Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Jonathan Clark VAS3016

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[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

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Botetourt county } [30 Oct 1826]
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Jonathan Clark aged Eighty four years being duly sworn according to law doth say that he Enlisted at fluvannah Court House in the State of Virginia on the third day of June 1776 for the term of three years into the company commanded by Captain Joseph Scott into the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Mathews [George Mathews VAS520] in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment

Applicant further says that he belonged to the 9 Regiment and that he continued to serve in the said Company and Regiment untill the Battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] at which place he was taken Prisner by the British army together with all the Regiment Commanded By Colonel Mathews who was mortally wounded in the aforesaid Battle [sic], applicant further sayeth that himself and all Colonel mathews Regiment who survived the Battle was marched to Philadelphia and was there put into what was calld the new Jail and remaind there nine months or upwards and was then removed to the British Prison Ships and remained on board thereon untill the month of august 1780 [sic: see endnote] and was then Exchanged and Honourable Discharged at the white plaines in the state of New Jersey [sic: White Plains NY] by General washington. Aplicant further says that after he returned home in the month of January 1780 [sic: probably 1779] he again Enlisted at albermarl [sic: Albermarle] Courthouse in the state of Virginia for during the war into Captain Holman Rice's [S31327] Company into the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Taylor [sic: Convention Army Guard Regiment commanded by Col. Francis Taylor] in the Virginia line on continental Establishment but applicant Cannot remember the number of the regiment that Colonel Taylor Commanded. Applicant served faithful in the said regiment and Company untill the year 1783 [sic: see endnote] or the last of the revolutionary war and was Honourably discharged at Richmond but Does not remember the officer's name by Whome he was discharged but thinks that it was Col William Davis [sic: William Davies]. applicant further says that he has never received any land bounty from the state of Virginia nor the united States Nor has he Ever transfered his Claimes to any person in any manner whatsoever, applicant further says that in the spring of 1784 he moved to North carolina and lived there about ten years after which he moved to virginia and that he never knew or had forgot that land was due him until his friends Informed him that Congress had Extended the time for Issuing and locating Virginia military land warrants deponent is a mill Right By profession and was born and Raisd in the State of Mariland and further sayeth that he lost his discharges many years ago not knowing that they would ever be of any value to him and further sayeth not.

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Joel Davenport [Joel Devenport S39413] aged seventy two being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he became acquainted with Jonathan Clark in the Summer of 1777 and that he served in Captain Scotts company in the 9th regiment in the virginia line on continental establishment commanded by Colonel Matthews and that said Clark enlisted for the term of three years and the deponent knows that said Clark served faithfully in said Regt and company until the battle of Germantown at which place said Clark was taken prisoner after which time he knows nothing of said Clark until he was exchanged at at Elizabethtown near the white plains in the State of New Jersey at which place the deponent was primarily stationed and further says that he saw said Clark receive his discharge The deponent further says that he again became acquainted with said Clark in 1781 at Yorktown in Virginia

and that said Clark served in Capt Holman Rice's company but does not remember what regiment he belonged to as he became acquainted with said Clark a second time only a few weeks before the commencement of the Siege of York [on 28 Sep 1781] and [several undeciphered words] the troops of the Virginia continental troops were discharged he was acquainted with said Clark. The deponent further says that said Clark was enlisted for during the war and was discharged at Richmond in the State of Virginia and further says not. Joel X Davenport

Botetourt County December 14th 1827

I again enclose you my papers in support of my claim to bounty land which was rejected for the want of certificate of of the credibility of the witness – which I now send you and which I hope will be satisfactory I am yours Inather blacke

Jonathan Clarke

The affidavit of Anthony Evans who being duly qualified says that he has for a number of years been acquainted with Joel Davenport whose name appears to the foregoing affidavit and he believes him to be a man of truth and credibility. [12 Dec 1827]

NOTE: A Jonathan Clark is listed on a payroll of Capt. Holman Rice's company at Albemarle Barracks for the period 1 Apr - 31 May 1779 http://revwarapps.org/b114.pdf. The Convention Army Guard Regiment was disbanded before 1783, but Clark may have been transferred to a different regiment.