

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Cheek S8190

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On the 31st day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, James Cheek of the County and State aforesaid, aged 70 years on the 16th day of August 1832, who was being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 --

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He volunteered into the service in the summer of 1781 just before the capture of Gov. Burke of No. Ca. by the Tories, for the term of three months. He joined the light Horse company commanded by Capt. Abram Allen -- Joseph Young Lieutenant: he volunteered in Orange County, No. Ca -- He was engaged in reconnoitering the Tories in Orange County, & was in the battle at "Kirks" [skirmish at Kirk's Farm¹] in said County, between the Whigs & Tories -- He served during the term aforesaid & was discharged afterwards in the winter of 1782-83 -- The declarant volunteered again in the County of Orange joined in the militia for three months -- and was attached to the Company commanded by Capt. Jacob Richards at Hillsboro -- and was employed the whole of that term of service in guarding the Town of Hillsboro against the Tories in the vicinity, & the prisoners lodged in Hillsborough -- The declarant hath no discharges. He was born 16th Aug 1762 in Brunswick County State of Virginia -- was removed to Warren or Bute (then) County, North Carolina when a child -- and thence to Orange when about ten years old where he hath resided ever since. He hath no documentary evidence of his services nor doth he know any person or persons whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except Martin Cheek and Thomas Horner whose affidavits accompany this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state, so far as he hath knowledge.

S/ James Cheek Sen



Sworn to in open Court 31st August 1832

S/ J. Taylor, Clk

the declarant is known to Major John Taylor & Doctor James S Smith in his neighborhood.

S/ James Cheek, Sr.

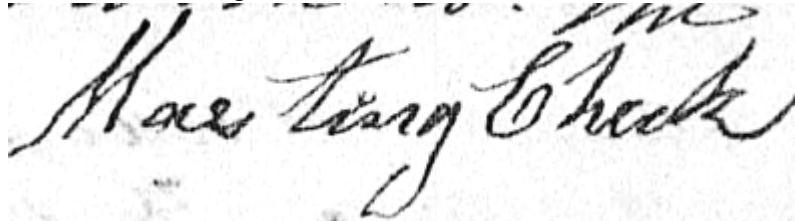
¹ September 12, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_kirks_farm.html

[William H Merritt, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1832

On the 29th day of August 1832: Martin Cheek personally appeared in open Court and made oath that he was well acquainted with James Cheek during the Revolutionary War, and that he the said James Cheek served a three months Tower [tour], in the Revolutionary War, under Captain Abraham Allen and Lieutenant Young, in the troop of Light Horse the year he does not recollect, But it was about the time the Tories took Hillsboro². Sworn to the day and date above written.

S / Marting Cheek

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Cheek". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, typical of the early 19th century.

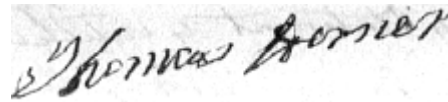
North Carolina Orange County

Thomas Horner,³ after having been duly sworn before me, one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid – maketh oath that he was in the service of the United States in the winter of 1782 – 83, with James Cheek for three months at the Town of Hillsboro in same.

Sworn to & subscribed August 31st 1832

S/ James Torrent, JP

S/ Thomas Horner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Horner". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, typical of the early 19th century.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the infantry and cavalry in the North Carolina militia.]

² September 1781

³ FPA S8682