

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Declaration of Thomas Clark S17888

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

The Declaration of Thomas Clark

State of Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

On this 30th day of Dec. 1833 personally appeared in open court before me, John Henry, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, and by virtue of said office one of the justices of the county court of Charlotte County, Thomas Clark, a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged eighty seven 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 in relation to the officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Said Clark on his oath saith that he entered the service of the United States in that war as a private in the militia of Charlotte County Virginia some time in the month of January 1779 in the regiment commanded by Colo. David Mason, Wm. Hubbard Captain, Samuel Henry Lieutenant and Thomas Bouldin Ensign. Rendezvoused at a place called Owens Ferry on the Roanoke River just above the plantation where the late John Randolph resided. From thence he marched to Salisbury North Carolina where he remained several weeks and then marched to a little river called Stono near Charleston South Carolina. After remaining there some time under Genl. Lincoln he was engaged in a battle attacking the British lines six or eight miles from Charleston in the month of June [Battle of Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]. When or shortly afterwards himself with about 30 other men being sick were marched to Camden where he remained until he was regularly discharged the 23rd July 1779 having thus served his tour of six months and as appears by his discharge herewith filed signed by W. Hubbard Major who was his captain when he left home but promoted to the rank of major during this tour of duty.

He, said Thomas Clark, served another tour in that year in the militia of said county in the year 1780 he believes. He marched as a private from Charlotte to Prince Edward County under Capt. Samuel White remained at the courthouse sometime then marched a few miles below to an old store called he believes Frenches [?] Old Store to guard military stores under Major John Overstreet. Captain White returned home and Captain Caldwell was then his captain. Gideon Spencer was his lieutenant. He thus served said tour of six weeks and was discharged but has lost the writing if indeed he had it in writing. He thus served in all seven and one half months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity excepting the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, that he has no documentary evidence excepting his discharge herewith filed, that he does not know of any living witnesses to his services. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me John Henry, J.P.

Thomas Clark. [signature seems to be in the hand of the recording clerk]

Interrogations by the magistrate


- 1st Where and in what year were you born?
Ans. I was born in Louisa County Va. in 1744.
- 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?
Ans. I have none. It was in my Bible but it is torn out.
- 3rd Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?
Ans. I was when called into the service living in Charlotte County Va. where I have lived ever since that war and where I now live.
- 4th How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? If so for whom?
Ans. I was called out. Served when my time came—did not volunteer and served for myself not as a substitute.
- 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.
Ans. In my Carolina tour I recollect Colo. Pinckney, Major Pinckney, Genl. Lincoln, Genl. Butler and Colo. Roberts who was killed. In my other tour there was no officer higher than a major. His name was John Overstreet. There was no regular company there, none but a few [?] companies of militia.
- 6th Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?
Ans. I rec'd one discharge from Major Wm. Hubbard who was my captain when I was called out the first time. This discharge I now have and it is herewith filed. I don't know whether I had any written discharge or not for my last tour, if I had it is lost.
- 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.
Ans. Thomas McDearman, Isaac Smith, Wm. Walker, the Rev. Samuel Armstead of Campbell and Decl.[?] Robert Smith and others.

[Thomas McDearman and Claibourn Mason gave the standard affidavits of reputation for veracity, age and belief in the neighborhood of Revolutionary War services.]

Written discharge included in the Pension File:
Thos. Clark, Elijah Clark & John [illegible name],
Soldiers in Lt. Henry's comp^{ny} of Militia
from Charlotte County Virginia under command
of David Mason, Colo. Commandant
for the South Carolina Expedition have
served their time and are hereby discharged.
Given under my hand at Camden
July [?] 1779.

S/ W Hubard¹, Maj,
1st Bat. Virg. Brig.

Also: Capt. Elias Cook & John Curwin
Soldiers in Lt. Henry ^{W. McAllister} ~~W. McAllister~~
from Charlotte ^{County} ~~County~~ ^{command} ~~command~~
of David Maffett's ^{command} ~~command~~
in the South Carolina Expedition have
served their time and are hereby discharged
given under my hand at Camden
July 4



W. Hubbard, Major
1st Bat. Virg. Brig.

¹ This officer from Charlotte County is identified as William Hubbard (two "bs") in McAllister, J. T., *Virginia Militia In The Revolutionary War*, Hot Springs, Virginia, McAllister Publishing, 1913, p. 196 §258. In the depositions transcribed here Hubbard is always spelled with two "bs." At least two other veterans who served in the South Carolina Expedition, William Scott, pension S7461 and William Cunningham, pension R2588, also received a written discharge signed by Major William Hubbard. The signature is Wm Hubard on Scott's discharge and W Hubard on Cunningham's. In both cases the spelling is Hubard with one "b." So despite the fact the conventional spelling of Hubbard seems to be the spelling most often recorded for this officer the correct spelling seems to be Hubard with one "b."