

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Meshach Chandler W10616

Sally Chandler

f36SC

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The State of South Carolina Union District

On this 25 day of May 1736 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting Meshach Chandler a resident in the District of Union in the State of South Carolina aged eighty-six 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.

1st I was born upon James River near the Great Falls in the State of Virginia on the 17th day of January in the year 1750.

2nd I have no record of my age at this time, my sister Susan having taken with her the family Bible in which my age was recorded, to the State of Kentucky, long since arrived at the age of maturity.

3rd When I first entered the service I lived in Ninety Six District, near the mouth of Inoree River [Enoree River] now Newberry District in the State of South Carolina & during the revolutionary war I moved into that part of Ninety Six district which is now called Union District where I have ever since continued to reside.

4th I was drafted in the winter of 1775 & served three months in what was called the "Snow Camps" commanded by Captain Charles King Colonel John Liles [John Lisle] & General Harrison [sic, Richard Richardson? or Andrew Williamson?]. In this campaign we marched in pursuit of the Tories in the upper part of the State of South Carolina on the head waters of Saluda River, but had no battle.

On the first of May 1776 I entered the service as a volunteer in an expedition against the Indians & continued in the service until the last of November following making seven months. In this expedition I was commanded by Captain James Liles [James Lisle], Colonel John Liles [John Lisle], & General Andrew Williamson. In this campaign the forces rendezvoused at Sennaca [Seneca] old Town thence penetrated the mountains & were engaged in a battle with the Indians at the Horse Shoe or as it was called by some the Black Hole, thence marched to the various Indian settlements on Calico River [sic, Tellico?] & Hiwassee rivers destroying their towns & provisions.

Sometime in the summer of 1777, I think in the month of June, I enlisted for the term of nine months & served out his term under the command of Captain Jared Smith in guarding the Frontier of this State, & was stationed at Kellets on Raybon's Creek a branch of Reedy River where a block house was erected.

In 1778 or 1779 I volunteered & served one month under the command of Captain Joseph McJunkin in guarding Prince's Fort on the borders of the Indian settlements in the State of South Carolina.

After the surrender of Charleston I volunteered again under Captain Henry Liles [Henry Lisle], & served a tour of duty under his command of three months. In this service I was at the taking of Fort Granby on the Congaree River – thence we marched to Ninety Six the stronghold of the enemy, & besieged that Fort but without effect.

Until the close of the war I frequently volunteered on special occasions, but for no distinct period of time. During the war I was two months a prisoner which time is not embraced in the terms of service set forth above –

6th I think I did receive a written discharge from the service when I was enlisted from Captain Jared Smith, but knows not what has become of it.

7th I refer to Captain Joseph McJunkin, Major Thomas Young & Mordecai Chandler who knew me in the service & the Reverend John Jennings who can certify as to my character for veracity & their knowledge & belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

I do further declare that my name has been on the pension roll of the State of South Carolina for the four last years ending on the first day of March 1836 & that I have received from the State for the said four years \$60 per annum, but that by the act of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina passed in the year 1834 entitled "an act for the regulation of the Pensioners of this State) the names of all the revolutionary pensioners of this State all directed to be stricken from the pension roll from after the first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord 1836." I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge

S/ Meshach Chandler, M his mark

[John Jennings, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

We Joseph McJunkin Senr.,¹ Thomas Young² & Mordecai Chandler³ of Union District in the State of South Carolina do hereby testify that we were personally acquainted with Meshach Chandler the applicant for a pension in the time of the revolutionary war & knew him in the service of his Country. I Joseph McJunkin do hereby certify that I knew Meshach Chandler in the service in 1775 in what was called the "Snow Camps" & also in the expedition against the Indians in 1776, both of us having entered the service in Ninety Six District & served under different officers in said Campaigns. I Thomas Young do hereby certify that I occasionally saw Meshach Chandler in the service of his Country but cannot specify any particular tour of duty, not having at any time served with him. I was at the battle of Kings Mountain & distinctly recollect that the said Meshach Chandler was taken as a prisoner & immediately set at liberty. I Mordecai Chandler do hereby certify that my brother Meshach Chandler did enlist & served under Captain Jared Smith: that I was present when he was discharged, having served one month at the close of the service as a substitute in the place of my brother Daniel Chandler. We all believe the said Meshach to be eighty-six years of age & that his declaration is entitled to credit.

¹ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

² [Thomas Young S10309](#)

³ [Mordecai Chandler R1848](#)

A snippet of a handwritten document. At the top, there is a signature that appears to be 'Joseph Mc...'. Below it, another signature is visible, possibly 'The young'. At the bottom of the snippet, the name 'Abd Negro Chandler' is written in a cursive hand.

[p 10: On March 29, 1844 in Union District South Carolina, Sally Chandler, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Meshach Chandler, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she has no record of her marriage but distinctly recollects that she married Meshach Chandler in the 17th year of her age and that she was born June 19, 1762; that she married him before he went into the service the fight and that all of his fighting was done after their marriage; that she has no record of the ages of her first 3 children namely Elizabeth, Polly & an infant that died before named; that the rest of her children's ages are recorded in the family Bible commencing with Samuel born in 1779; that her husband died February 23, 1844 and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 22 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the same rate commencing March 4th, 1843.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁴ relating to Meshach Chandler	AA15
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1187	
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	No. 110
No. 2468 Book X	21 April 1786

Meshick Chandler [sic] for Militia duty in Waters's [Philemon Waters'] Regiment before & since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

[old South Carolina] Currency	£234
Stg. [Sterling]	£33.8.6 ³ / ₄

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 21 April 1786 for Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 2468 Book X per order
S/ Abednego Chandler

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Abednego Chandler'.

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Mr. Blake & Bocquet Commissioners of the Treasury
Gentlemen Please to Send by Mr. Abednego Chandler my Indent and the Interest due thereon and

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

you'll oblige your Humble Servant

S/ Masheck Chandler, M his mark

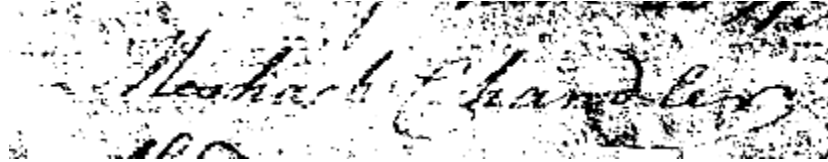
August 29th 1786 Newberry County

[p 5: Printed form of indent No. 2468 Book X dated April 21st, 1786]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent]

December the 30 day 1786 I assign the within Indent over to Benjamin Rice it being for Value received of him as Witness my hand

S/ Meshack Chandler

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meshack Chandler". The ink is dark and the background is light, with some speckling or noise in the image.

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The humble Petition of Meshach Chandler Sheweth unto your Honorable bodies that sometime in the fall of the year 1828, he made application to your Honorable bodies to be placed on the Pension List of this State that he did not succeed in his said application until the last Session (in 1830) so that he has only received one year's pension, owing as he supposes to some informality in his papers which accompanied his first applications,⁵ and as he can assure you his claims on his country were equally strong for the years of 1828 & 1829 as they were in 1830, So that he conceives that it is but Just and equitable that he should be allowed his pensions for those years, wherefore your Petitioner prays Your Honorable bodies that he may be allowed his pension for those two years, Say for the year 1828 & 1829 and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Meshack Chandler, M his mark

Removed House 12th of November 1831

S/ B. Johnson

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rejected

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Unionville 12th of November 1831

We the undersigned citizens of Union District and intimate acquaintances of the above named Meshach Chandler do hereby certify that we now are and for the last ten or fifteen years have been acquainted with the said Petitioner and his circumstances and that we think he is a fit and proper subject of the bounty of his country as a pensioner and that he has been as poor and as much in need of the aid of his country ever since 1828 at the time of his first application to be placed on the pension list as he was in December 1830, and that he then was and now is entitled to a pension as we have ever understood are known he was a good Whig, we therefore hope he will be allowed his pensions for the years 1828 & 1829 – As we deem the same Just & equitable

S/ Thomas Young

⁵ There is no evidence of any prior petitions in this file

S/ Joseph McJunkin
S/ J. T McJunkin
S/ Thomas Sarton
S/ Thomas Lee
S/ Jesse Clark
S/ Rufus Edwards

Thomas Young
Joseph M. Junkin
J. T. Junkin
Thomas Sarton
Thomas Lee
Jesse Clark
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[Note: subsequent proceedings indicates that the petition was rejected but that pension payments of \$60 per annum were paid to the veteran commencing May 16, 1831 and ending June 2, 1834.]