Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Clanahan S39319 MD Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 July 2015.

The State of South Carolina } By the Honorable Waddy Thompson Esquire one of the Pendleton District } Judges of the Court of Equity for the State aforesaid.

To all to whom these presents shall come be seen or made known Greetings:

Know Ye That Robert Clanahan a resident citizen of Pendleton District in the said State, did this day appear personally before me, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, And saith, That about the first of the Year A.D. 1777, at Hagerstown in the State of Maryland, He did Enlist as a private soldier for Three Years or during the war under Lieut, Colonel Williams, in the Sixth Company in the Sixth Regiment of the Maryland Line. This deponent further saith that for a long time he had no captain in the sixth Company, That after Gate's defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] he was transferred into captain Dobsons [Henry Dobson's] Company in which he served until the Battle at the Eutaw Springs S.C. [8 Sep 1781] at which time Capt [then Major] Dobson was kill'd. After which he was transferred to Capt. Francis Revilee's [sic: Francis Reveley (Revelly) BLWt261-300] Company of Light Infantry in which he continued and served untill peace was made, after which towit on or about the 3^d day of August in the Year 1783 at Annapolis in the State of Marvland he was discharged. This deponent further saith, That he placed his discharge in the hands of one James Smith at Annapolis for the purpose of getting his Bounty &c. and afterwards the said James Smith moved to Alexandria Va and before the deponent could obtain his discharge from him, he moved again to what place this deponent could never learn, and has never heard of him more nor can he ever obtain any information of his discharge. And further, That he has constantly resided within the United States since the war of the Revolution, and for many years now past in Pendleton District in this state and that by occupation he is a Labourer, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support. Robert his Rmark Clanahan the above sworn to and signed Before me this seventeenth day

I hereby Certify that in the year of 1777 when I fist Joined the Continental troops I found Robert Clanahan an Enlisted soldier in the 6th Company of the 6th Maryland Regiment of which I served in the same Company & Reg't as orderly serjant & had to act as Commander of s'd Company for the lack of Commissioned officers & returnd him Enlisted for dureing the war till 1780 at which time I was ordered home on the recruiting service then promoted to a Leutinant & did not joine the troops again the armey being ordered to the southerd I left the said Clanahan in the Camp at morisstown Jerseys [sic: Morristown NJ] of which time he had served as a faithfull soldier & have no doubt he served in the armey to the end of the war – and appears at this time not to be able to make a support for himself from his bodily infirmities – we are boath at the time Residenters of the state of South Carolina Pendleton Dist

AM. Cray

Given under my hand this 11th day of April 1818 [Henry McCray]

Schedule.

The State of South Carolina }

Pendleton District } On this Twenty fifth day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace Oyer and Terminer Assize and General Gaol delivery being a Court of Record, for the said District in the said State Robert Clanahan aged Sixty five Years, resident in the District and State aforesaid who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on

his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted under Lieutenant Colonel L. Williams and served in the Sixth Company under Lieutenant N. Williams [Nathan Williams] Comadant of Sixth Company of the Sixth Regiment of Maryland Line in January 1776 for during the war – was in the battles at Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and in various other Skirmishes – was discharged at Annapolis on the Ninth day of November 1783. Made an original declaration on the 17th May 1818. And received Pension Certificate No. 8058 dated 5th March 1819. 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, 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 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 — One Cow and calf, one heifer, three pots, one oven, one skillet, two pair pot hooks, one Iron pot rack, four gimlets, two augers, two hammers, six chairs, one table, two plows, gofer & shovel, two hoes, two reap hooks of little value — By occupation a farmer. And was wounded in his right arm in the battle at Camden S.C. and is much addicted to the Rheumatic pains, by which he is not able to cut firewood: Wife Anna aged Fifty four Years, has Fits very often and generally three every week, Daughter Mary aged thirty Years, well enough, Daughter Elizabeth aged fourteen Years, crippled in one foot so that she is unable to do much toward making a support. Sworn to and declared on the 25th day of October, 1820. Robert his Rmark Clanahan