

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Clements S30942

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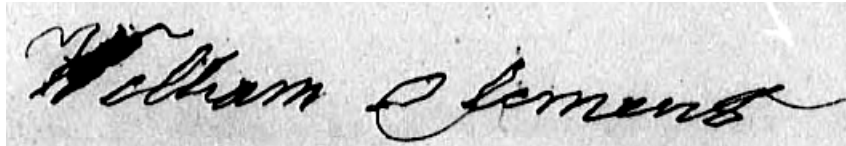
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State of Kentucky Scott County: Sct: On this 17th day of November 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting William Clemments [sic] a resident of Owen County State of Kentucky aged eighty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

The said William Clements states that he lives in the congressional district of Rh^d Johnson in Owen near the line of Scott & closest to the County Court of Scott where said Richard can attend to his case. He was born in Virginia and Augusta County in the year 1753 – that during the revolution he lived in Rowan County North Carolina – that he enlisted under Captain William Knox to serve six months in the year 1775 in the month of September & served his time out & was honorably discharged – they marched to Reedy River to put down a game of Tories & took a large number of prisoners Christmas Eve & marched them to Duncan's Creek & gave them to General Thomas Polk the party was commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin – he was dismissed at Salisbury; about the first of April 1776 he again enlisted for six months under the said Captain Knox & said Colonel Martin, they marched to Wilmington, thence to Sullivan's Island five miles below Charlestown & he was in the battle or the attempt upon the British upon Fort Moultrie from Charleston they marched again to Salisbury & again discharged at close of his second six months & got a written discharge but it is lost. In the year 1779 first of March he joined the militia service for three months tour under Captain James Hall – a Presbyterian clergyman & marched to Savannah River & joined General Lincoln's Army – Colonel Dekeger [sic, probably a reference to Lehancius De Keyser] commanded us & marched to various points & was stationed West of Charleston & was taken by the British in a skirmish with the British light horse, he was in the light horse company mounted on his own horse, was wounded badly in the head & was carried as Prisoner to John's Island S. W. of Charleston & retained two months & ran away & had to swim to shore – while in service & prisoner amounted to at least four months. In 1780 he again served a militia tour of three months under Captain Samuel Hart – he entered first day of April marched out on Saluda River & various points in constant fighting, in small parties against British & Tories. He served his three months tour – after Gates defeat in same year he served another tour of three months under same Captain Hart say the first of November & was honorably discharged at the close of this tour – in this marched after the British Army

under General or Lord Cornwallis as far as Charlottesville [sic, Charlotte] North Carolina. In 1781 first of September he began to serve another tour of three months in the light horse under Captain Wm Penny & Colonel Smith & the service was active & Sevier against British & Tories & was honorably discharged but has lost his discharges making his whole service two years. That he is not on the pension list of any State or he states he has no record of his birth – he asked for the Pension under the act of 7th of June 1832 and that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present.

S/ William Clements

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Clements". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[John T Johnson, a teacher of the Christian religion residing in the County of Scott and Benjamin W Finnell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]