

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher Chaffin W4919
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Maryann Chaffin VA

State of Virginia Tazwell [sic: Tazewell] Cty. Ss

On this 18th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County of Tazwell State of Virginia now sitting Christopher Chaffin a citizen of the said County of Tazwell aged seventy six 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 7th of June 1832; That he entered the service of the United States as an enlisted solder in February 1776 under Capt John Morton [pension application S9035], Colo. Robert Lawson, Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen], for the term of two years, while a citizen fo the state of Virginia Cumberland County, he inlisted in Prince Edward Cty. in the said State, and served out the full term of the two years of his enlistment, he marched from Prince Edward where he enlisted to Norfolk in Virginia where he remained till late in the faul of 1776, and was in a little scrimage there with Dunmore [1 Jan 1776]; and from there he was marched to Trenton, and was there at the time of the taking fo the Hessians, which was on the day after Christmas he thinks 1776; and from there he was marched to Princeton, where he was in a battle with the Brittish [3 Jan 1777]; from there he was marched back to Philladelphia to guard the prisoners from there to Albemarle Virginia; from there he was marched to the Valley forge, and there he was discharged by Charles Scott Brigadir Gen'l. which was in February 1778. that there is no person here by whom he can prove his services that is known to him. 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 the agency of any State or Teritory whatever, he has no record of his age that he can resort to.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforsaid Christopher hisXmark Chaffin

NOTE: On 13 May 1841 Maryann Chaffin, 79, of Felicity in Clermont County OH, stated that she was married to Christopher Chaffin by Rev. John Hyde Sanders, and the bible with the family record was lost many years after their marriage when they were moving to the western part of Virginia. On 14 June 1841 Mary Ann Chaffin, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married Christopher Chaffin on 22 Aug 1778, and he died 10 Oct 1836. Tabitha Harvey stated that her parents, Christopher Chaffin and Maryann Vawter, were married in Powhatan County VA, and that she was born on 22 Nov 1779 as recorded in the family record in their old Bible. She stated that when she first saw the record she was living with her parents in Goochland County VA. On 10 April 1843 Maryann Chaffin stated that she would be 82 years old in the following July.