

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Clark S17884

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State of Virginia Middlesex County

On this 31st day of January 1834 personally appeared before me Lewis B Montague justice of the peace for the county and State aforesaid John Clark a resident in the county and state aforesaid aged 73 years on the 18th of February next 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 made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1780 with John Healy and served in the 2nd Virginia (detachment) or regiment of the line under the following named officers Capt. John Anderson Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] Col [Henry] Lee &c. I march from this my native county where I have lived eversince I was a child to the to Chesterfield Court House. from there to Petersburg from Petersburg to South Carolina [Jan 1781] and joined the main army at Cheraw Hills under the command of Gen'l. Green. I was in the Battle at fort Watson [Siege of Fort Watson SC, 15 - 23 Apr 1781] the Battle at fort Motte [Siege of Fort Motte SC, 8 - 12 May 1781] at the Battle at Augusta in the State of Georgia [Fort Grierson, 23 May 1781] also I remember that I was in the Battle at ninety six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] where our army had to retreat Col. Harry Lee and Gen'l. Green were the officers chiefly in command &c &c. After my 18 months enlistment or tour was out I received a discharged from Capt. Anderson who was the Capt. to the troop of horse or company I belong to and returned home. In a short time after I got home the precise time I cannot now say I was drafted into the service and served under one Capt. Dunlovy [possibly James Dunlavy of the Middlesex County Militia] until the close of the war. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] John Clark

Quest. 1 Where and in what year were you born? Ans in the county of Essex [sic] and in the year 1761.

2nd. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans There was a record but don't know where it now is

3. Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live Ans in the county of Middlesex.

4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if so for whom

Ans in the first instance I enlisted for eighteen months in the second I was drafted as before stated in my declaration

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continential and militia regements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your life [sic: service]. Ans the first part of this question I have answered in the body of my declaration. The general circumstances of my life is that I have had to labour for the support of myself & family but now and for some time past my bodily infirmities are such that I am past labour I was in the 2nd Va detachment Bartlet Brizendine [pension application R1225], Spencer [Spencer Clark W2529] & Rob't. Clark [Robert Clark S1752] served with in the army Rob't. Clark lives in Tenesee

6. did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whome was it given and what has become of it?

Ans Part of this question I have ans. in the body of my declaration. I don't know where my discharge now is having lost or mislaid it

7th State the names of personas to whome you are known in your neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier in the revolution

Ans my neighbours Lewis B Montague Doc. A Newhall and many others if necessary.
[Certified by Bartlet Brizendine of Essex County.]

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following information: Jn'o. Clark/ age 20/ height 5' 7"/ farmer/ born and residing in Middlesex County/ black hair/ black eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 22 Sep 1780 for 18 months.