

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Champ S42120

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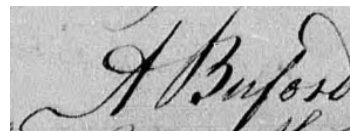
State of Ohio }
Pickaway County S.S. } William Champ now of Pickaway county state of Ohio, being duly sworn saith that he is desirous to procure a pension under the late law of the Congress of the United States passed 18 March 1818 – that he enlisted into the 8th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Edward Bluford or Bufford, but in what year, he cannot now remember – that he the said William Champ served as a private soldier in said Regiment for the space of about three years next subsequent to his said enlistment and was in several skirmishes, in the battle of South Carolina and in Bluford's defeat at the Hanging rock in North Carolina [sic: Battle of Waxhaws SC 12 mi N of Hanging Rock, 29 May 1780] – Tarleton command the enemy at Bluford's defeat – that this deponent was honorably discharged at Hillsborough North Carolina about one year before the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – that after his said honorable discharge he enlisted as a volunteer under captain Thomas Neal [Hampshire County Militia]. he served with Bluford's regiment and this deponent assisted in the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown Virginia. The deponent's discharge, he kept for many years, but in removing from place to place it got lost or mislaid and he cannot now find it – that he is sixty five years of age, very infirm in health and in such reduced circumstances that he absolutely stands in need of assistance from his country for support.

Wm hisXmark Champ

Dated 14th July 1819.

The bearer William Champ, who informs me he is now a resident of Pickaway County in the State of Ohio, says that he enlisted with Capt John Savage, on the South Branch of Potomack [sic: South Branch Potomac River], Virgi'a, in the month of February in the year 1778; that he was detained most part of that year guarding prisoners at Winchester [sic: see endnote]; that the spring following he was marched to the lower part of Virginia, & that he joined Gen'l Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade at Petersburg. I hereby certify that altho I do not personally recollect the abovementioned William Champ or his particular services as a soldier in my Regiment, yet from hearing him speak of the marches, countermarches and encampments of the Regiment to the South, with many other circumstances which I know ocured, I am induced to believe and do really think that he served as a private soldier in Capt Andrew Wallace's Company in the Revolutionary war; and was with said company arranged to my Regiment on continental establishment at Petersburg and marched in said regiment in Scotts Brigade to the south, and remained with the regiment until its defeat at Waxsaws in South Carolina on the 29th of May 1780 from which place he escaped returned to Virginia and joined my regiment again at Chesterfield Court-house the following Summer and marched again to the south with the regiment. The said William Champ says he obtained his discharge from me at Camp near Hillsborough N. Carolina in October, having served in my Regiment between one and two years. Given under my hand in Scott county, Kentucky, this 15th day of June 1820.

A Buford, Late a Col in the Revolutionary War



State of Ohio Pickaway Common Pleas – November Term A.D. 1820. On this 3^d day of December Anno domini 1820 in open court it being a court of record for the County and State aforesaid William Champ aged sixty eight years resident in the said County of Pickaway who being first duly sworn according to

law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows he enlisted into the company of Captain John Savage Col Abraham Hyatt or Hite being the Col and Garrett Vanmeter Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment at a place called Paddytown (then) on the South branch of the Potomack in the State of Virginia in the month of February 1778. [See endnote.] That he spent the most of that year in guarding prisoners at Winchester and other places on the North Branch of said Potomack under the command of Capt. Savage – that said company and regiment were on the Continental establishment [sic] that in the Spring of the year following he was marched to the lower part of Virginia and joined Scott's Brigade at Petersburg at which place he was arranged to Capt. Wallaces Company Lieutenant Col Bufords regiment and marched in said Regiment to the south and remained with it until its defeat at Waxsaw's or as it was commonly called the Hanging Rock on the latter part [sic] 1780 in South Carolina from which place he escaped from the enemy and joined the Regiment at Chesterfield Courthouse a short time afterwards and returned again to the South and continued to serve in said Regiment for some months until he was honorably discharged in October following at Hillsborough N. Carolina by Lt. Col. Buford having served nearly or quite three years in all in different companies. After this discharge I turned out as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Neal and immediately marched to Yorktown and there joined the whole United States army commanded by Washington himself at Yorktown Virginia and then and there continued to serve until Cornwallis and his army were captured by our arms After this capture I was employed in guarding 3200 British prisoners on their way to Winchester Virginia and was there discharged honorably. The date of my original declaration is the 14th July 1819 And I do further 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. Schedule of property – 1 Sow and 9 pigs three days old \$2.50. By occupation I was a farmer but am too old to do any labour being crippled by rheumatism in my right arm which has perished. I have a wife who is sixty seven years of age and very infirm. I have a daughter living with us Elizabeth by name who is our stay and support but seventeen years of age and no property – she is not very heathy nor very feeble.

William hisXmark Champ

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

Botetourt County Sct.

This day came Henry Bowyer before me a Justice of the peace for said county and made oath that he was a Lieut't. in the 12th Va. Regiment in the Revolutionary war; that he [illegible word] an adjutant to the detachment from the Virg'a. line commanded by Col Abraham Buford serving in S. Carolina, that he well remembers William Champ serving as a soldier in said detachment, that he believes said Champ was enlisted for three years or during that war, that there was no soldier in that detachment that was inlisted for any other time and that he hath reason to believe the s'd William Champ served his full term of inlistment.

H. Bowyer

Subscribed & sworn to before me the 14th day of December 1814

NOTE: According to Abraham Hite's pension application S46385 and E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*), in 1778 Hite commanded a company in the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. He was captured at the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780 and remained a prisoner until the end of the war. Part of the 8th VA Regiment, including apparently Champ, escaped capture and became part of Col. Buford's 3rd Virginia Detachment that was defeated by

Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion at Waxhaws. Garrett Vanmeter was not a Colonel in the Continental army; he became County Lieutenant of Hampshire County (West) Virginia in March 1781.