

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Childrey (Childress) W3775

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Original Claim -- District of Virginia to wit

On this 25th day of August 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County Court of Halifax William Childrey age 64 years the 16th of May 1823 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first May 1820 and that the said William Childrey to the best of his memory in the month of May or June 1776 he enlisted for the Term of five years in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by John Brunt or Brent in the Regiment commanded by Col. Call in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps for about one year under the command of General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. After which he was attached to the control and under the Command of General Anthony Wane [Anthony Wayne] in which Corps he served the balance of his five years. Was discharged at Jamestown Virginia as a little before the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at which time he was free from the Service of the United States as Soldier that he was in Several Battles to wit Peach Orchard, Hott Water [Hot Water, June 26, 1781] & many other Battles and Skirmishes and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed -- no person but himself to depend on for a support and has no property-----

S/ Wm Childrey

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Virginia to wit:

On this 23rd day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting William Childrey a resident of Halifax County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-two 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 the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the month of May or June 1776, in the County of Charlotte Virginia for five years with Capt. John Brent and marched with him to Prince Edward Courthouse where we remained for some time, from thence to Richmond, and from there by the Bowling green into the State of Maryland we were then attached to the 5th or 6th Regiment under the command of Major Brice and Col. Call in General Mulenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade during of my enlistment, I was with many Officers that I do not now recollect, for some time I was with General Waine [Anthony Wayne], I was principally in the State of Virginia and Maryland. I was in a battle with the British at the Peach Orchard near Norfolk we marched from there to the Blue Ridge in Virginia we were followed by the British and had an engagement with them at Pamunkey River, we had another battle with them on the side of the Blue Ridge, and drove them back to a place called Hot water near Williamsburg and had a battle at that place, they kept the ground, we afterwards had a very severe battle with them at Jamestown just before my term of 5 years ended, after which I was discharged by General Wayne at Jamestown in the month of June 1781, my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I received an order from General Wayne for my bounty land, which I gave to Mr. James Eastham of Halifax County some years past for a small piece of poor land that I now live on. I have no documentary evidence except my own declaration which was recorded in Halifax County in August 1823 in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed in the year 1818, which was rejected on account (as I was informed) of my Estate being worth at that time a little more than \$200.

I was born in the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia, I suppose in the year 1760. I have no record of my age. I resided in the County of Charlotte when I enlisted in the Army of the revolution. I lived in the said County of Charlotte about 20 years after the war ended. I then moved to the County of Halifax Virginia and have lived in that County ever since. The I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ William Childrey

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[Charles Allen¹ & John Dunkley² gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia to wit

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Halifax in the State aforesaid William Childrey or William Childress and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he believes his real name to be Childrey, but from the time he was a boy to the present day he has been called and known to many persons by the name of Childress, that when he served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution, he was generally known by his Officers and Soldiers by the name of Childres. Given under my hand and seal this 25 day of June 1833.

S/ Jno Sims

[p 8: On June 17, 1843, in Charlotte County Virginia, Anne Childrey or Childress, 77, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of the late William Childrey of Charlotte County, state of Virginia, a pensioner under the 1832 act; that she married him December 27, 1786; that he died February 29, 1840; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her

¹ [Charles Allen S16597](#)

² [John Dunkley W5267](#)

mark.]

[p 17: Certificate dated September 22nd, 1850 signed by the clerk of Charlotte County Virginia stating that records in his office contain the following: "Married December 27th 1786 by the Rev. Thomas Johnston William Childress to Ann Hanson."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]