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Pension Application of John Chew X145

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[There was no file number on the federal pension file jacket; the designation X145 was assigned by HeritageQuest. The jacket is inscribed "Disability – no papers," indicating that Chew had received a disability pension, but no original papers remained in the file. The federal file includes only the following correspondence between W. Duncan Owens of Holcombe Green & Co. [insurance] Agents, Atlanta GA and the Commissioner of Pensions:]

July 10, 1930.

Commissioner of Pensions, / Washington, D.C.

My dear sir:–/ I am interested in obtaining the Military Record, for the Revolutionary War, of one John Chew, of whom is said in Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army: "Chew, John(Va). Cadet Sixth Virginia, 14th. February, 1776; 2nd. Lieutenant, – – November 1776; 1st. Lieutenant, – – 1779; wounded at Camden 16th. August, 1780, and did not rejoin regiment". The records of the Adjutant General's Office show that "One John Chew served in the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Troops. The records show that he received a pension from March 4, 1791 to March 4, 1803". I am advised by the Adjutant General's Office that there is a possibility that I may obtain additional and fuller information concerning John Chew's Military record by applying to you. Since any records which I may obtain must be official in nature, will you please quote me references, as to books, page number etc. from which any information you may be able to give me is obtained?

Many thanks to you for any trouble my request may cause you.

Very truly yours, / [signed] W. Duncan Owens

August 14, 1930/ Rev. & 1812 Wars Section AWF:MLB

Dear Sir:/ You are advised that in the report to the Secretary of War, in relation to the pension establishment of the United States, printed in 1835, the name, John Chew, appears on a list of invalid pensioners who have been in receipt of pensions at the Agency of Virginia; and whose residence could not be ascertained, in consequence of the destruction of the papers when the War Office was burned in 1800 and 1814.

Said list shows that John Chew was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary army, and was pensioned from September 4, 1789, under the Act of June 7, 1783.

There are no further data on file relative to this man, owing to the burning of papers, as described above.

Very truly yours/ E. W. Morgan/ Acting Commissioner

[The following documents are among the records of [Virginia pensions](#) and of [rejected claims](#) in the Library of Virginia.]

Spotsylvania County March 28th 1786.

I do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, John Chew Jun'r., served as a Lieutenant in my Regiment of Militia, ordered from this State for the relief of South Carolina, and that in the action near Camden (in South Carolina) which happened the sixteenth day of August 1780 the said Chew was wounded in the left arm, which was the cause of it's being amputated

Certified the day & year above mentioned

Geo. Stubblefield [George Stubblefield]

Col. 2nd Reg't. V. M.

Spotsylvania County. March 28th 1786.

I do hereby certify that the bearer hereof John Chew Jun'r. was born the fifth day of August one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, being now in the thirty third year of his age, as appears by his register recorded in the Family Bible belonging to his ancestors. – And that the said John Chew jr now is, and has been from the time of his birth an Inhabitant of the County aforesaid Joseph Brock

I DO, with the advice of Council, hereby certify that John Chew Jr of Spotsylv'a. about 33 years of age late a Lieutenant in the 2nd. Regiment of Virg'a. Militia ordered to the relief of So. Carolina, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of The United States, as to entitle him to the sum of Forty Eight Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

GIVEN under my hand at Richmond, this 23^d day of October 1786. P. Henry [Patrick Henry]
Mr Chew recv'd a wound in his left arm at the battle of Cambden, which occasioned the amputation thereof. T. Meriwether.

Spotsylvania County to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid William Cason [pension application S9157] a credible witness, aged seventy four years, who made oath that he was well acquainted with the late John Chew of Fredericksburg Spotsylvania County, knew him in service in the 2nd regiment of Virginia Militia under command of Captain John Halliday [John Holliday] in the years 1780 & 1781, was with him in the Battle of Camden where he was wounded in his arm, so as to cause him to have it cut off; that he held the rank of Lieutenant, and acted as Paymaster of the Regiment; that he was taken prisoner together with this Deponant and that they were exchanged at the same time say on the 12th July 1781 – and this Deponant never heard of his (the said John Chew) resigning his commission

Given under my hand & seal this 8th day of May in the year of our Lord 1834

NOTE: Two documents in the state pension file apparently bear the signature of John Chew, Jr., as shown:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Chew Jr. Esq." with a decorative flourish at the end.