

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Chandler SC1298
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State of South Carolina Sumter District

To the Honorable and august body, the Senate and House of representatives of the
Legislature of South Carolina

The humble petition of John Chandler Sheweth By the Certificates Annexed, the said John Chandler, was a common soldier, in the revolutionary war and devoted eight years of his time in that eventful struggle for the emancipation of his country; and that on the 15th of September 1780 [sic, October 25, 1780], on that memorable day, and in the battle called Tynes' [Samuel Tynes'] defeat,² your petitioner received several deep and afflicting wounds, in the way and manner following: Viz. His right eye shot out; a bullet shot through his nose; another his chin; another lodged in his right shoulder; five shot in the right side also a severe and deep wound in the right hip; three shot through the right hand all at one in the same time; the effects of the wounds, the broken bones and the loss of his blood in the field of battle, left your petitioner, for months and years, forlorn and wretched. But by the blessing of a beneficial God; he was restored to an unexpected share of health and activity; and all the compensation your supplicant ever received from the pain, loss of his blood and the veil [?]³ which he passed through was and still is, the pleasure of seeing his country emancipated, from monarchical tyranny; and the satisfaction of seeing its great prosperity. The wounds received on that memorable day, and the debilitated state it left him in, called him to the strictest rules of philosophy, economy and celibacy all his days, by the blessing of heaven, and being freed from anxiety and domestic concerns, by using industry, economy and as much activity as his peculiar situation would admit, your supplicant has kept himself from wretchedness and from beggary, however gloomy, his prospects at times appeared and your supplicant often sighed under the pressure of want.

But knowing, that our beloved country was burdened with a heavy debt, arising from the revolutionary struggle and that hundreds were petitioning for relief, among whom your petitioner

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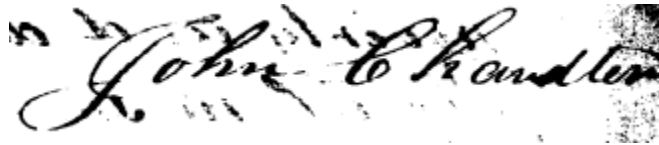
² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_tearcoat_swamp.html

has not deigned to appear till now. But by the blessing of God, having lived to see his country raised to renown, and having struggled the second time with the adversary drove them from her hospitable shores; and now raised to a pinnacle of fame among the nations of the earth, and abounding with wealth Your Supplicant flatters himself when he states to your Honorable body, that in addition to the injury which his poor system received during the contest for liberty: old age comes on apace, accompanied with all the wretchedness of distress, poverty and decrepitude.

To whom shall your supplicant look up to for redress; but unto your Honorable body, who under God, or as guardian angels of this great and mighty Republic too wise to lavish her sources; too good and generous to let her sons who bled and suffered in the revolutionary struggle, languish in old age and wretchedness, poverty and distress. Your petitioner only begs for a competency sufficient to keep him above wretchedness and beggary. He flatters himself that were it in his power to present himself to your Honorable and august body, a lacerated frame, bearing the marks of zeal from the enjoyment of liberty, which our beloved country is now in possession of you would generously bestow your charity.

But as his situation is fairly stated and submitted to your wise consideration he therefore prays for relief which will ever acknowledge the favor and himself your devoted and humble servant

S/ John Chandler

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Chandler". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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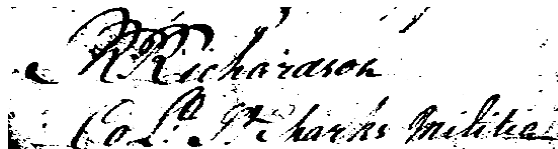
Received this 21 May 1807 and recorded in book & pages 368 & 369 examined and certified by me

S/ R. ? Champion,
C.C.?

This will certify that from the affidavits of Duke Atkinson and George Yeats that John Chandler was not in Colonel Tynes Camp through choice but was there a prisoner where he had one eye shot out and otherwise wounded so that we look upon him unfit for militia duty, except Patrol and alarm duty, We therefore discharge him from Muster Duty in our company this 10th of August 1791

S/ R. Richardson

Colonel Saint Marks Militia

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Richardson". Below the signature, the words "Col. St. Marks Militia" are written in a smaller, less cursive hand.

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South Carolina Clarendon County

Personally appeared before me John Ridgill one of the Justices of the peace for said County Duke Atkinson and made oath that he heard Stephen Mitchell say that he had taken John

Chandler a prisoner and that he would deliver him to Colonel Tynes, also appeared George Yeats and made oath that he came to Steward Dickey's house and saw John Chandler there a prisoner and heard Steward Dickey say to Colonel Tynes that he had got said Chandler there a prisoner and desired to know of him how he should proceed with him, for he the said Chandler was going to the Rebels and he thought proper to take him prisoner, and Colonel Tynes commended him for what he had done

sworn before me this 2nd day of July 1793

S/ John Ridgill, JP

S/ Duke Atkinson, X his mark

S/ George Yeates, X his mark

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The State of South Carolina Chester District} In Equity

Personally appeared and said court John Chandler a citizen of the United States of America a resident of said state who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he served his country during the revolutionary war as a common soldier as militia of the said State whenever called to do so that during the said war, he served about three & a half years in the militia of said State and in the troops under the command of General F. Marion [Francis Marion], Robert Fullwood, James Burgess and John Nelson, that he was in the Battles of Stono [June 20, 1779], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Tynes defeat [October 25, 1780] and two skirmishes in the State of Georgia – that he was taken a prisoner by the enemies of the Country, was a prisoner in the Camp of Colonel Tynes (a British officer) at the time of his defeat by General Marion, that in the said defeat, he was wounded in his right eye, the sight of which he was deprived of, a bullet wound through his nose, another one on his chin, a ball lodged in his right shoulder five shot in his right side, also a deep wound in [several lines of text too faint to discern] circumstances and stands in great need [text too faint to discern] is now [text too faint to discern] of age and unable to obtain a comfortable support without the aid or [one or more words too faint to discern] to be obtained [text too faint to discern] by the General government for the relief of the soldiers of the Revolutionary war.

[Note: there is no indication that the veteran signed this affidavit]

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To the Honorable the house of Representatives of South Carolina} Your humble petitioner Sheweth that in the Last war with Great Britain he served as a common soldier under the command of Captain John Nelson for the term of fifteen months also under Captain Robert Fullwood for the term of three months also under Captain Richardson for the Term of fifteen months as will appear by Reference to a certificate by Colonel Richardson and Captain Nelson and lodged in the Secretary's office your petitioner further Sheweth that the Term and under the command of aforesaid Captain Nelson the fifteenth September in the year 1780 in the big fork of black River he was severely wounded in the engagement known by the name of Tynes defeat he has lost his right eye by a ball which at the time fractured his skull that he also received several other wounds much to his injury your petitioner further states that he has not in any way received compensation though [indecipherable words] the Legislature in 1786 your humble petitioner prays your Honorable Body would take the subject into consideration and relieve a Poor Soldier and your Petitioner as in duty Bound will ever pray

S/ John Chandler

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State of South Carolina Sumter District} We the undersigned Do hereby certify that the bearer hereof John Chandler has been a good friend to his Country in her struggle for independency during the Revolutionary War, that he has fought in many Battles, that he had one eye shot out, his left shoulder fractured and otherwise dangerously wounded And we the undersigned do consider the said John Chandler entitled to the benefit of the act of this state made and provided for the relief of wounded & disabled soldiers. Given under our hands this 14 of December 1808

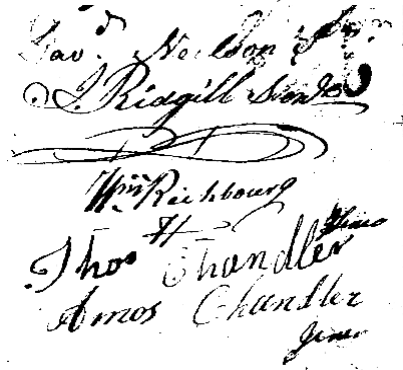
S/ David Nelson, Jr.

S/ J. Ridgill Senr.

S/ Wm Richbourg

S/ Thos. Chandler

S/ Amos Chandler, Jr.



The image shows a collection of handwritten signatures in cursive script, arranged vertically. From top to bottom, the signatures are: 'David Nelson, Jr.', 'J. Ridgill Senr.', 'Wm Richbourg', 'Thos Chandler', and 'Amos Chandler, Jr.'. The signatures are written in dark ink on a light background.

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South Carolina Darlington District} We the Subscribers Certify that we knew John Chandler in the Service of this State as a Common Soldier and that he served as a Faithful and True American Soldier in the last war we believe that he was wounded as Such in said war and thanks him Entitled to the Bounty granted by law to disabled Soldiers

S/ Richard Richardson

S/ John Nelson

S/ David Nelson

S/ William [?]

S/ William Richburgh

S/ Cpt. Little

S/ Samuel Nilson

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[p 24: Another petition for a pension signed by the veteran, this one dated Nov. 20th 1813 and substantially identical to prior petitions.]

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To the Honorable John Board President and the Honorable Members of the Senate the Humble Petition of John Chandler of Claremont County Sheweth that in the late war between Great Britain and America, your petitioner was taken prisoner by a party of his Britannic Majesty's Loyalist commanded by Colonel Samuel Tynes, who soon afterwards was engaged in battle with General Marion when your petitioner unfortunately lost one of his eyes by a wound received and his left shoulder fractured together with other wounds, which has rendered your petitioner almost incapable of supporting himself, your petitioner therefore humbly prays, that your Honors would take his case in consideration & grant him such relief as you in your wisdom shall think proper and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ John Chandler

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The committee on claims to whom was referred the Petition of John Chandler praying compensation for service rendered last war: Respectfully Report That they have taken the same into consideration and recommend to the Senate the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature for want of vouchers

S/ J. Belser, Chr.

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The petition of John Chandler praying relief for Revolutionary Services
Pensions
Rejected

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To the Honorable the President & Senate of South Carolina

The humble petition of John Chandler Sheweth that in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain he served as a soldier in the militia of this State under the command of the following Officers – under Captain John Neilson fifteen months, under Captain Robert Fulwood three months, under Captain William Richardson three months under Captain Nathaniel More [Nathaniel Moore] three months Your Petitioner (as will appear by certificate lodged in the Secretary's Office) while under the command of Captain Neilson being sent out on a reconnoitering party, was taken as a prisoner by a party of Tories who tied and took him into their Camp – and was wounded the same day by General Marion's Army in the engagement known by the name of Tynes defeat, having his Right Eye shot out and his Skull fractured by the same shot; was likewise severely wounded at the same time in

several other parts: your Petitioner feeling the effects of his wounds, the loss of eyesight and the infirmities of old age finds it very difficult to obtain a support and hopes that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as you in your wisdom shall see meet, and Your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ John Chandler

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The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Chandler praying relief for Revolutionary services

Report That they have taken the same into consideration and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

S/ John Hopkins
Chairman