

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

**Pension Application
of
Perry Chinn
W6650**

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Declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

State of North Carolina
County of Surry

On this the 12th day of February 1833 personally appeared before me, William P. Dobson, Magistrate of the county court & others members of the court now sitting, Perry Chinn, a resident of said county of Surry in the State of North Carolina, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his own oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. – That he volunteered in the army of the United States in the year 1780 under Michael Wallace and served in the regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers- viz Captain Michael Wallace, Lieut. Col. Stith - -- Skinker Col. Commanding. At the time he entered the service, he was a resident of the county of King George in the State of Virginia, the length of time for which he entered the service not recollected – from the place where he volunteered he marched to Boyds hall and from thence to the mouth of Mitchodock [sic, Machadoc] creek in the lower end of the county of King George Va. After serving at Machadoc Creek some time he returned to Boyds hall and after staying there some time was discharged.

He volunteered different times afterwards in the same county, under the same officers and took the same routes but does not recollect the time of any single tour , nor can he speak positively as to the length of time he was out in all. The course pursued by the officers at that time was to call out their men whenever it was announced that the British ships were approaching the mouth of the Potomac River, and remain in service until the shipping disappeared from that quarter – but he confidently believes that he served six months at least putting all this service together, . – for which six months service as a private soldier, he claims a pension—that he has no documentary evidence whereby his service can be proven, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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, territory, or district.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Jno Wright, CCC

His X Mark

He further swears that there is no clergyman in his neighborhood whose testimony he can procure.

He the said Perry Chinn further swears that by reason of old age and consequent infirmity and loss of memory he cannot he cannot [sic] swear positively as to the precise length of time he served but according to the best of his recollection he served at least the full term of six months as a private for which six months' service he claims as a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

His X Mark
Perry Chinn

...The following are answers of the said applicant to the seven interrogatories propounded—to wit,¹

First Answer	In Stafford County Virginia in the year 1763
2 nd do [ditto]	I have none.
3 rd do. [ditto]	I lived in King George county Virginia whence called into service, since the Revolution I have lived part of the time in Stafford County Virginia and the balance in Surry County, North Carolina where I now live. ^b
4 th do [ditto]	I volunteered
5 th do [ditto]	I knew no regular officers, and no militia regiment but my own, and the number of that – I do not now recollect. the circumstances of my service have been given in the declaration
Sixth answer	I received none.
7 th co [ditto]	Thomas Williams Sen [Senior] & Russel Chugart [Shugart]

1 The seven interrogatories as prescribed by the War Department in its regulations to be put to each applicant for a pension were the following:

1st: When and in what year were you born?

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

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

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?

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.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

7th 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.

State of North Carolina
Yadkin County

On this twentieth day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and three personally appeared before me, John Kirk, a justice of the [illegible] [illegible] of the county and State aforesaid Elizabeth Chinn^c a resident of the County of Yadkin & State of North Carolina aforesaid aged seventy five years who first being 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 on the 3rd of February 1853 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the War of Revolution, that she is the widow of Perry Chinn who was a private and served in the War of Revolution and was placed on the pension list of the United States and drew a pension at the rates of about Twenty dollars per annum from the 4th of March 1831 until [sic] the day of his death and for the proof of his claim the [illegible] have to refer to pension department to the declaration of her said husband Perry Chinn filed in said office by Virtue of which he obtained the pension under the act of congress of June 7th 1832. She further declares that she was married ^{to} Perry Chinn on the 30th day of December A.D.^d Eighteen hundred & twenty five by Thomas Williams a Justice of the peace in Surry County (from the division now in Yadkin County N. Carolina^e) that her said husband died on the 7th of March 1847 in the then Surry County N.C. and that she has remained unmarried and his widow so in time. And from her [illegible] & bodily infirmity she is not able to travel to the court of said county to make her declaration. Sworn to and subscribed the day mentioned before me.

Her U Mark
Elizabeth Chinn

^a Perry Chinn appeared in the 1840 census of Surry County, North Carolina, and was listed as a 77 year old veteran of the Revolutionary War.

^b Perry Chinn first purchased land in Surry County, North Carolina in October of 1792. (See Surry County, North Carolina Deeds, Books D,E & F, 1779-1797, by Mrs. W.O. Absher, Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1985, p. 76)

^c Elizabeth was a Kerr before her marriage, the daughter of Alexander and Rebecca Kerr of Surry County. She was born November 4, 1777. (See "Follow-Up to the Kerr Family Bible" by Judy S. Cardwell and James E. Cockerham in Journal of the Surry County Genealogical Society, April 1996.) In the 1850 census, she was living with her nephew, John J. Poindexter, along with her sister Sarah Kerr. She gave her place of birth as Virginia, while Sarah gives her birth place as North Carolina. Elizabeth Kerr Chinn died before 1860.

^d It was Perry Chinn's second marriage, Elizabeth Kerr's first marriage. The marriage was childless. Perry Chinn did have children from his first marriage.

^e The "southern division" of Surry County, North Carolina became Yadkin County in 1850, after the 1850 census was taken.