

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cheek W1141<sup>1</sup>      Sintha (Sinthia)<sup>2</sup>      fn76SC  
Transcribed by Will Graves      3/18/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Georgia County of Franklin

On this tenth day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared before the Inferior Court now sitting for Ordinary purposes, William Cheek, a resident of Capt. Watsons District in the county and State aforesaid, aged about Eighty 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 in the Militia of South Carolina in Laurens District as a volunteer under Capt William Berry, was marched to Rabuns Creek on the Indian Frontier to guard against the Indians and was stationed there three months and was discharged by Capt. Berry, returned home and staid three months, and

Again volunteered and under the same officer, and was stationed on the same Indian border for another tour of three months, Colonel John Hunter commanded in both tours, served in this last tour his three months and was discharged by Capt. Berry.

Again volunteered at Laurens aforesaid under Capt. Lewis Duvall & Col. Benjamin Kilgore in the year 1779 & was marched to the aforesaid Indian border and was there stationed until his three months expired and he was discharged by Capt. Lewis, returned home & staid three months.

Served every alternate three months on that border for four years from the time he entered first & was under the command of the two officers Captains aforesaid which makes his service under them two years. Was in no battles during the time and never was stationed at any other place, than the Blockhouse station aforesaid, the particular name of which he does not recollect.

Does not recollect any person now in life that was in service with him &therefor could not prove his services.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt29742-160-55

<sup>2</sup> a/k/a, Cynthia Cheek

1. Was born in North Carolina 29th September 1752.
2. There was a record in the School Bible which was lost at school by his children.
3. When he entered the service he lived in Laurens District South Carolina & lived there until 1804 when he removed to Pendleton District in said State & lived there until 1818 and then removed to his present residence, where he has remained ever since.
4. Always volunteered.
5. Was no regular Continental officers in command where he was stationed.
6. Received eight or nine discharges from Captains Berry & Duvall, but they are all lost.
7. Is known to Joseph & William Attaway who reside in his neighborhood and to John Bramblett preacher of the gospel, all of whom can testify to his veracity & character & to their belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State within his knowledge & belief.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year first above written.

S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ William Cheek

[John Bramblett, a clergyman, and Joseph Attaway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On May 27, 1853 in Franklin County Georgia, Sintha Cheek filed a claim under the 1853 act for a pension as the widow of William Cheek, a revolutionary war pensioner; she states that she married him on September 13, 1821; that they were married by Charles W Christian, JP, in Elbert County Georgia; and that her husband died April 16, 1845.

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[fn p. 28]

State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting for ordinary purposes William Cheek who has heretofore sworn to and subscribed the original declaration to which this is annexed and who being sworn according to law on his oath makes the following additional amendment to his original Declaration

That he served under Captain Berry & Colonel John Hunter six months as a private in the years 1777 and 1778,

That in 1779 he served another Tour of three months as a private under Captain Lewis and Colonel Kilgore, and that from his first entering the service in 1777 until 1781 he served under the two Captains aforesaid two years which was every alternate three months for four years. That from old age and consequent loss of memory he does not recollect the dates more particularly than is stated above and in his original Declaration.

That he served all the time as a private.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.  
S/ Thos. King, CCO S/ William Cheek Senior

[fn p. 11: On June 20, 1855 in Franklin County Georgia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Cheek.]

[fn 13: Copy of the marriage license issued in Elbert County Georgia September 6th 1821, to William Cheek to marry "Miss Sinthia Coker." At the bottom of the licenses the following certification:

"I do hereby certify, that, William Cheek and Miss Cynthia Coker, were joined together in the Holy Bans of Matrimony by me on the 13th day of September 1821. C. W. Christian, JP"]

[fn p. 14: In 1872 [day and month not stated] L. M. Cheek filed an application in Jackson County Georgia for the arrears in the pension payments due his mother as the widow of his father William Cheek. He states in this application that his mother died in Jackson County Georgia November 17 1860; that he is the only child still living; that she left as grandchildren M. J. Cheek, Lycis Cheek<sup>3</sup>, Samanthin Cheek<sup>4</sup> and Columbus Cheek, the children of Charles W. Cheek who died before his mother.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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<sup>3</sup> In a summary of the contents of this file, the Interior Department clerk interpreted this name as "Lyni Cheek."

<sup>4</sup> In a summary of the contents of this file, the Interior Department clerk interpreted this name as "Samanthia Cheek."