

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Chappell S9315

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Virginia: Sussex County Sct:

On this 7th day of November 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Sussex now sitting, William Chappell a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy one years, who 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: vizt. On or about the 1st day of Jan'y. 1781, he went out as a substitute for Frederick Hines in the Militia of Virginia from the County of Sussex aforesaid in a company commanded by Capt. Fedk Dickson [Frederick Dickson], that he served the tour of two months out, marching first to Petersburg where the troops received arms, thence they marched thro' the Counties of Prince George, Surry and Isle of Wight to a place near Suffolk in Nansemond, where his company at the end of two months was discharged.

In a short time after his return home, he again marched as a substitute for Allen Hines for ten days under the command of Capt. Thomas Neusome of the County of Sussex and joined the army at Cooper's mills near Suffolk, in the County of Nansemond, where, at the end of that time, he again substituted himself for Burrell Westbrook of the County of Northampton under the command of Capt. Elias [Elias Herring] or Elijah Herring of the said County, and marched thro' the same Counties aforesaid to Petersburg and was in the Battle fought near that town on the 26th of April 1781 [sic: Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], from there they retreated thro' the County of Chesterfield crossed James River above Richmond, and joined the army of Gen'l. LaFayette at that Town – thence he was marched with a detachment into the County of Charles City, where after remaining a short time, they returned to Richmond crossed the river, & rejoined the main army under LaFayette near Chesterfield Court House, where he was discharged his term being expired, having been in service on that occasion thirty days, in all forty days – during the service aforesaid he was attached to Col. [Thomas] Gaskins's Regiment, which after a short time was commanded by Major Du-val [sic: Samuel Duval], and Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg until they joined LaFayette's army. He also served under the following Field Officers, Colo. [Thomas] Meriwether, Falkner [sic: Ralph Faulkner], and [Rawleigh] Downman, Major DeKlommann [sic: Christian Charles de Klaumann], & Major [William] Boyce.

Shortly after his return from the army, about the first day of June, he again went into the service as a militia man from the County aforesaid, under Capt Sterling Harwell of the s'd. County, and joined a small army on Black Water commanded by Col. Josiah Parker, Col. Wills, and Major Wills. He had nearly finished his term of two months, when Capt. John Irby of Sussex, came down with a small troop of Horse, and proposed to the militia infantry to join his troop, this affiant joined, and marched to the neighborhood of Portsmouth, where the British then were, & continued there reconnoitering, until the British army left that part. Capt. Irby's company was then relieved by one commanded by Capt. Nicholas Wilson of Surry County, when he returned home, having served in the infantry at least six weeks and in the Horse Company at least six weeks. On his return home, he rec'd. from each Capt. under whom he had served, a certificate which was afterward recalled by the State in payment of taxes, & never rec'd. any written discharge, and has now no documentary evidence, of his service, and that he knows of no one but Absalom Flowers [pension application S8494] of the County aforesaid by whom he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any Sate

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year afores'd. [signed] Wm Chappell