

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Clifton S35836

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Among the Records of the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in the County of Sussex it is contained as follows.

Sussex County, State of Delaware Ss.

Be it Remembered, that on this twenty sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, personally appeared, in the open Court of Common Pleas, of the State of Delaware, at George Town [Georgetown] in and for the County aforesaid, being a Court of Record for said County, because Constituted such by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, Joshua Clifton aged seventy seven or seventy eight years, resident in Broad Kiln Hundred in the County aforesaid 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 Act of Congress of the eighteenth of March eighteen hundred and eighteen and first of May eighteen hundred & twenty, and declares that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, That he entered at Dagsborough [sic: Dagsboro] (formerly called by [illegible word] Blackford) in the County and State aforesaid, with Captain Nathaniel Mitchell who afterwards enlisted deponant as a Soldier in the Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Colonel James Grason or Grison [sic: William Grayson], that deponant was taken to Philadelphia where he was inoculated for the Small Pox. That he was afterward at the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Woodbridge and Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]. That he then was taken to Morristown and after the Camps were built, he was moved on to the South under General [Anthony] Wayne, and put under the Command of Colonel or Captain Alexander Parker, of the second or third Virginia Regiment [Capt. Alexander Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Reg.]. That deponant was in the American Army at the taking of Charlestown by the British [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] & was then taken a Prisoner, & carried by them to Little York & released when Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington [19 Oct 1781], that deponant served as aforesaid in the American during the War of the Revolution from the year seventeen hundred & seventy six or seventeen hundred & seventy seven, that he obtained an honorable discharge, in writing which he delivered to a man by the name of Pout to assist deponant in obtaining his pay & deponant thinks he saw this same discharge pinned on a Book in the Pension Office at Washington several years ago. And I the said Joshua Clifton do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 nor have I any income other than what I derive as being one of the poor of the County aforesaid. That I have no kind of property whatsoever either real personal or mixed. That being a Cripple and lame, am unable to follow any kind of occupation, and I have no person to aid or assist me therein. That I have a wife aged about fifty, scarcely able to get a living for herself. That he is without children, & dependant entirely unable to work

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