

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Chandler W27395 Margaret Chandler I125-175Mass
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[I 129]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Middlesex, SS

On this ninth day of October 1849 Personally appeared before the Honorable S. P. P. Fray Judge of the Court of Probate in and for the County of Middlesex & State aforesaid, Margaret Chandler, a resident of Lexington in said County of Middlesex, being Eighty three years of age who being first duly sworn According to law doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, the Act of March 3, 1838 and 17 June 1844 Also the Act of Congress passed February 2, 1848 Granting pensions to widows of persons who rendered service during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of John Candler Jr. of Lexington who was a private and belonged to Captain Ebenezer Parker's Minute Company and was out in the Lexington & Concorde alarm on the nineteenth of April 1775 that he was also in Captain John Parker's company in Cambridge in May 1775 also in the same company ^{June 17, 1775 [undeciphered word or words]} five days that in the first of March 1776 he was in Capt. John Bridges Company in Colonel Eleazer Brooks Regiment at Rosebury and Dorchester five days to her impression that he was in the Service at Ticonderoga in the summer and Spell that Autumn of 1776 five months in the Company of Captain Charles Miles in Col. Jonathan Reed's Regiment and that on the first day of December 1776, he again engaged and rendered three months Service in Boston, Guard of Stores in Captain Brooks Company in Colonel Dikes Regiment, that in the Autumn of 1777 he engaged in the reinforcement of the North Army in Capt. Samuel Farren Company of Col. Jonathan Reed's Regiment and Served one month and ten days, that in the Summer of 1778 he engaged in Capt. Francis Brown's Company of Col. McIntosh Regiment and rendered six weeks service in the State of Rhode Island. That in the Autumn of 1779 he with Joseph Loring¹ & Eli Bads (a motato [sic mulatto]) Enlisted in the United States Naval Service and went from Boston in the Ship *Boston*² that the name of one of the Officers of the Ship was Preble ^{under the command of Commodore Tucker [Samuel Tucker]³} the Ship was taken by a British Man of War and that the men were taken to Charlestowne [Charleston] South Carolina,⁴ and put all board the *Jersey* prison Ship, and they

¹ [Joseph Loring S33002](#)

² https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2391

³ S30173

⁴ May 12, 1780 Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

are kept in great Suffering until sometime in the year of 1780, when he and the aforesaid Joseph Loring were exchanged after which her husband and the said Joseph Loring returned to Lexington, that she has not before made an Application for a pension, as she has not been able to find any documentary proof of the Naval Service of her husband, but She has been informed that the aforesaid Joseph Loring has since he left the town of Lexington received a pension for his Naval service with her said husband, and for further proof of her said husband's Naval Service, She refers to the documents in Washington, and the papers called the Washington Papers.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Chandler in the town of Salem in the County of Essex & State aforesaid, by the Rev. William Bentley, on the twelfth day of January 1786, that her said husband, the aforesaid John Chandler died in said town of Lexington on the nineteenth day of October 1804, that She was not Married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the Marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated & that she still remains a widow – the words “also in the same company June 17, 1775, five days” on the 1st page and on the second page the words “under the command of Commodore Tucker” were interlined before making oath & signing by the deponent.

Margaret Chandler, X her mark

[I 133: Extract of a record indicating that John Chandler Junior of Lexington and Margaret Mack of Salem were joined in Marriage January 12, 1786 by the Reverend William Bentley.]

[I 136: Affidavit given in Middlesex County December 1, 1849 by Sarah Reed in which she testifies that she was the daughter of John Chandler who died in Lexington in 1810; that she had a brother by the name of John Chandler who died in Lexington in 1804; that her brother left a widow who is still living in Lexington; that her brother was at Saratoga when General Burgoyne's army was captured; that he engaged in the Naval Service and was kept a prisoner of war by the British.

Sarah Reed]

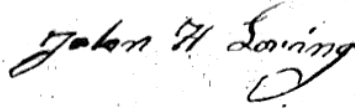
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I John H. Loring of Groton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Seventy four years of age Do testify and Say that I was born in the town of Lexington in said County of Middlesex as appears by record & resident there until the year 1804 [last digit unclear],⁵ that my father Joseph Loring removed from Lexington to Rindge in the State of New Hampshire three or four years after I left Lexington and that he there resided until his death which took place ten or twelve years since and that at the time of his death was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States under the law for Soldiers of the Revolution, that he established his claim by evidence of Commodore Tucker which was taken at Portland in the State of Maine near the year 1821. I was with my said father at said town of Portland & there see Commodore Tucker & hear him give his evidence as to my said father's being under him in the Naval Service and that they were prisoners of War by the British Army at Charlestown South Carolina. I have a

& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

clear recollection of seeing my said father leave his home in Lexington to go in the Naval Service which I have always been informed was in the summer of 1779, that a man whose name was John Chandler of Lexington I see go with my said father & also a man of Colour was with them and that my said father & John Chandler returned from the Service in the summer of 1780, as I have been informed by my father in his repeated conversation, that the said John Chandler & my father often had conversation about their [undeciphered word or words] service and their being prisoners together & how much they Suffered. I have also: Since my father left the town of Lexington heard him mention that John Chandler of Lexington was with him in the Naval Service and that at the time of that his Naval Service was rendered the said John Chandler had a farther living in Lexington by the name of John Chandler. He said John Chandler Junior so called in Lexington was with my father often & relating what took place in their Naval Service by which means I became well acquainted with him before his death. There was no other John Chandler in Lexington to My knowledge, when I left Lexington or before that time except as above stated. John Chandler Senior & John Chandler Junior who was a military man in the service with my father.

John H. Loring



[Certified December 4, 1849]

[I 142:

On September 21, 1849 in Lexington, Middlesex County, Margaret Eaton, 56, gave testimony that she is the daughter of John Chandler Junior; that she heard him speak of his services in the Revolution; that he died October 19, 1804 and that his widow Margaret Chandler is the affiant's mother.



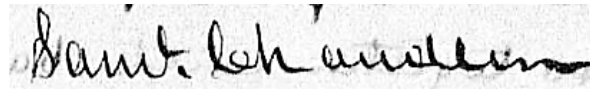
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John Chandler Jr. & John Loring were on board one of the public Armed Vessels under the command of Commodore Tucker, they were absent a year, I think a little more than a year – the vessel was taken by the enemy either at the Capitulation of Charleston South Carolina in 1779 [sic, May 12, 1780] or about that time at sea, the Crew were confined for some time on board a prison ship at Charleston & nearly starved to death to induce them to enlist in the British Army – they were both relieved from captivity at Charleston & traveled on foot home – For the same service, Loring obtained a full pension of \$8 per month in 1840 [sic] together with back pay – he was able to substantiate his claim at that time by a certificate from Commodore Tucker. During the Electioneering Campaign of 1840, notice was given that Tucker would attend a Whig Mass meeting at Portland. Loring heard of it & went to Portland, saw the Commodore & obtained his certificate. There are those living in Lexington who probably recollect that my father & Loring

went in the Naval Service & returned together there was also a Mulatto by the name of Bordon⁶ (I think his Christian name was Eli, but am not certain) I have spelled his Sir name [sic surname] as it was pronounced – The mulatto fellow was retained by the enemy & never returned – Loring's Application & Certificates are without doubt on file at the Pension office in Washington & can be referred to. Loring's son, Mr. John W Loring of Mason N. H. has told me within three years that he went to Portland with his father to see Com. Tucker that he had often his father speak of my father's being out with him & taken at the same time & of their sufferings &c

Saml Chandler

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

[I 164: Certificate by Clerk of Court that John Chandler son John Chandler & Beulah his wife was born December 31, 1758; that John Chandler, Jr. of Lexington and Margaret Mack of Salem were married January 12, 1786 by Rev. William Bentley"]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1848, for her husband service as a private & Marine for 16 months.]

⁶ Bordon