

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Chisham W8595 Catharine Chisham VA
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On this 20th day of August 1832 James Chisham personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Scott County resident of said county and State of Kentucky aged 64 the 25th January past and 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 of the 7th June 1832

That he the s'd. James Chisham during the Revolutionary war was a resident Citizen of orange County & state of virginia. that in the year 1781 & early in the year, the month not recollected he served a militia tour of three months under Capt Robt Pollard [Robert Pollard]. James duval Leut & Charles Barns Ensign – that the time was taken considerably in marching from point to Point. they had a small Battle with the British at Petersburg [probably Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] – James Slaughter was our Col. John Williams our Maj'r. Stuben & Mulenburg [sic: Baron von Steuben and Peter Muhlenberg] our Gen's. & at the close under Lafayette. after our return home a very short time he was called out to serve another tour of militia duty, he volunteered to serve the tour of Richard Runnells as his substitute under Capt Richard Webb of orange. Col Edwards & Maj'r. [Nathaniel] Welch regular officers commanded when we joined head quarter near Jamestown – at the Close of the 2 months he returned home – 'In August & sept'r of the 1781 the same year he was called upon to serve another tour on his own acc't. he served this tour under Capt Timothy Conner & re'd his certificate of discharge for s'd. service of 2 month making in all six months. That he is now resident of Scott County Ken. James hisXmark Chisham

NOTE: On 26 June 1843 Catharine Chisham, 76, applied for a pension stating that she was married in Orange County in the fall of 1788 to James Chisham, who died about the middle of September 1838. She stated that they had two children by the time of "St. Cinclers' defeat," probably the defeat of Gen. Arthur St. Clair at the Battle of Wabash River on 4 Nov 1791. Her declaration was certified by John Chisham, 59, son of a brother of James Chisham.