

### **Pension Application for Jonathan Chandler**

W.902 (Widow: Mary Jewel) Married October 1787. Jonathan died Feb 9, 1836 in Essex County, New Jersey, aged 74.

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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State of New Jersey

Borough of Elizabeth SS.

On this fourth day of September AD 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the Borough of Elizabeth in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey now sitting Jonathan Chandler a resident of the township of Elizabeth in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born in the township of Elizabeth aforesaid on the twenty third of May 1762 and has the record of his age in his family bible in his possession.

He resided in the township of Elizabeth until he was 9 years of age and then went to Fredericksborough in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York and resided with his brother.

In the months of June 1777 while a resident near Frericksborough aforesaid he enlisted at the age of 15 years in the continental service or State Troops and cannot now say which they were, in the New York line in the Regiment of Col. Dubois in the company commanded by Captain Rosecrant, Lieut. Pendletown for the term of 3 years and was stationed at Fort Montgomery [Montgomery] – at the expiration of 3 months he was taken sick with the measles which was followed with the Camp distemper and was so ill that the officer consented to discharge him, and he was accordingly discharged.

He received a regular discharge but cannot tell what has become of it. After his discharge he returned to his Brother in Fredericksborough and as soon as he recovered, he hired himself as a substitute for 9 months to take the place of a class that hired him to perform 9 months constant duty in their stead. This service commenced in April 1778 and he was first under the command of one Captain Smith as he thinks, but shortly after the commencement of the service Captain Daniel Williams took command of the company—he was stationed at White Plains, Tarrytown, Tuckahoe, and Mount Misery until within about a week of the expiration of the 9 months, when on Christmas Eve together with most of the guard he was taken prisoner by a company of Refugees commanded by one [May or Bearmoore?] from KingsBridge – he was carried to KingsBridge and kept there 3 days when removed to New York City and confined in the Provost under the charge of Provost Master Cunningham until the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1779 when he was exchanged and went to Elizabeth Town aforesaid at the residence of his father—about a week after a party of Refugees came over from Staten Island to Elizabethtown in pursuit of Governor Livingston of New Jersey & he volunteered and turned out and assisted in driving them off & killed some of their party and took one of their Boats—The refugees burned the academy and several houses at this time.

In March 1779 while a resident of Elizabethtown aforesaid, he was a substitute for his brother in law, John Watkins and was stationed on months at Hackensack in Bergen County under the command of Col. Frelinghuysen, but forgets the names of the other officers, during this service he was on guard served nights at the Bridge in Aquackanouct township before the expiration of the month, his brother in law John Watkins hired him to take the place of a class (of which he was a member) for 6 months which he did, and he served 6 months from that time, in succession as a substitute for the class—during the whole of these 6 months he was stationed on the lines in the township of Elizabeth aforesaid, and kept guard along the shore opposite Staten Island, at Elizabethtown Point, Halsted's Point, and Trembly's Point—the enemy were encamped on Staten Island opposite the places of his station. The only officers

whom he recollects during the whole of this service, was Lieut. John Miller. The company was commanded each month by different Captains, none of whose names he can recollect—during this service he had a number of skirmishes with the refugees.

In February 1780 while he was an apprentice to Jonathan Price, he turned out on alarm, and was taken prisoner (by the refugees) together with Col. Thomas and Doctor Dayton and was severely beaten by the Refugees with their swords, and was carried with Col. Thomas, Doct'r Dayton and 2 or 3 others to Staten Island and kept in the fort all the next night & in the morning Col. Thomas and Doctor Dayton interceded in their behalf and they were paroled and had permission to return home until called for, at the expiration of about a year, he was exchanged with others for some prisoners taken by the American troops and confined at Morristown in the State of New Jersey. Captain Stephen Chandler procured his exchange—

His service was performed in the small arms service.

He has no documentary evidence of his service or discharge at any time during the war—and knows of no person who can testify to his particular services.

Since the Revolutionary War he has always resided in the township of Elizabeth in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey.

He was acquainted in the time of the Revolutionary War with Col. Dubois, Captain Rosecrant & Captain Godwin & Lieut Pendleton of the Continental State Troop service in the New York Line. Genl. Dayton, Col. Francis Bacher, Col. William D. Hart, Col. Oliver Spencer, Captain Jonathan Dayton & Captain Thomas Morell of the Continental Service in the New Jersey line.

He knows of no person by whom he can prove his services and can make proff [proof] only that he was taken prisoner by the Refugees at the time they came after Governor Livingston.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jonathan Chandler  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this fourth day of September eighteen hundred and thirty two. J.B. Chetwood Clk

Letter in folder dated February 26, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter requesting the record of Jonathan Chandler, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.902, based upon his military service in that war.

Jonathan Chandler was born May 23, 1762 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was the son of James Chandler, born December 18, 1717, and his wife, Jermima Mecker Chandler, born October 20, 1719. Jonathan Chandler lived until nine years of age in Elizabeth, New Jersey, then went to Fredericksborough, Dutchess County, New York, where he lived with his brother, name of said brother not given.

While residing near said Fredericksborough, New York, he enlisted in June, 1777, and served three months as private in Captain Rosekran's Company, Colonel Dubois' New York Regiment; he enlisted in April 1778, served as private in Captains Smith's and Daniel Williams' New York Companies, was taken prisoner December 24, 1778 by refugees and detained until February 20, 1779 when he was exchanged and returned to his father's home in Elizabeth, New Jersey; he enlisted in March 1779 and served six months, (one month as substitute for his brother-in-law, John Watkins,) under Colonel Frelinghuysen in the New Jersey troops; he enlisted in February 1780, and while on an alarm was taken prisoner by refugees and kept about a year when he was exchanged; his exchange was procured by Captain Stephen Chander, no relationship to Jonathan Chandler stated. Jonathan Chandler was in many skirmishes.

After the war, the soldier resided in Elizabeth, Essex County, New Jersey.  
He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832, while a resident of said Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The soldier married in October 1787, Mary Jewel of Elizabeth, New Jersey; she was born June 13, 1768.

His widow, Mary Chandler, was allowed pension on her application executed June 7, 1843, at which time she was living in Elizabeth, Essex County, New Jersey.

The soldier and his wife had the following children:

Stephen Chandler born Jun 21, 1789.

David Chandler born June 21, 1791, died March --- 1787.

Phebe Chandler born July 16, 1793, died July 3, 1822.

Mariah Chandler born October 2, 1795.

James Chandler born October 9, 1798, died August 9, 1799.

Sarah Chandler born February 12, 1801.

Mary Chandler born October 12, 1803.

Elizabeth Chandler born July 28, 1806.

Jonathan Chandler born January 30, 1809.

Pamela P. Chandler born April 3, 1811.

In 1843, their son, Stephen Chandler, was living in Ohio and their son, Jonathan Chandler was living in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

One Moses Chandler was a resident of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1832, no relationship to the soldier stated.

The following family data are shown in the record on file in the papers in this claim:

James Chandler born December 18, 1717, died April 30, 1791.

Jemima Meeker born October 20, 1719, died August 19, 1807.

Their children were:

Jemima born July 9, 1744, died September 13, 1746.

William born July 24, 1746.

Joseph born Septembe 21, 1748.

Phebe born December 31, 1750. Died May 2, 1813.

James born April 22, 1753, died January 7, 1808.

Jemima born February 11, 1756.

Hannah born July 30, 1758, died April 26, 1836.

Jonathan born May 23, 1762, died February 9, 1836.