

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Clark W1387¹ Louisa Clark
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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 18th day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. the presiding Judge of said Court now sitting Nathaniel Clark a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy 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 Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following Officers and served as herein stated.

He was drafted when about 16 years of age in the County of Orange and State of North Carolina and joined the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Jamieson [William Jamieson] at Hillsborough in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lytle [Lt. Col. Archibald Lytle] he was marched from Hillsborough to Salisbury from thence to Pine tree (now Camden) in South Carolina from thence to near Charleston before they reached which place they were Joined by several other regiments – he was marched with the Army to Savannah River thence up that Stream to Augusta (the enemy were marching up the opposite) the British Army halted at Augusta a few days in the Americans halted on the opposite bank of the Savannah the enemy moved down the River and the Americans crossed and pursued them, somewhere between Augusta & Briar Creek a Company of Light Infantry was formed to which this deponent was attached under the command of Capt. Young [Joseph Young]. They pursued the enemy to Briar Creek where an engagement [March 3, 1779] took place in which the Americans were defeated he was in a detachment about a mile from the main Army at the commencement of the Battle but was brought into Action before it closed. After the defeat the Americans retreated in great disorder across the Savannah River. Shortly after which he was discharged a short distance below Augusta after having served five months his discharge was signed by Col. Lytle and is now lost.

He further states some time after his discharge as aforesaid he was again drafted in the County of Orange and joined the company of North Carolina Militia under the command of Capt. Jamieson at Hillsborough in the Regiment (he thinks) commanded by Col. Lytle and was marched to Salisbury from thence to the Catawba [River] and was [with] the Army at the Battle of Cowan's Ford [February 1, 1781] although he was not in the Action having been placed on guard at some distance from the scene and just before he came up the Americans commenced retreating he retreated with them as far as the Widow Torrances [Tarrant's Tavern, February 1, 1781] when they halted and were taking some refreshment when they were charged on by the enemy horse and thrown in such great disorder that they were unable to rally anymore. He returned home and received a written discharge from Capt. Jamieson after having served three months. His discharge is now lost.

He further states that after his discharge as aforesaid he does not recollect how long he volunteered in Orange County and joined a company of North Carolina Militia under the command of

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Capt. Jamieson and served in his company three months in guarding the Town of Hillsborough and the prisoners who were there confined he has no recollection that he ever received a written discharge upon this occasion but is certain that he served faithfully for the Term of three months and was honorably discharged –

He further states that he has no recollection of the day month or Year in which he entered or was discharged from the service at any of the aforesaid Tours that being illiterate and unable to keep any memorandum of the events as they transpired and in consequence of the great lapse of time he has forgotten most of the particulars incident to his service – he further states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no persons except Thomas Horner² and L. Tilly³ & Upton⁴ whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory in the Union. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Nathaniel Clark, X his mark

[Eli Emerson and Thomas Dowdy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term A.D. 1832

On the 29th day of August A.D. 1834 Thomas Horner personally appeared in open Court and made oath that he was well acquainted with Nathaniel Clark during the Revolutionary War and served with him in the North Carolina Militia in the County of Orange in the company commanded by Capt. William Jamieson for the Term three months the service in which he was engaged was in guarding the Town of Hillsborough and the prisoners who were there – he does not recollect the Year when this service was performed but thinks it was sometime shortly after Gates' defeat.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & Year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Horner, X his mark

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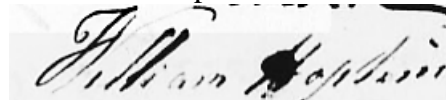
State of North Carolina Orange County

We William Hopkins⁴ & Lazarus Tilley of the County of Orange and State aforesaid having both been soldiers of the American Revolution and engaged in actual service to enable their Companion Nathaniel Clark of the County of Chatham to obtain a pension under the late act of Congress of 1832, do certify that the said Nathaniel Clark was known to us as a soldier of the Revolution and that he marched on a Tour to the South under Col. Archibald Lytle. Sworn & subscribed to before me William Horner one of the justices of the peace for the County of Orange this the 11th day of March A.D. 1833.

S/ Wm Horner, JP

S/ Lazarus Tilley, X his mark

S/ William Hopkins



[p 10: On May 11, 1853 in Chatham County North Carolina, Louisa Clark aged about 70 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Nathaniel Clark, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him during the year 1816 or 1817; that her husband died June 11, 1836 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

² [Thomas Horner S8682](#)

³ [Lazarus Tilley \(Tilly\) W6290](#)

⁴ [William Hopkins S7033](#)

[p 11: On May 11, 1853 in Chatham County North Carolina, Hiram Beal, 60, gave testimony that he was at the wedding of Nathaniel Clark and Louisa Beal when they were joined together in holy matrimony during the year 1816 or 1817. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 13: On June 22, 1855 in Chatham County North Carolina, Louisa Clark, stating her age as 70 odd years old, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of the revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 57: On September 10, 1867 in Chatham County North Carolina, Louisa Clark, 80 odd years old, filed for the reinstatement of her pension benefit. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

Another version

Pension Application of Nathaniel Clark, Natl Archives Microseries M805, Roll __, Application #W1387

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 18th day of September, 1832, Nathaniel Clark aged 70 years: "That he was drafted when about 16 years of age in the County of Orange and the state of North Carolina, and joined the company of militia commanded by Captain Jamieson at Hillsborough in the regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle. He was marched from Hillsborough to Salisbury, from thence to Pine Tree (now Camden) in South Carolina, from thence to near Charleston, before they reached which place they were joined by several other regiments. He was marched with the army to Savannah River, thence up that stream to Augusta (the enemy were marching up the opposite.) The British Army halted in Augusta a few days and the Americans halted on the opposite bank of the Savannah. The enemy moved down the river and the Americans crossed and pursued them.

Somewhere between Augusta and Briar Creek, a company of light infantry was formed, to which this deponent was attached under the command of Captain Young. They pursued the enemy to Briar Creek where an engagement took place in which the Americans were defeated. He was in a detachment about a mile from the main army at the commencement of the battle, but was brought into action before it closed. After the defeat the Americans retreated in great disorder across the Savannah River, shortly after which he was discharged a short distance below Augusta after having served five months...

He further states that sometime after his discharge aforesaid, he was again drafted in the County of Orange and joined the company of North Carolina militia under the command of Captain Jamieson at Hillsborough in the regiment (he thinks) commanded by Colonel Lytle and was marched to Salisbury, from thence to the Catawba and was with the army at the Battle of Cowen's Ford, although he was not in the action, having been placed on guard some distance from the scene, and just before he came up the Americans commenced retreating. He retreated with them as far as Widow Torrance's when they halted and were taking some refreshments when they were charged on by the enemy horse [led by Col. Banastre Tarleton] and thrown into such great disorder, that they were unable to rally

anymore. He returned home and received a discharge from Captain Jamieson having served three months...

He further states that after his discharge as aforesaid, he does not recollect how long, he volunteered in Orange County and joined the company of North Carolina militia under the command of Captain Jamieson and served in this company three months in guarding the town of Hillsborough and the prisoners who were there confined. He has no recollections whether he received a written discharge upon this occasion, but is certain that he served faithfully for the term of three months and was discharged honorably.

He further states that he has no recollection of the day, month or year in which he entered or was discharged from the service at any of the aforesaid tours, that being illiterate and unable to keep any memorandum of the events as they transpired...et. He knows of no persons except Thomas Horner, L. Tilly, and J. Upton, whose testimony he can procure...

His widow Louisa filed for bounty land. They married in the year 1816 or 1817. He died in June 1836.