Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Clower S34690 Transcribed by Will Graves fn19NC 11/22/10

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[fn p. 5] State of Mississippi Jefferson County

Personally appeared before me William B Shields District Judge of the United States for the District of Mississippi William Clower a Citizen of the State & County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn declares, That in the spring of the year 1776, as well as he recollects, he volunteered his Services as a common Soldier in the war of the American Revolution, under Captain John Griffin in the State of North Carolina who commanded a Volunteer Company, which was marched first from Hillsboro to Petersburg in Virginia - was there stationed for a month or upwards from thence the company was ordered to return to North Carolina and await further orders which was done. In the Spring of the year 1777, the Affiant marched with the same Company to Savannah in the State of Georgia under the command of the said Captain John Griffin. At this time the said Company was attached to the fourth Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle], attached to General Lincoln's Brigade. When the Company arrived about 20 miles above Savannah at Purrysburg it was put under the command of Captain Jones attached to Lytle's Regiment, and regularly entered into the Continental Service, and this affiant served in the capacity of a common Soldier at that time for the space of nine months and more; after this he was discharged, and remained at home a short time when he returned, and again entered the service under the command of Captain Mills at the Siege of Charleston for three months; after this he was again discharged, and remained out of the Service for a short time, when he returned as a common Soldier in the American War under the Command of Captain Mills, attached to Colonel Lytle's Regiment aforesaid, in which service he continued for 12 months at one time: and this affiant further states that he served for the space of two years and upwards in the Revolutionary War, altogether; that he is now aged and infirm, and so reduced in his circumstances that he stands in need of the aid of his Country for support.

Sworn & subscribed this 26th of December 1818

S/W. B. Shields

S/ Wm Clower

State of Mississippi Jefferson County: SS

On this 24th day of September 1823 Personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the first judicial circuit for the State aforesaid William Clower resident in said County aged 62 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the 18th of March 1818 – the 1st of May 1820 and the first of March 1823 that he the said Clower enlisted for the term of nine months on the day of April 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Griffin and afterwards commanded by Captain William Lytle in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle in the State of North Carolina that he continued in the Service in that Corps until June 1777 when he was discharged at Hillsboro in North Carolina and that in the year 1779 he the said Clower enlisted for the term of three months in the company commanded by Captain Ford in said State of North Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle in the aforesaid State on the Continental establishment he continued to serve in said Corps for the term of three months until the siege of Charleston in 1780 when he was discharged from the said service in Hillsboro and the State of North Carolina aforesaid, and that he the said Clower afterwards enlisted for the term of 12 months on the __ day of December in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina aforesaid, in the company commanded by Captain Mills in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle in the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until December 1782 when he was discharged from the said service at Ashley Hill in South Carolina.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me, that I have no income or estate real or personal whatever. My occupation is that of a laborer and from bodily infirmity and age I am unable to do much labor. I have no family, I am at present residing on the Plantation of General Thomas Hinds supported by his private Charity.

Sworn to and declared in open Court September term 1823 S/ Philip Dixon, Clerk S/ Wm Clower

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 14th of July 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the Musterroll of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Clower a private in Captain Mills's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 13th of January 1782 for 12 months – nothing more is said of him.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/Wm Hill

[Facts in file: veteran died September six, 1832; the file contains no data regarding the family of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing December 26, 1818, for one year's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]