

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Chapman W905

Lucy B. Chapman

VA

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky }

Cumberland County }

on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appear'd before me George Swope a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Cumberland aforesaid, being one of Justices of the County Court of said county duly orthorized to hold the county court of said County together with the othere Justices of said county, which court of which I am a member, when seting is a court of record John Chapman, being a citizen of the county of cumbeland aforesaid in the State of Kentucky at his own dwelling house, and after being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration that he believes he will be aged 70 years on the 16th day of October next, that he is blind Entirely and in a Low state of health so that he is unable to attend or go to any court of record, and for this reason has called upon a member of a court of record to take his declartion out of court at his own house, and doth on his oath in oder to obtain the benefit of the said act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832,

State that he Entered the service of the united states of america under the command of Joshua Powel [Joshua Powell] his captain, that he was drafted, and entered the servitude under said Powel in Halifax county virginai where he then lived that he started some time in the month of December 1780 the precise day not recollected with orders to Land at Babbs old fields near Nancymond river [sic: Nansemond River] and there Join'd head quarters in January 1781 and serv'd a three month Tower frequently going out on the lines, and several marches throug the dsmaI swamp [sic: Dismal Swamp], toward the latter end of the three moths Tower Capt Powel died he was put under the command of Capt Howel Oldridge, who it was said lived in Brunswick County and from him I got my discharge about the first of April 1781 and returned home from service about the middle of April in the same month. To Halifax county, and staid at home about eight days, and substitu in the place of Bibly Bowmer who had been drafted in Halifax County and I march'd away under a Captan Edward King and Mached to Sallisbury in N Carolina [sic: Salisbury NC] and from thence to 96 [Ninety Six SC, probably during the siege 22 May - 19 Jun] and there put under Collonel Lewis and staid at 96 - 17 or 18 days and then returd to the cutdown Bridge in 7 miles of charleston and thence to saluda hospital and from there I guarded about sixty prisoners to Sallisburry and crossed broad river and was discharged there in about six or seven miles of Sallbury in the month of July still in the year 81 the precise day of the moth I got my dischge not recollected my discharge I got from the same Captain King that I started with and sered three moths tower and was discharged accordingly

I then returned home to halafax county virginai and lived there three or four months and moved to North Carolina Wiks [sic: Wilkes] County I got in to North Carolina in November 1781 and was put on the list and in February was drafted 1782 and was put under Captain John Red and marchd off some time in the sam month the time of the month not recolected and marched from Wilks courthouse to serve a three moths Tower against the Indians To a place called the middle Towns amongst the Indians said to be in or beyound the frontiers of Georgia said to be about three hundred miles from Wilks courthose where we first Entered said service and there staid the number of days not recollected and then return'd to Wilks Courthouse North carolina where we had started from and was there discharged, and was discharged by Captain Leed some time about the first of Aprill Lacking some few days of serving the full three months. we were under General McDowel [sic: Joseph McDowell], and Col Cevlad [sic: Benjamin Cleveland] the given names of either not recollected I was in no general Engagement during the whole of my serviturede in the whole three Towers, but during my second Tower and while at 96 there was firing by

the British and americans for many days, and there was a certain Nathan Fombay shot through the shoulder by a musket ball as he was wheeling to fire in a breast with others and myself and he was so near me that I believe I could have Touched him with my hand before he fell I do not recollect the particular Names of the high officer in command during my first and second Tower, I was then young and did not understand the gradation of the offices during the second Tower General Lee I understood was highest in command when we was at 96 [see endnote]

I have no documentary Evidence of my services my three discharge amog my papers for a great my years in Virginia and since I left virginia. after I left North Carolina and moved back to virgina but they are all Lost, and I know of no person that served with me that I can prove my services by or any part thereof that I know to be living.

I hereby relinquish Every claim what soever to a pension or annuity Except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any state in the united states that he knows of

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1832 [signed] John Chapman

1 Question by Justice.

where were you born

Ans in ~~Halifax~~ Amelia County as I am informed the 16th day of October 1762 as I believe

2 Question by the Justice.

have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Ans I have none and has never had, I have seen the record of my age as kept by my mother in a prayer book, and by my mother brother George Tyre in his Large bible

3 where were you living when called into the service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

an Lives/ I lived in Halifax County Virginia when I was called into the service of the united states against the common Enemy the time I was called into servce the first and second time. when I was called into the service the third time I lived in Wilks County North Carloina I returnd To Halifax County in the year 1783 and there lived about 48 years I was maried in 1791 and lived there untill the winter of 1828 when I moved to Cumberland County Kentucky where I Now live

4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer/ I was first drafted when I serv'd the first tower, and the second Tower I substituted in place of Bibby Bowmer and the third Tower I was drafted

5 State the names of some of regular offices who were with the Troops where you servd such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Services

answer. I donot recollect the numbers of the regiments, nor any very partic curcumstances further than I have detaild in the body of my declaration

6 did you ever receive any discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer/ I have had three discharges for three three months Towers the first from Capt Howel Eldridge the second from Capt Edward King the third from Capt John Lied and from close search I believe they are all Lost

7 State the names of some of the persons to whom you ar known in your Neighborhood and who can Testify To your character and veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier in the revolution

Answer/ alexander Beaty Robert Travies Miles Keton and Ambros Bramlett and I think my nighbors generally

NOTES:

By "General Lee," Chapman probably meant Lt. Col. Henry Lee. However, Gen. Nathanael Greene

was in command at the Siege of Ninety Six.

On 26 Sep 1838 Lucy B. Chapman of Fentress County TN, born 4 Dec 1769 according to her sister's record, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John Chapman by Obadiah Eckhols, a Baptist preacher, in Halifax County on 1 Feb 1791, and her husband died in Cumberland County KY on 25 Dec 1833. Her statement was certified by one of their four children, John Chapman, born on 21 April 1802. He also stated that his oldest brother, Rawley Chapman, was born on 30 June 1793, married in Virginia in 1813, and had four children. Lucy B. Chapman's attorney stated that Rawley Chapman "has a large family and two children that I would suppose the youngest of the two to be upward of Twenty one years old," and that Lucy B. Chapman "is now in a spell of Bilious fever, I think will probably survive." On 13 April 1843 Lucy B. Chapman stated that her husband had died in the part of Cumberland County that became Clinton County, and that she was living "near the Kentucky line about one mile and a half south of it."