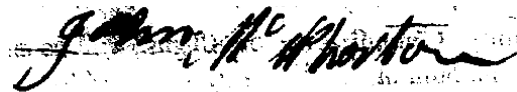
This is to Sertify [certify] that I do a sine [assign] over all my Rightt of this indent to Mr. John McWhortor

S/ Robert Chapman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Chapman", appearing slightly more faded or less distinct than the one above.

Received 19 April 17 9014 Pounds in full for this Indent by Disct [discount] on purchase of Land for John McWhorter

S/ John McWhorter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John McWhorter".