

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Chasteen W2917

Nancy Chasteen

VA

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,

On this 7th day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared James Chasteen aged fifty seven years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law of Congress entitled, “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the county of Madison; and that he was enlisted for three years in Fluvannah [sic: Fluvanna] County in the state of Virginia on or about the [blank] day of [blank] the year 1777 or 1778 by one Capt Holeman Rice [sic: Holman Rice, pension application S31327] and served in the company commanded by captain Holeman Rice his Lieut was Edward Hernden [sic: Edward Herndon], and his ensign Nicholas Marewether [sic: Nicholas Meriwether] that the company belonged to a Regiment Commanded by Colo. Francis Taylor the number he has forgotten. That it was of the Virginia line on Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1780 or 1781 when he was honorably discharged from service at Winchester in the state of Virginia; That in 2 or 3 months after he was thus discharged he again enlisted for 18 months in Armands Corps of horse [sic: Col. Charles Armand’s Legion] in a company commanded by Capt Robert Kirk on continental establishment That he served in said Corps until he was discharged on the next day after Corn Wallace was taken at york in Virginia in the year 1782 [sic: Cornwallis, captured at Yorktown on 19 Oct 1781] that he was in service three full[?] years and four months and was in the battles of York when Corn Wallace was taken and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

[William Abney, pension application W1202, certified that he saw Chasteen receive his discharge.]

State of Kentucky Madison Circuit Sct

State of Kentucky 10th Judicial district and Circuit Court for Madison County afsd on the 13th day of March AD 1821 personally appeared in open Court before the Court above mentioned, it being a court of record by act of Assembly and proceeding according to the course of the Common Law James Chasteen aged about sixty years old, and a resident Citizen of Madison County in the district aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows (towit) three years in the regular army of the united states in the company commanded by Capt Holeman Rice in the Rigiment Commanded by Colo Francis Taylor, that his regiment belonged to the Virginia line, which term the said James Chasteen saith on his oath that he served his term of enlistment and obtained a legal discharge. He states further on his oath that after he obtained his discharge that he enlisted a second time in the united states service for the Term of one year and six months in the Horse Company commanded by Capt Robert Kirk in the Regiment commanded by Capt Armong During the last time of his enlistment he was at the battle of the Siege of York the time the Americans Captured Cornwallis and for the second time of enlistment he obtained a second discharge that the matters aforesaid are more explicitly stated in his original declaration made on the — day of — upon which he has received a certificate for a pension dated 25th day of October 1819 which is not numbered on its face but which has on its back 15.411 and at the same time upon his oath aforesaid the said James Chasteen stated that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that that he has

not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed towit, Two Horses worth \$50 and no more, 3 head of cattle & no more 15 head of hogs and no more farming utensils \$5 Household furniture \$20. Debts due \$10.25 cents
(Signed) James Chasteen

That the said James Chasteen says that he has a wife and five children namely Elizabeth about 25 years old married and living apart from her father John 23 years old married and living apart from his father and able to maintain himself Polly about 22 years old married and living apart from her father Jesse about 21 years old married and living apart from his father and able to maintain himself Nancy about 18 years old married and living apart from her father his wife by the name of Nancy about 65 years old and not able to maintain herself, And It is the opinion of the court that the Total amount in value of the said Chasteens property is one hundred and fifteen dollars and 25 cents

NOTES:

On 15 Nov 1842 Nancy Chasteen, about 83, applied for a pension stating that on a Wednesday night in October 1785 at age 26 she was married to James Chasteen by a Methodist minister. She stated that she was born in Albemarle County VA, and her father moved to Amherst County VA when she was two years old. She also stated that in October 1791 she, her husband, and two children (still living) moved to the part of Madison County KY that became part of Rockcastle County, where she still lived, that she afterward had four children (three still living), that her oldest child was 55 or 56, and that James Chasteen died on 27 Feb 1841. Her son, John Chasteen, stated that he had two older sisters, the older being between 55 and 56. William Abney certified the service and marriage of James Chasteen.

On 31 Oct 1843 Nancy Chasteen, aged over 87, stated that she married James Chasteen about 1783 or 1784, and he died 28 Feb 1841. John Chasteen, about 52, third child of James and Nancy Chasteen, certified his mother's application. Elizabeth Durham was also named as a child of James and Nancy Chasteen. On 30 Jan 1845 Nancy Chasteen was supposed to be about 87 or 88, and on 31 July 1848 she was said to be about 92.

A letter written 19 July 1855 on behalf of James Chasteen's children states that they believed he was "a Drummer or an officer of some grade - and they are thereby entitled to an increase of pension," and that his widow died probably in 1849.