

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Chism (Chisham) W8594                      Mary Chism                      VA  
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Commonwealth of Kentucky

This day George Chism appeared personally before me, one of the Circuit Judges for the Comm'th aforesaid and made oath that he entered the Service of the United States as an inlisted soldier in the Revolutionary war in the month of Feby. 1776 in Captain Spencers Company in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded at that time by Colo. Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield] in Gen'l. Woodfords [William Woodford's] Brigade in the state of Virginia. That he at first inlisted for 2 years and served the same. He then inlisted for three years and served the same and then he inlisted for During the war and served untill its close and was honorably discharged in Richmond Virginia by Capt. Alexander Parker. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 June 1778], the Cowpens [in SC, 17 Jan 1781], Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 March 1781], Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 April 1781], and at the Capture of CornWallis at York [19 Oct 1781]. That he has always been a citizen of the United States and now resides in Scott County and State of Kentucky. That he is Sixty two years of age, poor and infirm and needs the assistance from his government which he hopes to obtain that he has never received a pension from his government nor any other emolument, save what he received at the end of the war and that he has lost his Discharge  
Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1818.                      Benj. Johnson/ Circuit Judge

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Commwth afores'd. John Johnson, aged 69 years and made oath that he has known George Chism from his youth, being raised in the same neighborhood in Orange County Virginia, the affiant being raised in the edge of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] and the said George in the edge of Orange. That he well knows that said George Chism served as a Soldier in the Revolutionary war as he was an eye witness to his service. He can state with certainty that he served more than three years in the said war and believes he served much longer. witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1818.  
Benj. Johnson    Circuit Judge

District of Kentucky SS

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1820, personally appeared in Open court being a court of record for the county of Scott and State aforesaid George Chisham aged Sixty-four years resident in the said district and county aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows; that he inlisted on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1776 in the company commanded by Capt. Joseph Spencer in Seventh Virginia regt. commanded by Col. Dangerfield – agreeably to a former declaration dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 1818, and a Pension certificate now in his possession No. 14

And I do solemnly affirm that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818; and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Two horses worth Seventy Dollars, three cows & calves worth thirty Dollars Seven hogs and nine pigs worth fifteen Dollars seventy five cents, four sheep worth four Dollars and three yearlings worth six

Dollars. Total amt. One Hundred and twenty-five Dollars seventy-five cents

That he is by Occupation a farmer but unable to pursue it, and that his wife is old, infirm, and unable to work; beside himself & wife he has three Daughters in family Viz. Betsey aged thirty two years, Rachel aged thirty years and Salley aged twenty three years, all of whom are able to support themselves.

[signed] George Chism

State of Kentucky }

Scott County } Sct

On the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May 1837 personally appeared before me Robert McCalla a Justice of the peace in and for said county Mary Chisham aged upwards of eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the act of Congress passed July the 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. that she is the widow of George Chisham Dec'd. who was a private soldier in the army of the Revolutionary War who drew a pension from the United States of ninty six Dollars per annum under an act of congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 on account of services rendered during the Revolutionary war and for the truth of which she refers to papers on file in the pension office; and further That her husband George Chisham kept a diary account of all the transactions which took place during the time he was in the service as well of the Battles in which he fought as the Countries which he marched trough all of which with the Bible in which their marriage was recorded and his discharge from the army and all the household property which they owned was consumed by fire some years after he returned from the army. She further states that the Clerks office of Orange County has been carefully searched and no record of their marriage can be found. But she well knows that she was legally married to the aforesaid George Chisham in the month of March 1779 She further states That she was married about the year before the birth of her first child (George) which was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1782 which will more fully appear from the present family record and she well recollects that her husband the afforesaid George Chisham left home to join the army about six months before the birth of her son George and did not return untill George was ten months old during which time she never heard from him untill he came home with his discharge And she further Declairs that her husband George Chisham Departed this life on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1830 and that she still remains his widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed

Mary herXmark Chisham

NOTES:

A letter dated 20 July 1830 states that Mary Chism averred that George Chism had been an orderly sergeant, and that she was therefore eligible for an increase in her pension.

Mary Chisham's application was supported by James Chisham who stated that he was present at the marriage of George and Mary Chisham on or about 15 March 1779. The family record refered to in her application is transcribed as follows:

A copy of the record of the date of the Births of the childrin of George Chisham and Mary his wife "George Chisham son of George and Mary Chisham was born August 24<sup>th</sup> 1782 – John chisham born 5<sup>t</sup> day of August 1784 Sarah Chisham born 21<sup>st</sup> May 1786 Betsey Chisham born 1<sup>st</sup> day of march 1788 Benjamin Chisham Born May 1793 Rachal Chisham January 18<sup>th</sup> 1796.

a true copy from the record

The foregoing record of the births of the two first children were taken from memory after there house was burnt I am satisfied that the same is in the hand writing of the said George Chisham Deseast

RmCalla [Robert McCalla] JP/ this 22<sup>d</sup> May 1837