

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Clower S37865¹

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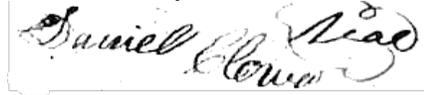
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State of Tennessee

Personally appeared before me Alfred M. Harris one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Tennessee, the undersigned Daniel Clower a citizen of this state of Tennessee, & resident in Giles County, who upon oath by me administered makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension agreeably to a late act of Congress – viz.

That sometime in the year 1781, in the County of Orange & State of North Carolina he enlisted as a private Soldier on the Continental establishment for the term of twelve months against the common enemy Great Britain in a company commanded by Captain Mills (Christian name not recollected) [John Mills] and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle = That he served during the revolutionary war against the common enemy in pursuance of his enlistment as before mentioned until the end of the war when he was honorably discharged by Major Doherty [George Dougherty] which he has lost – That the reason why he served till the end of the war is that before the expiration of his first enlistment, he enlisted under the above named Captain to serve during the war, though it appears from a letter from the Secretary of State of the state of North Carolina (herewith enclosed) that the Rolls show he enlisted only for 12 months – which mistake your petitioner can only account for by supposing that this first enlistment was alone returned. He was in no battles – there are no persons convenient by whom he can prove his said service; but if the evidence transmitted is not sufficient, he can procure with some labor, more – He is now in the fifty ninth year of his age & has a family to support without land of his own or slaves or any other means of support except by his own labour and that of one of his little sons – He believes that he is in indigent circumstances & stands in need of assistance of his country for a support. He never has received a pension from his government and prays to be placed on the pension list. He hereby release all pensions by the laws of the United States heretofore granted him except the one hereby demanded. – 6th September 1819



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Schedule,

¹ See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050 032 Not Half Pay Daniel Clower

Declaration, in order to continue on the Pension List, under the Act of May 1st, 1820.

County of Gwinnett SS State of Georgia

On this 17th day of March 1831, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid Daniel Clower resident in said County, aged sixty eight 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 Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May, 1820; that he, the said Daniel Clower enlisted for the term of the war on the (not recollected) day of February in the year 1780 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Mills in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dixon [Henry Dixon] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Military Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until April (day not recollected) 1783 when he was discharged from the service in the State of South Carolina; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; and that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his pension certificate is (not recollected) and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property, because until misfortune succeeding misfortune had stripped him of his little property & age & infirmity had [indecipherable word] upon his frame he conceived that the bounty of his Country unto not under the Act of Congress be extended to him.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

At that time there was due to me about eight hundred Dollars of this sum three hundred fifty Dollars was expended in the purchase of a stud horse which was entrusted to the care of one Archibald Wilson in Tennessee who after expending all the profits arising from said horse for three years with [several words obliterated and illegible] Dollars paid me sold him failed & I have not nor ever expect to recover any part of the proceeds of such sale. Three hundred Dollars of said first mentioned some was paid in Georgia for the purchase of a tract of land (copy of deeds to which are herewith enclosed) & the said tract of land was conveyed by me to my son John Clower in discharge of a debt of three hundred Dollars which I was owing him. I also loaned to the before mentioned Archibald Wilson thirty seven Dollars in the year 1819 which I have not recovered nor have I any prospect of it. In the year 1819 I was compelled to pay a security for William [name illegibly blotted out] Administrator of the Estate of John Berry Deceased one hundred & thirty three Dollars.

I also owned on the said 18th of March 1818 a wagon & four horses & two cows & calves. The cows and calves were sold in Tennessee for \$25 in 1821 & others purchased in place of them after my removal to this State – they were sold to the same Archibald Wilson. Since that time all my cattle have died except those mentioned in the annexed schedule – four of my horses have also died – my wagon nearly worn out & sold to one William Rogers for \$40, \$12 & \$.50 of which is still due, the balance & the income of my own labour has been expended in the support of my family.

I beg leave further to state that I have learned that by some [indecipherable word] my name appears on the rolls of the Department of War as a twelve months man. The fact is never

the less is I have before stated it & for these more than three years of laboring & suffering for my country I have never received in any manner any compensation save four Dollars upon enlisting, one shirt & one pair of pantaloons or overalls & \$46 as pension money in 1819 & 1820 I am now sixty eight years of age with no family but my wife sixty six years of age both of us infirm & unable to pursue any severe labour. The following schedule contains my all of this world necessary bedding & clothing [excluded]

One pony or small horse value of	\$40.00
one cow & and	\$10.00
one yearling	\$2.00
one oven – one Pott – one skillet	}
four chairs – knives & forks	}
possible some other trifling [illegible]	} \$6.00
[illegible] too minute to mention &	}
over little or no value	}
Note before mentioned on William Rogers	\$12.50

Sworn to, and declared on the 17th day of March 1831 in open court.

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State of Georgia, County of Gwinnett} SS

On this twenty third day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County & State Daniel Clower aged seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: – That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the latter part of the year 1779 or the first part of the year 1780 (he thinks the latter) with Captain John Mills (the name of the recruiting officer not recollected) and served in the 10th Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers, to which, Colonel Dickson [sic, Colonel Henry Dixon], Major Murphy [probably Hardy Murfree], Captain John Mills, Lieutenant Fenner,² & Ensign Dickson, & served under the said officers until he was discharged at the close of the war. At the time of enlistment this declarant resided in the State of North Carolina, in Orange County & he was in a battle at Lindley's Mills [Sept. 13, 1781]³ in North Carolina and also in another at Wilcox Iron works in the same State, both being battles of detachments the only states through which he marched were North & South Carolina – he was in Charleston at the time of the siege of that City,⁴ but at the time of the surrender was off on duty with a small detachment & thereby escaped. He this declarant was on the pension roll under the Act of March 18, 1818 & was dropped therefrom on account of property. His residence then being in Giles County in the State of Tennessee. He has since made application & understands that he has been restored to the Pension Roll for the Agency of the State of Georgia & is entitled to a pension from the 27th of March 1832. The said Daniel Clower hereby are relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State except that of the State of Georgia as aforesaid. He also states that he delivered his Certificate of pension some years since to the Honorable James

² Lieutenants Richard Fenner, Robert Fenner and William Fenner all served in the 2nd Regiment of the NC Continental Line.

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

⁴ Siege of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

Meriwether been a member of Congress from the State & that he hath not since seen the same & the said James half removed from the State to some part of Tennessee unknown to this declarant.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Clower

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Clower". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'D'.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing September 6, 1819 for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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Addendum to Daniel Clower S37865

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 3 December 2023.

[The [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) includes a file for Daniel Clower in a jacket inscribed "Not Half Pay." The only informative document is dated 24 February 1857 and reads in part as follows: "It is hereby Certified, that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before me, Clerk of the Court of Fulton County [GA] that Daniel Clower was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, at the rate of \$96.00 per annum, and that he died on the 30th day of September Eighteen Hundred and forty seven leaving surviving the following named (widow and) children and none other, to wit: three daughters to wit Nancy Still, Jane Witherspoon & Mary Brown, and the said John Clower his only son."]