

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sampson Clark VAS1808 Martha Clark 3  
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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Surry County Legislative papers

The Hon. the Speaker and Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of Virginia

The petition of Martha Clark widow of Sampson Clark deceased, formerly of Surry County humbly sheweth that your petitioner is advanced in years and is very poor, having for many years been almost entirely dependent upon the bounty of her neighbors for support as her age combined with bodily infirmity rendered her incapable of doing scarcely any kind of labor, your petitioner is informed that her husband was a common Soldier in the Revolutionary Army at the time of his death. The sufferings of your petitioner have been great indeed and but for her ignorance this application for the bounty of her Country would have been sooner made. Your petitioner being very old she cannot possibly long continue and expense to her Country. She feels confident that the legislature of her native state will not suffer the widow of a soldier who fault, bled and died in obtaining the liberty and independence of his Country to repine in want and misery, the few remaining years of her existence, the accompanying certificate will prove the facts above stated, and she trust will induce your honorable body to make for her such provision as may seem just and equitable & she as in duty bound will ever pray –  
signed Martha Clark

[Reverse]

Martha Clark's Petition  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 1813  
(Rejected)

Surry County, to wit

We the subscribers do hereby certify that Martha Clark, Widow of Sampson Clark deceased is aged, infirm and in poor circumstances, & has been in this situation for a number of Years. We do further certify that her Husband Sampson Clark died when in the service of the Country as a Soldier during the Revolutionary War.  
Given under our hands the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1813

S/ Benjamin Bell  
S/ Carter Seward

*Benj<sup>a</sup> Bell*  
*Carter Seward*