

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Chapman Poindexter¹ W26327 Elizabeth f85VA
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State of Tennessee, Grainger County: August Term 1832

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for Grainger County in the State of Tennessee Chapman Poindexter aged 72 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, to wit: Captain John Sanders, that he rendezvoused in Louisa County State of Virginia from thence we marched to Richmond in said State where we Joined the Regiment under the Command of Colonel Harrison [Charles Harrison] and was transferred to the artillery Company commanded by Captain Eddings [Samuel Eddins] with whom I stayed about a month and was then transferred to the Company Commanded by Captain Bentley [William Bentley]² at Petersburg in said State in the Regiment Commanded by Colonels Haws and Green from thence we were marched to the Cheraw Hills on Pee Dee [Pedee] [River] where we Joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] from thence we were marched to Halifax old Court house in said State from thence we marched to Guilford Court house where a battle was fought between General Greene the American Commander and Lord Cornwallis, the British Commander. After the battle of Guilford Court house we were marched to a place called Troublesome Iron works, there we turned and pursued the British down to Deep River then we returned and marched to Campden [sic, Camden] and there we had a short engagement [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] with the British under the command of Lord Rawdon from thence we marched to Ninety Six in South Carolina and General Greene laid siege [May 21-June 19, 1781] to the British Fort, at this place I was wounded in the body thighs and arm and taken prisoner, and was taken into the British fort. The fort was commanded by Colonel Samuel Cruger [sic, John Harris Cruger] a British officer. I remained in the fort as a prisoner until General Greene quit the siege and Colonel Cruger was reinforced by Lord Rawdon and General Greene not being able to oppose them left the place. I was then paroled by Colonel Cruger. He states that he entered the service in the month of October in the year 1780 and ~~left the service~~ was paroled on the 9th day of July 1781. He states that he entered the service for 18 months but was paroled before the expiration of his said term of service. He states that he entered the service in the ~~town of Richmond~~ County of Louisa State of Virginia and that at the time of entering the service he lived in the County of Louisa. He further states that before he had recovered of his wounds Cornwallis surrendered as he understood and believes.

He states that after the passage of the act of Congress of March 1818 providing for the benefit of the Regular Soldiers of the Revolution believing his case was provided for by said act he went to Captain William Bentley to whose Company he belonged who resided in Powhatan County Virginia and procured his Certificate of his services together with the affidavits of Lewis Lowry and Henry Carter who were with him and certified to his services. That he made out his declaration and procured

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² [William Bentley S37745](#)

it to be enclosed to Thomas Arnold to Washington City the last spring and supposes that papers are on file in the War department and to which certificate and affidavit he refers but should they did not be on file he will endeavor to procure them from Mr. Arnold and transmit them to the department. He states that he has no other documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He further states that he has never received one cent for his services.

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 any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Chapman Poindexter, X his mark

[Hughes O. Taylor, a clergyman, Nathan Gray and Martin Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories mounted to Chapman Poindexter by the Court:

Question:

[1st.] When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Louisa County State of Virginia in 1760.

[2nd] Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age.

[3rd]Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I have lived in Louisa County Virginia. I lived in Albemarle County about eight years I then lived in Halifax County Virginia. I then lived in Henry County Virginia. I then removed to Hawkins County Tennessee about one year then I removed to Grainger County Tennessee where I have resided ever since and where I now reside.

[4th]How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was drafted.

[5th] State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I served with General Greene, Colonel Haws [Samuel Hawes], Colonel Green, Colonel Campbell, Col. Williams [Otho Williams] was the aid of General Greene.

[6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?--This question was not put to the applicant.]

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: Nathan Gray, Martin Moore, the Reverend Hughes O. Taylor Senior and I could name many others if necessary.

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Explanations of Chapman Poindexter in the matter of his application for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, to wit: He states that by the term ["enlisted"] in his former declaration he did not mean that he had taken the bounty in the Regular Army but that he went in the place of one in fifteen, that out of every fifteen men one was selected to join the service of the United States and that he was chosen to go. He states that he served 10 months. That when he was paroled by Colonel Samuel Cruger he was wounded and unable to join the Army again that before he recovered of his wounds Cornwallis was taken and peace was declared. He further states that by the term ["enlisted"] he did not intend to be understood as saying that he belonged to the Continental establishment but he belonged to the eighteen-months men [one or more indecipherable words] by the states and were called eighteen month-men as he understood. Sworn to in open Court this 21st day of May 1833

S/ Chapman Poindexter, X his mark

[f p. 79]

State of Tennessee, Hawkins County: December 23, 1846

This day personally appeared before me James L. Etter an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Chapman Poindexter a resident of Hawkins County and State of Virginia aged Eighty Six years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress Passed June 7th 1832 that there was a call for men to be drafted one man out of 15 a draw was not made I volunteered my services. I am [illegible words] man and may have had it stated that I enlisted. I went into the service in the year 1780. I was at that time a citizen of Louisa County in the State of Virginia and was placed under the Command of Captain John Sanders who carried us to Richmond Virginia then Colonel Harrison took charge of us. Colonel Harrison sent the Company to Petersburg Virginia, at Petersburg in the State of Virginia we were placed under the Command of William Bentley, William McGuire was the Lieutenant in Captain Bentley's Company-- we marched from Petersburg to the Cheraw Hills on Pedee River in the State of North Carolina where we joined General Greene, we then retreated from General Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] and marched to Halifax County in the State of Virginia, when we left Halifax County we pursued the English to Guilford Court House I was in that battle from the battlefield we moved to the place called Troublesome Iron Works General Greene then pursuing Cornwallis as far as Deep River, he then turned and advanced to Camden where Lord Rawdon was forted, at that place we had a skirmish with Rawdon's troops, we pursuing Rawdon as far as Santee [River] we then turned and went to a place called Ninety Six, at this place I was taken prisoner also Captain William Bentley I was badly wounded I remained here some three or four weeks I was very much disabled and left on parole and returned home. I will mention the names of several that were in Captain Bentley's Company, Robert Richardson, Samuel Southerland, Thomas West, Patrick Shannon and Thomas Walls my name has been placed on the pension Roll and has been dropped owing to the fact that in my former declaration that I served under Colonel Harrison and Colonel Laws I am an [illegible words] man and as there was a call for men to be drafted, and as I volunteered my services in instead of being drafted I did not know but it was enlisting I may properly speaking be called a Militia man. William McGuire was lieutenant in Bentley's company and after Captain Bentley and myself and others were taken prisoners it may be that McGuire was elected Captain in my first application for a pension I proved by John Poindexter that I was in the service my application was made some time before the act of 1832 passed John Poindexter is now dead I was in the service of the United States about ten months. Given under my hand the day and date above written.

Sworn to and And subscribed or may

S/ Chapman Poindexter, X his mark

S/ James L. Etter, JP Hawkins County

[This application was supported by the affidavit of William Maze, Gabriel McCrane, and James Conner.]

[f. p. 9: Elizabeth Poindexter, 59, filed for a widow's pension in Grainger Co., TN on December 6, 1854, stating, that his is the widow of Chapman who died on 21st May 1851 a resident of Hawkins Co., Tn.; that she married Chapman on July 18, 1815; she attached the following family records

Talton Poindexter was Born the 2 day of June 1816

Sarah Poindexter was Born the 20th day of December 1817

John M. Poindexter was Born the 16th day of May 1819

William Poindexter was Born the 2 day of April 1823

[beneath is written] 29th April 182[³last digit illegible]

~~William Poindexter was Born April 11th 1848~~

The widow signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 13: On November one, 1855 in Grainger County Tennessee, the widow, 70, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Chapman Poindexter. In this document she states that her name prior

to her marriage was Elizabeth Runnells.]

[Facts in file: From 1861 until 1865 the widow lived in Hawkins County Tennessee with her son-in-law Joseph Gill; in 1865 she was still a resident of Hawkins County and applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefits.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]