

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Chapman S41474

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of North Carolina, Rowan County

On the 19th day of November 1819 before me Archibald D Murphey, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina personally appeared William Chapman resident in said County, who, being duly sworn, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by 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,” that he the said William Chapman in the State of Virginia, about the year 1779 or ‘80 entered into the service of his Country under Captain Culverson [possibly James Culbertson] for the 18 months service, in the Virginia Line that he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Davis [sic: William Davies] – that he served for about nine or ten months in the Virginia line aforesaid, when he enlisted for during the War under Colo. William Washington 3^d Regiment Dragoons: – that in this situation he continued in the service of his Country until a very short time before the termination of the War, when he received an honorable discharge, which he no longer has in his possession nor does he know where it is – that during his services aforesaid, he was in the Siege of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781]; at the Battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781]; at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and in several other engagements of smaller note. He further declares that he is becoming old and infirm and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

Betsey Long deposed that she well recollects the Time William Chapman (the applicant) entered the service as a soldier, and the Time when he left it. that he served for more than nine months; He served first in the infantry, and then became one of the Dragoons commanded by Col. William Washington.

Alexander Long deposed that some years ago, Col. William Washington passed through North Carolina, going on to the North. That he stopped at the Deponents House, where he met with the Applicant William Chapman. Col. Washington knew him, and recognized him as one of his Dragoons, and spoke to him as one of those Men who had been with him in the southern Campaign,

Sworn to before me/ A. D. Murphey

19th Nov. 1819

State of North Carolina } Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions –
Rowan County – }

August Sessions Anno Domini 1820

On this 25th day of August anno Domini 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, for the County of Rowan, William Chapman resident in the County of Rowan aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare, that he was a resident Citizen of the united States on the 18th day of March 1818, that he served in the Revolutionary war of the united States, as set forth in his original Declaration: that he has not conveyed away any of his property since the 18th day of March 1818 for the purpose thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of the 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; That he has no other effects than those contained in the following Schedule.

Kitchen utensils to the value of \$15.

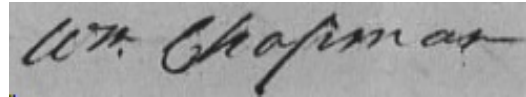
6 Setting Chairs worth 15.

Debts due me to the amount of 10.

An equitable interest in a certain tract of land, for which I have been contending in Law for a term of years and which I may never recover, but if I do it is uncertain when, and its value is inconsiderable.

1 Riding Saddle & Bridle \$10.
\$50

and the said William Chapman doth further swear the foregoing Schedule contains an account of all his property, as required by act of Congress



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One document in the file is illegible.]

Brunswick County Virginia, Towit.

This day came before us Randolph Mitchell and made Oath the He well recollects when William Chapman formerly of this County & State no a resident of No Carolina near Salisbury [sic: Salisbury] was Drafted to serve a Tour of Duty in the 18 mo's Service in the Revolutionary war and that he the s'd Chapman afterwards enlisted to serve during the War And he recollects also when he the s'd Chapman Returned from the Army And that he knows that he the s'd Chapman was Honourably Discharged having frequently seen the same which Paper is now lost or mislaid given under our hands this 9th of Oct'r 1822
C. Cardle Peace/ A. Powell J.P.

Salisbury N.C October 25 1822

Dear Sir, Yours of the 14th June last duely came to hand stateing that if I enlisted during the War in the Virginia line on Continental establishment & was honorably discharged that I was entitled to Bounty Land, which facts I am able to establish as will appear from the enclosed Deposition of Randolph Mitchell of Brunswick County Virginia & if necessary I could get several others to certify the same, who will recollect my enlisted in Washington's Troop of Horse dureing the War. and was honorably discharged. I had occasion to go Brunswick County Virginia my native County, not long since & find a good many of my acquaintances, who recollect the facts as above stated. Should any thing more be required to establish my right, you can inform me.

I remain yours very respectfully
William Chapman by Michael Brown

I do hereby Certifie that William Chapman of the County of Roe and [sic: Rowan] North Carolina formily a Citizen of Brunswick County Virginia did Serve as a Solger in the foot and [undeciphered word] as a Cornet under Col. Washington in the Horse in the Continenel arney of Virginia for I was with him while in both. As to his Inlisting for the War I cant say but I allways under stood so and firther I say Not given under my hand this 24th of October 1823

J H Chapman



Brunswick Sct

Came before me John H. Chapman and made Oath to the justicess of the above Sertificate given under my hand the date above/ Rich'd Fletcher J.P.