

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Augustine Clayton S12693

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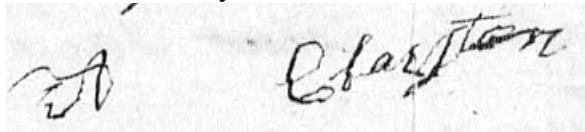
State of Kentucky, Warren County: SS

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Warren County, now sitting, Augustine Clayton sometimes called Austin Clayton, a resident of Warren County, Kentucky, aged 77 years the 4th day of March 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 the 7 of June 1832; That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated; that about the close of the year 1775 (at which time he lived on the Big Catawba River, in South Carolina, he thinks in Chester County;) he entered the service of the United States under Captain John Gowan [John Gowen], Captain of a company of Light Horse; the Lieutenant of the company was John Clayton brother of Augustine; the Colonel's name was John Thomas, and Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford, a North Carolina militia officer] the name of the General; that he was a volunteer and served the campaign against the Tories who were commanded by Colonel Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall]; he cannot recollect how long this campaign lasted. He afterwards volunteered in July 1776, to march against the Cherokee Indians under the same officers, except that General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was in the place of General Rutherford, and that he served till late in the following winter; was in a battle against the said Indians in the fork of Tugaloo River, and shortly afterwards was in another battle against the same Indians in their own country, he thinks on the waters of the Tennessee River, cannot be certain; in this battle he was slightly wounded in the knee; he was also in several skirmishes with the same Indians. He left with our Army, the section of country where these battles were fought on the Tennessee River, and marched across the mountains to the North fork of the Hiwassee River, and down this fork, along the Valley Towns, (which were burnt by our Army) to the junction of this, and the South fork of the same River; thence up the South fork and across the mountains, to Seneca Fort, on Tugaloo River, where he got his discharge, in the winter of 1776: – He now removed to Spartanburg District, in the upper part of South Carolina, and was out occasionally under the same Captain Gowen of Thomas's Regiment, until the year 1780, against the Tories & Indians, guarding the frontiers; that he cannot recollect at what particular periods he was out, or how long he was out at each particular time. About this time, i.e. the beginning of the year 1780, the Tories, to the number of about 1000, rose, and encamped at the Red Hills in Lawrence District [Laurens District], Augustine (your applicant) now turned out as a volunteer under Captain Smith [William Smith] and Colonel John Thomas, and pursued on after the Tories, until, coming within about three miles of them and our officers being informed that our detachment could not contend with so

large a body as we were pursuing, our Army turned aside to join Colonel Branham [Thomas Brandon] in Union District, where it was understood he had 300 men: when we got in sight of Branham it was discovered that he was engaged with the Tories and he being overpowered by superior numbers, was forced to retreat precipitously, before Colonel Thomas had time to join and support him. This tour was but a short, he thinks not a month long. Augustine (your applicant) was now discharged and returned home; but shortly afterwards volunteered and went out under Captain Roebuck [George Roebuck] of the same Regiment, in pursuit of Captain Gray's company of Tories, and ranged in the upper part of South Carolina, but does not remember how long he was out on this occasion. After this he went out under Captain Worford [Joseph Wofford] in a Light Horse company, against the Tories whom we defeated, taking all their arms, munitions of war, and horses, but the Tories escaped they were commanded by Captain Holley. He cannot tell how long he was employed on this tour. He now return home, and shortly afterwards went out under Colonel Branham, and turned out as a scout, to traverse the upper parts of South Carolina; but was out only a short time and returned home. – In the spring of 1781 he went over the Savannah River, in the State of Georgia, and joined Captain Benedict Middleton's company under Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke], and was at the siege of Augusta, where Brown [Thomas “Burnt Foot” Brown] of the British and Grayson [James Grierson] with the Tories, were all taken by the American Army: at the siege of Augusta Major Pink Eaton who commanded a company from Virginia [sic, North Carolina] was killed. Colonel Lee [Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee] commanded the American forces – He remained here until the latter part of the summer or beginning of the fall, when he returned home to South Carolina, and in the year 1782 he enlisted for 6 months under Captain Gowen, and after serving the full time for which he enlisted was honorably discharged, return home on New Year's Day in 1783. Shortly afterwards he and his wife being from home at the house of a friend in the neighborhood, his house and all he had any, was consumed by fire, supposed to have been burnt by the outlying Tories: His discharges were all burnt in the house when burnt, so that he is now unable to procure any documentary evidence of his services, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove that he served as above stated. He volunteered in all the tours he served. His age is recorded in his family record. He knew a Lieutenant Hampton of the Virginia & John Motley & Jos Kelly, his men.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ A. Clayton

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Clayton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Zachariah Emerson, a clergyman, and William Carson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Warren County: SS

Be it known that on this 6th day of February 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Augustine Clayton, who by way of amendment to his original declaration pursuant to the directions of the War Department being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and

in the following grades. 1<sup>st</sup> He served in Captain Gowen's company of Horse for one month, as a private. 2 He served Captain James Smith's company, as a private, one month. 3rd Captain Gowen's Company, as a private, one month. 4th Captain Gowen's Company of Horse – as a private four months. 5th He enlisted & served in Captain Gowen's Company as a private six months. 6th His original service as mentioned in his declaration under Captain Gowen between the year 1776 and 1780, our exclusive of the above and when added together, to the best of his recollection, & belief, make his services as a private under said Captain amount at the least to one-year – within the aforesaid periods. 7th He served Captain W. Smith's company as a private ~~about twenty~~ days when he was taken prisoner – paroled – and continued under parole three months (he begs leave here to remark that he was four times taken prisoner in the War, which statement he omitted in his declaration) 8th He served Captain Roebuck's Company as a private at least two months. 9th he served Captain Worford's Company as a private one month. 10th he served as a pilot to Colonel Branham's Regiment two weeks. 11th he served Captain Middleton's Company as a private four months. 12th He enlisted in & served Captain Gowen Company of Rangers six months. The aggregate of all which exclusive of the three months during which he was paroled as above, is three years, three months & four days and for such service he claims a pension. The following all the names of persons to whom you're applicant is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. George Wright, George Russell, John Cole, Colonel John Cole &c &c.

Sworn & subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned  
S/ Richard Curd, JP

S/ A. Clayton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Corporal and private in the South Carolina militia.]