

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Chadwick W9385 Lucinda fn115NC
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State of Kentucky County of Greenup: SS

On this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord 1836 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the County of Greenup aforesaid John Chadwick a resident of Big Sandy in the County of Greenup and State of Kentucky – aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 & served till the end of the war – as follows

First as a Private – (18 months)

He Enlisted at Dan River, at the mouth of Bellou's Creek Guilford County, North Carolina, on or about the 25th of December 1780, for the term of eighteen months – into the Company commanded by Captain John Bruce, of Surry County North Carolina, & served the Term in said Company in the Regiment (numbered not remembered) commanded by Colonel Nelson of the North Carolina Line – He went immediately into service – scouting principally until March 1781 – in Surry County & Randolph County in pursuit of the Tories. In the spring of 1781 when Lord Cornwallis came into the neighborhood from South Carolina – pursuing General Morgan, the Company of Captain Bruce (in which deponent served) joined General Greene's Army & fought in the Battle of Guilford – After this Battle, (in which the deponent fought) the Company remained at Rugely's Mills several weeks – General Greene then went to the South again & deponent with Captain Bruce's Company went back again to Surry. The year following was occupied in marching about Surry – Guilford – Wilkes & Randolph Counties – with the company (a horse company of Rangers) during which time deponent was in several skirmishes with the Tories. After the battle of Guilford the Company never served with the Regiment – during the Term – Deponent served as above stated till the latter part of June 1782 – when his term of 18 months having expired – he was honorably discharged – by a written discharge from Captain Bruce – which discharge has been long since lost.

2. Service as Orderly Sergeant – (five months)

In June 1782 say 25 June, immediately after his discharge as aforesaid, he again joined the same Company as Orderly Sergeant – and served in the same section of country, in said Company as Orderly Sergeant – for some months, he cannot state the precise period – as near as

he remembers he states five months – when he was promoted

3. Service as Ensign – (five months)

Sometime in November (he believes) in the year 1782 he received a Commission as Ensign – from General Nathanael Greene – in the same Company of Captain Bruce & served faithfully as Ensign till the close of the War. Sometime late in the fall of 1782 the company went to Pedee River in North Carolina where the Company remained a short time & then returned to Surry County. But Deponent got sick at Pedee & remained at the Barracks on Pedee River till peace was concluded. He by reason of sickness was unable to join the Company again. He thinks it was the last of April (say 25th of April 1783) when he was able to travel when he received a Discharge – the war having just closed. He further states that according to his recollection, he served at least five months as Ensign in the Army of the Revolution.

Deponent further states that he resided at the Shallow Ford of the Big Atkins River [sic, Yadkin River], in Surry County – North Carolina – at the time of his first joining the Army & during the whole war – After the war he removed to Bourbon County Kentucky, where he resided till 1800, when he removed to Big Sandy, his now place of Residence.

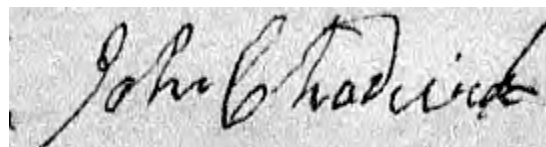
He further states that his Company Officers were Captain Bruce, Lieutenant Allen, Ensign White. He served under Major Francis & Major Price – Colonel Lenier, Colonel Lynch, & Colonel Mosely – & General Greene at the Battle of Guilford – Deponent was in no other Battle –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

Attest S/ A. W. G. Nichols, Clk

S/ John Chadwick



[fn p. 115]

Greenup County Kentucky April seventh, 1837

Dear Sir¹

I herewith send you another statement so fair as I can recollect of my Services in the US Army. It has been so long and my memory is getting so treacherous that I can recollect only a few circumstances in comparison to what I could have stated a few years ago.

A few days after the Battle of Guilford North Carolina which was about the middle of March 1781, Lord Cornwallis marched from the above place to Petersburg Virginia to join the other British forces from New York under the command of Generals Phillips & Arnold. General Green after collecting what forces he could marched to Camden South Carolina in the year 1781 in this year (1781) I was under the command of General Green at the time of the Battle at the above place (Camden)² I was not in the Battle as it happened that our company was out on a scouting party at the time of the engagement.

After some skirmishes with the Tories in the South we returned to North Carolina where

¹ I assume this letter was addressed to J. L. Edwards, the Commissioner of Pensions, but there is no indication in the of the identity of the addressee.

² Veteran is referring to the engagement now known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill (or the Second Battle of Camden) which occurred on April 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm>

we remained in the service of the US until the last of that year (1781). After this time although we were not in actual service we were commanded to be in readiness at a moments warning and was not finally discharged until the treaty was signed in Paris about the last of the year 1782.

This is as much as my memory will serve me to relate, at the time I entered the service I was a Boy only 16 years old and wild did not care for anything and consequently did not charge my memory with the transactions of the time.

S/ John Chadwick.

[fn p. 112]

Supplemental Declaration of John Chadwick of Greenup County Kentucky State in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

The said John Chadwick, being duly sworn before me Solⁿ Berkley a Justice of the Peace in & for Lawrence County State of Ohio upon his oath says – Firstly – in answer to the question what reason had you to give for not making an earlier application for a Pension – He says he resides in an obscure place on Sandy River, five miles above the mouth – that he has taken no newspaper for the past twenty years – & from age & infirmity has not been able to go about – nor has he scarcely left his farm for four years past. That he did not know or hear of the Pension Law until in May 1835. That he then understood he must prove his service, & not knowing any person in existence by whom he could prove his service, he considered it useless to apply – & for this reason he did not make application sooner. He was at length induced to make application in consequence of affirmation obtained from Mr. Solomon Berkley of Burlington of Ohio, (the writer of this Declaration). He further says – that he has made inquiry & has not to this day heard of any person by whom he can prove his services in any respect during the Revolutionary War. He therefore cannot exhibit direct proof of his services –

As to the statement made in his first declaration that he belonged to Colonel Nelson's Regiment, he now says, that Captain Bruce's Company in which applicant served, never served in any Regiment – except at the Battle of Guilford – that deponent while in service under Captain Bruce, often saw Colonel Nelson who seemed often to give orders to Captain Bruce, from which circumstance he supposed that Captain Bruce's Company belonged to Colonel Nelson's Regiment. He cannot now state in whose Regiment he served at the Battle of Guilford.

As to his actual service – He says he went into actual service, as an enlisted soldier, on or about the 1st January 1781 – and Captain Bruce's Company on Dan River in North Carolina – that he actually served in the said Company – the term of 18 months as a private – That he with the Company ranged or scouted in & through the Counties of Wilkes, Burke, Surry, Rowan & Guilford – till the expiration of 18 months.

After Cornwallis left the South – soon after the battle of Guilford – the Company of Captain Bruce was continually employed against the Tories, who continued to infest the County, robbing & burning – (This Deponent's Father's house was burnt by them in Surry County in 1782) – he served actually & fully eighteen months. This second term of service was commenced immediately after he was discharged from his first enlistment viz. on or about the first July 1782. – He then volunteered into the same Company near the Shallow Ford on the Big Yadkin River, as Orderly Sergeant. That he went into & continued in actual service according to his best recollection six months. He was employed in ranging in the same Counties before mentioned, in order to suppress the Tories, who still continued doing mischief. During all this time (during the two terms) he was kept with the Company, there was no cessation according to his recollection – it was continual actual service, not occasional coolers – according to his recollection, after serving as orderly Sergeant about six months he would say positively it was

five months, he was commissioned Ensign – in the United States Rangers as he thinks they were called. He served actually in the same service as before stated at least seven months as he believes – including about six weeks confinement by sickness, at Pedee barracks – where he was when the Army was disbanded – and further he saith not.

Subscribed & sworn to this 30th day of November 1836 at Lawrence County Ohio before
me

S/ Solomon Berkley, JP

S/ John Chadwick

[fn p. 11: on May 2, 1853 in Greenup County Kentucky, Lucinda Chadwick, 59, applied for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Chadwick a pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him May 31, 1847; that her husband died April four, 1850.]

[fn p. 12: on October three, 1857 in Greenup County Kentucky, Lucinda Chadwick, 63, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Chadwick; in this document she states that she was married to her husband in Greenup County Kentucky; that her name prior to her marriage was Lucinda Bartram; that her husband died at their home about 3 miles above Catlettsburg in Greenup County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]