

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Chatham S41475

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District of North Carolina To Wit

On this 16 day of May 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law & court of Equity of said district personally appears John Chatham aged 60 years Resident in the county of Person in said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision of the late act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war”: That he the said John Chatham enlisted the 4 February 1777 in the Town of Alexandria [sic: Alexandria] in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Thomas West in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line, on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States until the 19 July 1783 when he was discharged at Winchester in the said state of Virginia That he was at the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony point [16 Jul 1779], Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], Camden, S.C. [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, 25 Apr 1781] – Ninety six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], & at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], where he was taken prisoner. And that he is in Reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of these facts, than that contained in the deposition hereunto annexed

John hisXmark Chatham

North Carolina

John Faddis of the Town of Hillsborough, being duly sworn maketh Oath that in the latter part of the year 1781 after the battle at the Eutaw Springs, this deponent was a prisoner of War in the Custody of the English Troops at Charleston in South Carolina & as such was confined on board the prison ship for a long time afterwards, that is to say one year & fourteen days. He saith, that when he was carried on board the said ship he found & got acquainted with the aforementioned John Chatham, then of Virginia but now of Person County in this State, who was also a prisoner of war. This deponent cannot recollect the particular Regiment & Company to which said Chatham had belonged because he did not know him, while he was actually in the army. That he well recollects that he had been made a prisoner at the Eutaw Springs & was then said to have belonged to some one of the Virginia Regiments on the Continental establishment under the command of General [Nathanael] Greene. He farther saith that when he this deponent was exchanged, viz the first day of October AD 1782 or thereabouts, he left the said Chatham still in confinement as a prisoner of war – This deponent is not intimately & personally informed of the circumstances in life of the said Chatham but has frequently heard by the way of general report & doth believe that he is in very reduced circumstances, & indeed hath no property at all & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

[signed] John Faddis Snr

Subscribed & sworn to before me at Orange County 16<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1818/ Thomas Ruffin JSCL

State of No. Carolina     }     On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Septem’r. 1820 personally appeared in open Court  
Person County.            }     Jno. Chatham aged sixty two years, 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 act  
of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said Jno. Chatham, enlisted for the  
term of three years, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Febry 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt  
Thomas West, in the regiment, commanded by Colo. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], in the line of the  
state of Virginia Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corpes till Decem’r. 1778  
at which time he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. N. Lamma [sic: Nathan Lamme S46454]  
in the regiment redused from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> and continued to serve during ware, and was disch[arged] at

Winchester, in the State of Virginia, on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1783. that he was in the battle of Brandywine, on the 11<sup>th</sup> Septem'r 1777 the battle of Germantown, on the 4<sup>th</sup> October following, and sundry other battles during the war. and in pursuant to the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. – Ido solemnly sware that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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

1 Old blide [blind] Horse. . . . .	\$10.—
2 head of Hogs . . . . .	2.—
1 Pot & Oven . . . . .	1.—
2 chares. . . . .	— .50
1 Table plats dishis/ Knives & forks . .	2.—
wheel & cards . . . . .	— .50
	\$16.—

I am a planter by ocupation, my family consits of myself & wife Elender 60 years of age last apr'l. a daughter Elizabeth 20 years of age, daughter Elender 18. Son James 16 years of age, and quit uncertain how long they may remain with me – my self and wife is quit unable to labour, through old age. I reside in the Cty of Person & State of No. Carolina, my certificate, by whih I have drawn three pensions bares date 16<sup>th</sup> May 1818 without a number. Subscribed and sworn to in open Court the day and date first above writen/  
Jno. hisXmark Chatham

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

These are to Certify that the bearer hereof Jno Chatham Soldier in the first virg'a Reg't haveing faithfully served the United States from the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1777 to this date and being enlisted for the war is hereby Discharged from the American Army

Given at the War office the 19 July 1783

By order of the Secr'y at War B. Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]

Jos Casleton

Registered in the books of the Reg't

(Copy B Stark)

William Eskridge [W4192] Lt. Adjutant