

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Clark R1964

Charity Clark

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State of Kentucky Graves County: Sct.

On this 3rd day of December 1840 personally appeared before me Daniel T Cargil a Justice of the peace in & for said County and State aforesaid Charity Clark a resident & citizen of said County aged eighty-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is aged eighty-six years and is the widow of David Clark deceased who was a private in the Army of the Revolution. That at the time he entered the Service, he resided in the County of Surry State of North Carolina and entered into the said service as a volunteer under Captain William Shepherd and was engaged under & with said Shepard against the Scotch Tories in the year 1776 – near Cross-Creek in said State (now the vicinity of Fayetteville). That he fully served out one tour of duty. That afterwards in the latter part of 1776 or first of 1777 he again volunteered and entered into Service from said County. In this expedition he served under the same Captain Shepherd and in said expedition served against the celebrated Tory leader "Bryant" [sic, Samuel Bryan], who had embodied a band of Tories near the Forks of the Yadkin [River] in said State. In this last expedition his brother Jonathan Clarken [sic]¹ who is now drawing a pension served with him. That he served out his Second tour of duty and afterwards she knows that from time to time he was engaged in the Service, until the end of the war. That the only intermission in his service was during a part of the year 1778 when he married this declarant Charity Clark, who before her said marriage was Charity Boon [Boone?], their marriage took place in the County of Surry State of North Carolina. That about the time of their marriage he left the Service for some five or six months, during which he hired a Substitute, when he again entered the Service as a volunteer and continued in it generally until the end of the War. That she does not recollect the names of his last officers, nor the marches he made or the battles he was in (if any) But she knows that after their marriage he served one or two tours of duty. She further declares that she verily believes that from the time he first entered the Service up to the time that the war ended he served at least two years. That after the close of the war they removed from said County of Surry to Pendleton District South Carolina, where they resided about 10 years and then in the year ___ they removed to Christian County State of Kentucky where they resided five or six years, and removed to the County of Weakley State of Tennessee, in which last named County the said David Clark on the 15th day of August 1825 departed this life, leaving her the said Charity as his widow. The said Charity Clark further declares, that she has no documentary evidence in her possession by which to prove her

¹ [Jonathan Clark S2438](#)

claim to a pension, either by proof of her said husband's Service or their marriage – and she further declares that she has remained a widow & unmarried ever since the death of her said husband, and that she is now a resident of said County of Graves having just removed to it to live with one of her sons. In support of all of which statements she refers to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn & subscribed before made this third day of December 1840

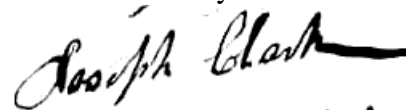
S/ D. T. Cargill, JPGC

S/Charity Clark, X her mark

[p 7: on December 30, 1840 in McCracken County, David Clark, Junior, 57, gave testimony that he is the seventh child of David Clark Senior & Charity Clark; that his father was always reputed is being a soldier of the revolution; that his parents once resided in the County of Christian & State of Kentucky; that they removed to the County of Weakley in Tennessee; that his father departed this life August 15th, 1825 in Weakley County Tennessee.]

[p 6: On September 31 [sic], 1841, in McCracken County Kentucky, David Clark testified that his mother Charity Clark is the widow of David Clark deceased; he states that his mother is living with him and is still alive; that he resides in Graves County Kentucky, adjoining McCracken County; his testimony was joined in by William Clark, 53, whose gave evidence that he also is a son of Charity Clark and that his mother is living in Graves County Kentucky with his brother David Clark.]

[p 9: on July 12, 1841 in Christian County, Kentucky, Joseph Clark, 71, gave testimony that he is the brother of David Clark who was a private in the revolution; that his brother entered the service about the year 1776 under the command of Captain William Shepherd against the Scotch Tories at Cross Creek; that his brother returned to his father's house and related the events connected with the defeat of the Scotch Tories; he also knows that his brother served another tour in 1777 or 1778; that he returned home from that tour very sick and was assisted by an old friend by the name of Francis Delaney from an expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Colonel Christie which he thinks ended with a treaty at the long Islands of the Holston River that he thinks he served this tour under Captain Henry Buford of the state of Virginia, Bedford County; "and that in the year 1780 and about the time the battle was fought at Ramsour's Mills the said David Clark served in an expedition under the command of the same William Shepherd before mentioned but in this expedition was known as Colonel William Shepherd, the object of which expedition was in part to counteract the movements of Roberds [Roberts] a Tory Colonel and prevent him from giving aid and succor to the enemy, at the end of this tour he returned home and brought with him a man which he called his Tory prisoner whom he kept at his father's house a few days as such and said David Clark stated he should deliver the said prisoner to proper authorities which he believes he did so, and that he confidently believes said David Clark from the Commencement of the revolutionary war until the close thereof served in all more than two years, but that as to the particular tours the officers under whom he served in each tour and the length of time he was in each tour he cannot state further than he has already done for want of better recollection of the particular events of that day and time."

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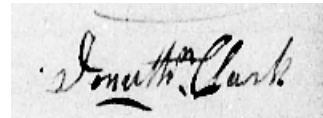
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State of Kentucky Christian County: Sct

On this day personally appeared before me Larkin J Brasher a Justice of the peace in and for said County Jonathan Clark a resident of said County and well known to me, who being first sworn by me according to law doth on his oath declare and say that he is now eighty-one years of age, that he is the brother of David Clark and that said David Clark about the year 1776 in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina served in the Army of the Revolution as a volunteer, that he went into service under Captain William Shepherd in the year 1776 against the "Scotch Tories" near Cross Creek now Fayetteville North Carolina, that he served out one tour of duty under said Captain Shepherd, that he afterwards served another tour of duty under the same officer against one Bryant a Tory leader who had about that time embodied together with the band of Tories near the forks of the Yadkin River that he this last expedition he the said affiant served with said David Clark that afterwards the said David Clark as a volunteer was in the service from time to time during the whole war – that he the said affiant well knows that the said David Clark was in the service a great deal because he the said affiant [was] there himself and is now drawing his pension for it. That he knows that the said David Clark was early in the service and remained in it to the end but what specific length of time he cannot say but from first to last at least two years. He further states that in the year 1778 and in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina said David Clark married Charity Boon who is now Charity Clark that after said David Clark married said Charity he removed from North Carolina to Pendleton District and State of South Carolina where he remained about ten years and then with his family about the year 1803 they removed to the County of Christian name State of Kentucky where he lived about five or six years and then left Christian County with the intention of moving to Weakley County Tennessee. He further states that he knows that the marriage between said David Clark and his wife the said Charity took place before the end of said Revolutionary War and before the last term of service of the said David Clark in said war. These facts he knows of his own knowledge. Subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the peace as aforesaid this 11th day of December 1840.

S/ Larkin L Brasher, JP CC

S/ Jonathan Clark

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