

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Clinkinbaird (Clinckinbeard, Clinchenbeard) S30930 fn12NC

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State of Kentucky Bourbon County Sct: : On this day being the 25th day of August 1834 personally appeared before Robert Scrogin one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for Bourbon County and State aforesaid, at his own Residence in said County John Clinchenbeard a citizen of said County and State aged Seventy-eight years on the ninth day of July last, 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 7th 1832. That he is 78 years of age and that from his advanced age and affliction with pains in his limbs and being otherwise greatly debilitated that he is unable to attend the Court of his County in order to make his declaration in this case, although he resides within two miles of Paris his County seat. He states that in March 1774 he volunteered as a spy under the orders of Colonel Sevier of North Carolina, at the frontier Post on the Nolichucky River commanded by Robert Lucas, this affiant left the station with Archi Coody [Archie Coody or Archibald Coody?] a half breed Indian, who lived in Chilhowe, an Indian town on the Tennessee River. Affiant went with Coody in disguise as a pretended trader, when they arrived at the Indian town affiant was suspected as a spy and as the Indians had killed an American on Clinch River a few days before, they had a war dance over the scalp and an old squaw gave this affiant information that the Indians would kill him if he did not make his escape the same night, which he did but before he reached French Broad River on his way back this affiant was pursued by the Indians and fired on near French Broad River, and lost his horse and had to swim the River and carry his shirt and hunting shirt on his head and then had 60 miles to travel to the station with nothing on as clothes but his hat and shirt and hunting shirt which was on the 4th day of April 1774 the time of this service two weeks. His next service was under Colonel Sevier and Captain Daniel Evans as a volunteer private soldier with his horse Rifle and Provisions to go to the Indian towns on the Tennessee River. The detachment marched from Sevier's station on Nolichucky River under Colonel Sevier crossing the Hiwassee River and burned three Indian towns, to wit Chilhowee, Tilhawsee and Coosawathie on Coosa River in 1778 and took 28 Indian prisoners and one white man named Forman who lived with the Indians and brought them into Sevier's Station and after some time they were exchanged for 40 American prisoners who had been taken prisoners some time before at Little River, this service was completed in one month. This affiant also entered the service under Captain Price and served under Colonel Christian on his Campaign against the Cherokee Indians in 1776 and that during

this service a battle was fought between Bedsoe Fort [sic, Bledsoe Fort?] and the Long Island on Holston [River] between the Indians and Christie's Army in which 32 Indians were killed, this service was entered for three months but was performed in six or eight weeks, this service was performed as a private soldier with horse, Rifle and Provisions furnished by himself in the fall of 1776. This affiant was drafted for three months by the order of Colonel Sevier to guard Black's Station and performed the said service and received his discharge from Colonel Sevier but has lost it. This service was as a private soldier but he furnished his own Rifle. Captain John Williams commanded the Fort at Black's during this service. This affiant then returned to Berkeley County in State of Virginia and entered the service again for a tour of three months as a private soldier under Captain Josiah Swearingen and served on the Campaign under General McIntosh on the Ohio River, that this service was performed in the year 1778 and although the tour was namely for three months yet this affiant had to serve from about the last of August until the evening of the 24th of December when he arrived at home in Berkeley County. All this time affiant discharged the duties of a private soldier in said detachment. Our march was from Berkeley to Fort Cumberland thence to Fort Pitt thence down the Ohio to the mouth of Beaver where we built Fort McIntosh, thence to the forks of the Muskingum and Tuscaroras where we built Fort Lawrence in the year 1780 this affiant was drafted as a private Soldier for 18 months in the Virginia Militia of minute man of Berkeley County under Captain Josiah Swearingen in received from Captain Swearingen a discharge for the said Tour (but has lost it). That in the year 1781 an express arrived in Berkeley County giving the Information that the Tories had embodied on the South branch of Potomac [River], under General Claypole [John Claypole]¹ Colonels Wooltze [?] and Brake [John Brake] and that Hagers Town [Hagerstown] was to be sacked and burnt, this news produced great alarm and (the old Waggoner) General Morgan collected a detachment of volunteers for a tour of three months to march against them (the Tories) that this affiant marched with said detachment, with his horse Rifle and Provisions under General Morgan against the Tories, a skirmish took place, Colonel Brake the second in command was killed and his son wounded and Claypole & Wooltz defeated and their Tory partisans dispersed. This service being performed General Morgan gave this affiant a discharge for a three months tour (but he has lost it) although this service did not (actually) amount to more than half that time. That in the year 1782 this affiant volunteered as a private soldier with his horse & Rifle under Major Hugh Baird and Captain Nathaniel Evans for a three months tour to go to the Fort at French lick and relieve the Fort then besieged by the Indians near where Nashville now stands, a part of this service was also at Station Camp this service was performed in about two months although the Enlistment was for three months. This affiant states further in answer to Interrogatories put by the Magistrate, suggested by the War Department, that from Information of his Parents he was born on the 9th day of July 1755 [word partially obliterated]ollaway in Pennsylvania near the line of Maryland, when a boy affiant's father removed to Berkeley County & State of Virginia from thence affiant went to Lucases Station on Watauga waters of Holston where he remained about four years and then returned to Berkeley County and thence returned to Knoxville Tennessee, thence to Kentucky Bourbon County in the year 1816 where he has Resided ever since. That he has no Documentary Evidence of his Service and cannot prove by testimony any of his services only that under General McIntosh as a private from August 2/24 December and this by two of his brothers who served with him in the same company. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his

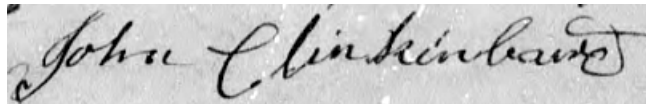
¹ This is an excellent account of the Claypole/Brake uprising posted at <http://millerbechtold.blogspot.com/2010/09/virginia-uprising-claypole-rebellion.html> (viewed 11/21/10).

name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Scrogin, JP

S/ John Clinkinbaird



[James M. Cogswell and William B McClure gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Of bourbon County: Personally appeared before me Robert Scrogin a Justice of the Peace in and for said County William Clinckenbeard aged 73 years and made oath according to law that he was with John Clinckenbeard whose declaration has now been read to him and who is now present in the year 1778 when he served as a private soldier under Josiah Swearingen and this deponent states that the said John Clinckenbeard served during General McIntosh's campaign from the last of August until 24th of December 1778 when he got home the evening before Christmas in Berkeley County Virginia, and that he has always heard his brother John Clinckenbeard mentioned his other services against the Indians, Tories &c but this Affiant only served with John under Captain Swearingen & General McIntosh.

Sworn to and subscribed to this sixth day of September 1834

S/ Robert Scrogin, JP

S/ William Clinckenbeard, X his mark

Also personally appeared at the same time and place and before me Robert Scrogin a Justice of the Peace for Bourbon County & State of Kentucky, Isaac Clinckenbeard,² who being duly sworn according to law on his oath states that he served as a soldier with his brother John Clinckenbeard whose declaration has been read to him this day and who is now present before him, and that the said John Clinckenbeard served as he states in his declaration under Captain Josiah Swearingen in the Campaign under General McIntosh that he was with the said John the whole tour that they that he is this affiant, the said John and William Clinckenbeard (three brothers) started for a three months tour about the last of August 1778 and returned to their home on the evening of the 24th December 1778 in Berkeley County and State of Virginia. That he has always heard his brother John speak of his services as detailed in his declaration against the Indians, Tories &c but that this affiant only served with his brother John during his service under General McIntosh –

Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixth day of September 1834

S/ Robert Scrogin, JP

S/ Isaac Clinkinbaird



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 1/2 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

² Sic, Isaac Clinkenbeard (Clinkinbeard) FPA S15380