

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Simeon Clutter R21843

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State of Kentucky }
Rockcastle County }

On this 24th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court for the County aforesaid, Simeon Clutter a resident of said County, State of Kentucky, 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and served under the following named officers. He enlisted in the army of the United States in the latter part of the year 1778 or the fore part of the year 1779 in the County of [blank] State of Virginia about 25 miles from Winchester, his Capt was named Gill; Liut. Gunby, Maj^r. Rockburg in the Rigiment Commanded by Colo Haws from South Carolina [sic: see endnote], in the army Commanded by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. His enlistment was for three years and 9 months He was marched to South Carolina immediately after his enlistment and served his time out in the Southern army. He was in the Battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], the Cowpens [in SC, 17 Jan 1781], at the taking of Cornwallis [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] and in many kirmishes. He marched with some prissoners after the Siege of York to the Maryland [boundary] line, after this he he was discharged some time in the fall 1781 or Spring 1782. he cannot recollect which but he received a discharge from Genl. Green, which was burnt some 7 or 8 years ago when his house and his all was consumed by fire. He was well acquainted with Genl. [George] Washington, Colo. [William] Washington, Colo Heath [possibly William Heth of VA] and others. He is very infirm and has lost his recollection very much, and is almost deaf He can neither read or write. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service there is a man by the name of McCormack some where in Va. he expects if living who saw and read his discharge about 8 years ago. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state whatever. sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

Simeon Clutter

Micajah Frost Robin Clutter & J. W. Anderson Esqr came into Court and testified upon oath that they had been well acquainted with the applicant for several years and that they had no doubt of the truth of his declaration, that he was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the s'd. Micajah Frost futher stated that some 4 or 5 years since he heard the said Applicant speak of his said services in the Revolution and also of the loss of his discharge by fire. And the said Robin Clutter stated that about 8 or 9 years ago he saw the discharge spoken of by the said Applicant and heard it read, it was signed by Genl. Green as he believes and was for 3 years & 9 months service this was a little while before s'd. Applicants house was burnt and he has no doubt that it was bunt in the house for he knows evry thing in the house was destroyed by the fire.

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On this 4th day of April 1834 personally appeared Simeon Clutter a resident Citizen of said County, and upon oath made the following statement as an amendment to his declaration for a pension under the act of 7th June 1832, made before the Rockcastle County Court on the 24th day of February 1834.

He states that the reason he did not send back his original declaration, was because it was so damaged by having been wet and rubed in the mail bag that he was advised it could not read again. he therefore made the new one which he beleives is almost verbatim with the original Sworn and subscribed this day & year afs'd

Simeon Clutter

Jas C. Jones JP.

And I futher certify that John A Moore this day afs'd. made oath before me that the original declaration of Simeon Clutter was returned to him, and that it was so damaged that he believed it woud not be rec'd at the Department and he drew the second by it as well as he could and the original as he believes was destroyed

And I futher Certify that Micajah Frost a Clergyman and Francis Ramsey [pension application W8542], both of the county aforesaid testified upon oath before me as follows. That said Francis Ramsey stated that he was a soldier of the Revolution and now in the receipt of a pension of \$100 pr year, that he served in the same army with the said Clutter, tho he has no recollection of him in the army but he has no doubt from Conversation he has had with the said Applicant that he was in the Revolution and served as he states. that he was well acquainted with Colo. Haws and Colo. Heath and from circumstances related by said Applicant he is bound to beleive that he was in the Revolution. And the said Micajah Frost states that he has had various conversations with the Applicant about his services and he has no doubt that he was a soldier of the Revolution and served as he has stated he futher states that it is beleived in the neighbourhood where Applicant lives that he was in the Revolution. And I futher certify that said Witness are of sufficient age to have served in the Revolution and are credible persons Given under my ha nd the day & year aforesaid

Jas C Jones JP.

I the said Jas C Jones Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, futher certify that John Prewit [John Pruitt (Pruitt) S35587] of said County now in the Receipt of a pension of \$96 pr. year for Revolutionary Service came before me and made oath that he served in the same army with the applicant as appears from his statements, and futher states that he was well acquainted with Colo Haws of South Carolina, and he was also acquainted with Capt Gill. He does not recollect any thing about the Applicant in the army he discovers they were under different officers but he thinks from his statements he was a Revolutionary Soldier & I futher certify that the said Prewit is a respectable witness & entitled to credit. Given under my hand this 19th day of April 1834.

Jas C Jones JP.

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Be it known that on this 27th day of June 1834 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Simeon Clutter, who in order to amend his former declaration for a pension, under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832, being sworn according to law made the following statement upon oath. He states that instead of belonging to virginia troops as might be gathered from his former declaration, he belonged to the Second Maryland Regiment, he does not recollect the name of his Colo, but his Major was by the name of Rocksburg The reason he gave the name of Haws as being the name of his Colo, in his other Declaration, was because he was influenced to do so from conversing with an old Soldier who was in the service at the same time and in Greens Army, and he having discribed his Colo's Carracter to the s'd. old Soldier, he observed that his name was Haws to a certainty & he having forgotten the name himself, he therefore give the name of Haws. He says his Colo was not very well liked by his men, generally, & was a small man. He states that after the Seige of York (his term of service being out or near it, General Green had prepared discharges before he was sent to york & placed them in the hands of the officers he went to the Maryland line with some prisoners & was discharged) He states that he was informed that he was entitled to land also for his services, in the Laurel Hill glades in Va but it was so trifling he never sought it. He futher states that his service was called the Regular Service and he was paid in Continental money which was worth nothing to him of consequence and he is now in indigent circumstances, and very frail & withall a large almost helpless family. Sworn & subscribed before the day & year afs'd.

Simeon Clutter

John H. Slaughter JP.

24th Congress/ 1 st Session
Congress of the United States/ In the House of Representatives
March 1 1836.

On motion of Mr S. Williams,

Resolved, That the declaration of Simeon Clutter, made for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of June 7th 1832, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, with instructions to enquire into the propriety of placing his name on the Pension list and giving him the benefit of the provisions of the aforesaid act. Attest/ W. F. Franklin Clerk.

NOTES:

As Clutter states in his amended declarations, he was confused about the officers under whom he served. "His Capt was named Gill" may be a reference to Capt. Samuel Gill, pension application W8882, who was from Berkeley County VA in the 4th Virginia Continental Regiment. I could find no record of a Lt. Gunby. "Maj'r. Rockburg" may refer to Maj. Alexander Roxburgh of the 7th Maryland Continental Regiment. There was no "Colo Haws from South Carolina;" Samuel Hawes was a Lt. Col. in the 10th and 6th Virginia Continental regiments.

It does not appear that Clutter ever received a pension.