

Leannah Chapman plea for Widow's Pension

Wilkes County, On this 1st day of May, 1843, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, personally appeared before me, Enoch Chapman, one of the acting magistrates, a member of the court of pleas and quarter sessions in & for the said county and state, Leanna Chapman, a resident of the aforesaid County & state, aged (82) eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress paper July 4th, 1836, and the joint resolution of July 7th, 1838, granting pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Joseph Chapman (John erroneously called Joseph), late pensions, dec'd of the County of Wilkes, N. Carolina who was a private soldier in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution & drew a pension from the United States of (60) sixty dollars a year for a few years prior to his death under the act of 1832.

She further declared that she was married to the said Joseph Chapman (John erroneously called Joseph), late pensioner dec'd in the County of Wilkes, NC on the 18th day of January (1799) seventeen hundred and seventy nine, that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Chapman, died on the 15th day of November in the year of 1836 eighteen hundred & thirty-six and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by references to the proof _____.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

signed Enoch Chapman, JP

signed Leanner Chapman (very shaky writing, but she did sign it, earlier, she had signed with an X.)

State of North Carolina

Wilkes Co. On the 27th day of July (1843) one thousand eight hundred and forty three, personally appeared before me, Enoch Chapman, one of the siting Magistrates and a member of the court of Pleas and quarter sessions in and for the county and state aforesaid (It being a court of record) Leanna Chapman, a resident of the county of Wilkes and state aforesaid aged (82) eighty two years __ being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress papers July 4th, 1836 and the joint resolution of July 7th, 1838 granting pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Joseph Chapman___ late Revolutionary Pensioner dec'd of the county of Wilkes & state aforesaid, who served as a private soldier in the North Carolina Militia

in the war of the Revolution, and ____ a pension from the United States or several years previous to his death of (\$60.) sixty dollars per year under the act of 1832.

She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Joseph Chapman late pensioner dec'd in the County of Wilkes, NC on the 18th day of January (1799) seventeen hundred and seventy nine, that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Chapman, died on the 18th day of November in the year of 1836 eighteen hundred & thirty-six and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by references to the proof _____ .

She further declares that she is by reason of the age and bodily infirmity unable to go to court to make this declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

Signed Enoch Chapman, JP

signed with an X for Leanner Chapman

We don't know who this Enoch was, there were quite a few of them back then, one wonders that he didn't know this 'Joseph' was actually John.