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Pension Application of Charles Clements S8214

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Fluvanna County }

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November [1832] personally appeared before the Court of the said County, Charles Clements a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy four 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That in the fall of the year 1778 he entered the military service of the State of Virginia as a private soldier under Captain Holeman Rice [Holman Rice], and served at Albemarle Barracks in Colonel [Francis] Taylor's Regiment (the No. not recollected) between twelve and eighteen months.

In or about the month of October or November 1780, he enlisted in a Company, Commanded (as well as he recollects) by Capt. Anderson, and marched to Chesterfield Barracks Va. — in a short time thereafter, he was transferred to Captain Denhams [sic: Archibald Denholm's] Company and attached to Col. Davis's [sic: William Davies's] Regiment (the No. not recollected.) during the winter of 1780. and 1781. he marched with said Captain Denham's Company to Portsmouth Va. and returned again to Chesterfield Barracks.

About the first of March 1781 he left Chesterfield Barracks and marched, (he thinks) in Captain [Philip] Sansum's Company, attached to Col. Campbells [Richard Campbell's] Regiment, to North Carolina, where he joined Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], at Haw River, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March. On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March he was engaged in the battle of Guilford C. H. [Guilford Courthouse]. On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April following, he was engaged in the battle of Campden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC], where he was badly wounded and sent to the Hospital — he remained in Hospital till about the 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of August, and again joined Gen'l. Green under Captain Simon Morgan, at the high Hills of Santee in [Sumter County] South Carolina, and was engaged in the battle of Eutaw Springs about the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of September [8 Sep 1781], where he was again severely wounded and sent to the Hospital. He was confined by his wound in Hospital till about the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1782. when he was discharged by Major Edmonds; Col Campbell having been killed in the battle of Eutaw Spring. serving in all nearly three years — He hereby relinquishes (if necessary to the success of the present application) every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present — and he declares that his name is only on the Pension Roll of the State of Virginia, from which state he now receives a pension of Sixty dollars only per annum, commencing from the [blank] day of [blank] on account of wounds received in the battles above named. He further states; that his discharge and other documentary evidence of his wounds, and services, were put into the hands of his representatives many years ago, when application was made to the Virginia Legislature for the said pension, and unless they are in the publick offices in Richmond, he supposes are lost. The said Charles Clements states that at the time he entered the service aforesaid, he resided in the said County of Fluvanna & State of Virginia, and has there resided ever since. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Charles hisXmark Clements

[The following records are from [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Sir/ Fluvanna Nov'r. 29<sup>th</sup> 1798

Pay to Capt. Joseph Haden the amount of the pension allow'd me by last Assembly & you'l.

Oblige Sir

Teste/ Ro. Quarles

y'r Ob't/



To the Auditor of Public Accounts  
Rec'd warrant for \$40. pension Due for 1798.

J. Haden

I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Charles Clements is continued on the list of Pensioners with his former allowance commencing the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and one.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 23<sup>d</sup> day of January 1802.

Sam'l. Coleman

Ja's. Monroe [James Monroe]

At a Court held for Fluvanna County on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1808.

Charles Clements, a pensioner, and who is a resident of this County, came into Court and the Court being satisfied that his inability still continues, Ordered that the same be certified.

A Copy. Teste John Temberlake, C.C.

Know all men by these presents, that I Charles Clements of Fluvanna County an invalid pensioner of the State of Virginia, do hereby constitute and appoint my son Harris K Clements of the said County my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name, to receive from the Treasury of Virginia, my semiannual pension from the 22<sup>d</sup> day of January 1829 to the 22<sup>d</sup> day of July of the same year, agreeable to an act of Assembly passed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1829.

Witness my hand & seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1829. [signed] Charles Clements  
[On 15 Aug 1830 Charles Clements named Robert A. Clements his attorney.]

[The file includes numerous documents similar to the above.]

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Fluvanna County]

To The Honorable, the members of General assembly,

The petition of Charles Clements, one of the few remaining soldiers of the Revolutionary War – your petitioner begs leave to represent to your honorable body, that he served faithfully in the character of a Soldier of the Revolution, and as he trusts contributed his little might in achieving the glorious [undeciphered word] which resulted in the free independence of these United States – a liberty and independence which we have all long enjoyed, and may God in his good providence continue to sustain us in the enjoyment of those blessings, to the latest generation – your petitioner further begs leave to say to your honorable Body that he has many years since applied to your predecessors in office, and received their bountiful liberality in allowing him a pension which was then considered a reasonable allowance – he was severely disabled by wounds which he received in fighting at the Battles of Camden & Eutaw Springs the pension which was first allowed him served with his own industry & care, to subsist tolerably, but from the wound received, and the decline by old age, together with his children all having left him, renders, it imperiously a duty on him to apply a second time on the bounty & liberality of his Country for an increase of pension; and as he verily believes he is the only one, of that description but what has had an increase, as may be seen by reference to the date in which he was placed on the pension list, with an allowance of Forty Dollars – others since that time have had an increase of pension from \$60 and upwards – your petitioner therefore prays, that his case may be taken into consideration, by your Honorable Body; and allow him such an increase of pension as you in your wisdom and justice may think fit – and as in duty bound he will ever feel grateful. Charles Clements/ Dec'r 1 1828

Charles Clements of the County of Fluvanna, this day made oath before me a justice of the peace for the said County. That he served two tours of duty, of eighteen months each in the army of the Revolution. That he fought under General Green in the battle of Guilford C.H. about the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1781. He

fought again in the battle of Campden in Capt. Samuel Morgans Company, where he received a ball which passed through his private parts and thigh, making four holes, that so disabled him as to cause his confinement in the Hospital till the 21<sup>st</sup> August of the same year, when he joined his Company again under General Green at the high hills of Santee. He was next, and lastly, in the battle of Eutaw Springs where he was again severely wounded by a ball which passed through his breast, breaking two ribs & through his left arm making four seperate holes through his skin. These wounds caused his detention in the Hospital till the 10 day of January 1782, ten days after his time of enlistment had expired when he was discharged by Major Edmonds. His discharge was sent by some person many years ago, to draw the interest on his certificate & he supposes was left amongst the public archives of the County. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1828. T. W. Omohundro

Dec'r. 4<sup>th</sup> 1828 ref'd to Claims/ Dec'r 10<sup>th</sup> 1828 Voted reasoable/ 11 Reported/ 13 Bill drawn

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Cha's. Clements/ age 20/ height 5 7/4/ farmer/ born and residing in Fluvanna County/ dark-brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 14 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A document in the Virginia pension file certifies that Clements died "in the year 1848 on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, that he did not leave a widow, but that he left five children, whose names are Harris K, Heseekiah, Mecha, Ransom and Ezekial."