

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Clower W22802

Mary Clower

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Original Claim

Declaration, in order to be placed on the Pension List, under the Act of the 18th of March, 1818

The State of Alabama County of Bibb: SS

On this 20th day of October 1831, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the 2nd Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Alabama Jonathan Clower resident in said County, aged Sixty-nine 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 March, 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he, the said Jonathan Clower enlisted for the term of twelve months on the 28th day of May in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina the company commanded by Capt. Dunahoe [Thomas Donoho] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Dixon [Henry Dixon] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the United States land Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until 26th of May 1782 when he was discharged from the service in Charleston district in the State of South Carolina; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state, except the State of North Carolina and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: I was unwilling to ask my country to assist me so long as I was able by my own labor to make a subsistence. I am now so old and infirm that I feel myself unable to make a support by my labor.

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. I have lost one horse and fourteen head of cattle since died within the above stated period I have also given [indecipherable word or words]¹ feathered

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beds & furniture to my children that have since married. I have also surrendered to the government a half quarter section of land.

Sworn to and declared on the 20th day of October before Reuben Safford Presiding Judge in Open Court.

S/ Reuben Safford, Presiding Judge

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The State of Alabama, Bibb County: County Court August Term 1832


On this 14 day of August in the Year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Crawford the presiding Judge of the County Court for the said County of Bibb now sitting Jonathan Clower a resident of the said State of Alabama and County of Bibb, aged Sixty-nine 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 7th 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated – the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Diston, he believes his name was Hall [sic, Lt. Col. Hal or Henry Dixon], not positive, also by Major Diston [sic, Dixon], Christian name not recollected, also he states his Captain's name to be Dunahoe [sic, Thomas Donoho], his Christian name not recollected, the applicant states that he entered the service in the year '81 [1781] in the month of May and the 25th day of said month and was discharged from the service on the 25th day of May 1782 just twelve months from the day he entered the service, he resided at the time he entered the Service in Orange County North Carolina, he states that he was drafted and rendezvoused at Hillsborough Tavern the County Tavern of Orange County North Carolina from which place applicant states he was immediately marched to join General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army then on the high Hills of Santee [River] South Carolina which place he reached immediately the above officers a few days after applicant reached the above named place he was detached from his own company and Regiment and transferred with twenty-four others from the same Regiment to Colonel Henry Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Light Infantry in which Service he continued until discharged as above; applicant commanded by Col. Lee was in the battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] after which time applicant was in a skirmishing fight at Dorchester Tavern on Ashley River South Carolina – he states he was skirmishing about twenty-five miles above Charleston South Carolina-- applicant states that he received an honorable discharge from Colonel Lee, that the discharge is either burnt or lost and he is not positive which. He has no documentary evidence in his possession which will establish his Service – that applicant believes that there is still living in the States of North Carolina and Georgia individuals who, new applicant in the Army of the Revolution and who, were in the camps at the same time with applicant but applicant is old and poor and unable to procure their testimony without encountering expenses and fatigue too great to be encountered by applicant.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Clower



[Alfred D. Caskell, a clergyman, and William Beard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Interrogatories propounded by the Court: The questions and answers were scrambled by the recorder and have been put in proper order by the transcriber.]

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Burke County in Pennsylvania in the year 1763.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age at home written in my Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Orange County North Carolina, when I entered the service. And immediately after the war I went to Pennsylvania and lived there from 1784 to 1792 from there I went to North Carolina from which State by removed to the State of Georgia and from there to the County of Bibb Alabama where I now reside

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: Col. Washington [William Washington] was with us at the Eutaw Springs and taken prisoner, General Greene commanded at the above place, General Marion was also in the same engagement, Colonel Lee commanded on the right and Colonel Washington on the left I was too much engaged to be able at this distant time to give a minute account of the position occupied by the several officers engaged in this fight applicant will only add that he well recollects that the battle at the Eutaw Springs commenced about sunrise on the 8th day of September 1781 on Saturday, he says he has seen the day stated in some of the American biographies to have been the ninth but he knows the Books to be incorrect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I did receive a discharge given by Colonel H. Lee the discharge has been either burnt or lost and applicant does not know which.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I am known to many persons in this County I will however name such of my neighbors as I see in court and called John Henry, Esqur., John Wallace, Esqur., N. Coker, Esqur., and indeed the whole Court.

[The Court then questioned N. B. Coker and J. Wallace who stated their belief that the applicant is entitled to full credit and that they believe him to have been a revolution every soldier.]

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Schedule of property now in the possession of Jonathan Clower

1 small horse worth

\$40

4 head of cattle worth	16
15 head of hogs worth	30
1 part set blacksmith tools	<u>30</u>
	\$116

I am a Blacksmith by trade but from old age and infirmity I am unable to work at my trade, my family that resides with the consists of a wife about fifty-nine years, very infirm and unable to contribute much to her own support; I have living with me at this time three children, to wit, Jonathan G. Clower, in his 21st year, and about to leave my house, J. L. Clower, in his 19th year he is able to make his own support, also Daniel M. Clower 14 years old, he is able to support himself.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court this 20th day of October 1831.
S/ David Lipscomb, Clk

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Georgia Gwinnett County

Came before me John Mills an acting Justice of the Peace for said County Daniel Clower who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Jonathan Clower entered the Army of the United States as a Volunteer under Capt. Dunahoo (and joined General Greene at the high Hills of Santee) in the month of May 1781 and served under said Officers in the said army twelve months. And deponent further saith that he saw the said Jonathan Clower at Bacon's Bridge South Carolina at the time he was discharged. And deponent further saith that said Jonathan Clower lived in Hillsboro North Carolina and entered the service of his County at that place.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24th day of June 1833
S/ John Mills, JP

S/ Daniel Clower²



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State of North Carolina
Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from a list of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jonathan Clower a private in said line was allowed for his services the sum of twenty-two pounds three shillings and two pence (£22.3.2)

Given under my hand this 24th day of June 1834

S/ Wm Hill

[p 11: On November 8, 1844, Mary Clower filed in Shelby County, Alabama, for a widow's pension stating, inter alia, that she is 70 years old, the widow of Jonathan Clower, that her husband was pensioned at \$40/year; that they married on October 25, 1791; that Jonathan died on September 18, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.

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[pp 14-15: Bible record in file:
Births

² [Daniel Clower S37865](#)

Jonathan Clower was born in the year of our Lord December 3rd 1763

Mary Clower was Born in the year of October 1774

Names of their Children

Elizabeth Clower was born July 16th 1792

Catherine Clower was born November 27th 1794

Miriam Clower was born March 23th 1797

Mary Clower was Born March 4th 1799

Rebecca Clower was born May 7th 1801

Nancy Clower was Born March 7th 1803

Delilah Clower was Born April 26th 1805

Lurana Bush Clowers was Born 10th day of May 1807

Malinda Clower was Born July 16th 1809

Jonathan S. Clower was Born 10th day of July 1811

James Lawrence Samuel Butts Clower was Born August 24th 1813

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Marriages

Jonathan Clower and Mary Shuler was married October 25th 1791 in the State of Pennsylvania doffin [sic, Dauphin] County Middleton Paxton Township In John Parr's house by Jonathan McCluer Esqr. Of said County

Jonathan Clower his Book February 20th 1826

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina militia [sic, North Carolina Continental line]. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]