

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Chandler W8598

Susannah Chandler    VA

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County of Marion    }

On this the Third day of June in the year 1839 Before the Justices of Marion County Court being a Court of record now in Session Personally appeared Susannah Chandler of said County of Marion and State aforesaid aged ninety 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 That she is the widow of Robert Chandler deceased and that she was lawfully married to the said Robert Chandler in the County of Orange at the Court house in the State of Virginia on the twenty fifth day of February two or three years prior to the declaration of independence that her husband the aforesaid Robert Chandler died in the year of Eighteen hundred and two or three (1802 or 3), and that she knows of no record of her marriage or record of the age of her Children that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her Husband the aforesaid Robert Chandler as will more fully appear by referance to the proof hereto annexed. She further declares that her husband the aforesaid Robert Chandler did volunteer in the service of his Country in the County of Orange in the State of Virginia under Captain Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor] whose company belonged to Col Spottswoods or Spencers [sic: Alexander Spotswood's] Regiment for the term of two years which term of service the said Chandler faithfully performed and received a regular discharge for the same, this Company of Capt Taylors must have been raised and marched from the County of Orange in the summer or fall of seventeen hundred and seventy six, She knows and states that her husband the said Robt Chandler marched with the first volunteer company that was raised in the County of Orange after the declaration of independence, after the expiration of the two years which the said Chandler had volunteered for, he the said Chandler returned home and was at home but a few weeks before he was again called into service the declarant thinks by a draft, how long the said Chandler was out on this tour she does not now recollect but she well recollects that when he again returned home that he staid but a verry short time before he again joined the army and march to the south where he was gone she thinks about eighteen months he the said Robert Chandler was also in service at the time Cornwallis was besieged at little york [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] for the declarant well recollects hearing the said Chandler tell that while he was standing in a trench that one of the enemies Bombshells fell in the trench near him and he in a hurry jerked out the plug of the Bombshell to keep it from bursting which had the desired effect the said Chandler after the surrender of the said Cornwallis was detached as one of the guard to march the prisoners up to albamarle [sic: Albemarle Barracks] where he was detained on guard for two months after the surrender of Cornwallis She further states that her Husband was at the Battle of Gilford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and at the burning of Williamsburg [mid-June 1781] and she thinks many other battles, but length of time have so impaired her memory that she cannot now recollect the many Battles and Skirmishes which the said Chandler was in nor can she recollect the officers which he served under except those named in the first instance but she well recollects that her husband the said Chandler got a regular discharge for each and every tour of duty which he performed, which discharges was carfully takeing care of by the said Chandler as long as he lived and was carfully taken care of by the declarant for many years after the death of her said Husband but what has become of the said discharges she does not now know as she has made a search for them and they cannot be found She further declares that if she was to sum up the whole service of her husband the said Robert Chandler which he performed she would think that he was more than four fifths of his time in the service of his Country from the declaration of independence to the first of January seventeen hundred and eighty two but she has it not

now in her power to prove his service for those that were familiar with the service of the said Robert Chandler that she was acquainted with is now dead. She further states that the British at one time while her husband was in the army burned up all her fenceing and robed her house of every article except two bedsteds and stole the ropes out of them in the mean time she lay in the swamps in the alder bushes with her children stored away in some tobacco hogsheads in said swamp with the end where they were put in filled with straw to keep their noise from being heard, in this swamp she continued for several days and nights as the enemy were still in the neighbourhood      Susannah herXmark Chandler

The deposition of Richard Chandler of Marion County Ky taken this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1839 to be used as evidence in favour of the application of Mrs Susannah Chandler for a pension under the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 Deponent being sixty three years old in December last Deposeth and Saith that he is the son of Robert Chandler and Susannah Chandler whose name as he has always understood before marriage was Susannah Edmunson. He further states that his Father the said Robert Chandler has eversince his earliest recollection been spoken of and considered a revolutionary soldier and one who had performed much service. That the said Robert Chandler died in the year Eighteen Hundred and Six or Seven and that his Mother the aforsaid Susannah Chandler has remained single and unmarried ever since to the present period And further saith not      [signed] Rich Chandler

NOTE: On 30 Nov 1838 Sally McNeal, 80, of Fayette County KY, stated that at age 15 or 16 she witnessed the marriage of Susannah Edmonson and Robert Chandler, formerly of Washington County KY, which was officiated by Parson Wingate. She stated that they had one child before Robert Chandler entered the service. On 20 Dec 1838 Sally Evans of Nelson County VA while at the home of her son, Isaac G. Evans, stated that she spent much of the war with Susannah Chandler and also hid with her and many other women and children in the alder swamps for several days while the British plundered.