Pension application of John Clarke R1990
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North Carolina, Macon County: December Term
        On this 25th day of December personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court John Clark Sen a resident of Macon County and State aforesaid aged 69 years who being 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 June 7th, 1832.
        That he was substituted for his Father, John Clarke, in the Virginia Militia in the year 1778 under Colonel Arthur Campbell, Captain James Thompson, Lieutenant William Edmondson [possibly William Edmiston] – term 20 days – marched from Abingdon Virginia [illegible words—paper damaged] Cripple Creek to New River at Quaker Meadows – to Osborne's & [illegible word—paper damaged] discharged – entered again in 1780 – in October under Colonel A. Campbell, Captain James [illegible word – paper damaged] from Abingdon Virginia to Watauga [River] up Doe River over Yellow Mountain through Bright's Trail to the Catawba [River] thence to Gilberts Town Rutherford County North Carolina thence to the Cowpens South Carolina thence to Cherokee Ford on Broad River where information was received that Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was encamped on the Kings Mountain – marched immediately to Kings Mountain and attacked Ferguson in the evening of Saturday (date not recollect) [October 7, 1780] – William Campbell principal in command, Colonels Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Sevier [John Sevier], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Williams [James Williams] present the last of whom was wounded and died next day about 4 or 5 miles from the battle Ground – marched [remaining text torn and missing at bottom of the page] plantation in Rutherford County and State of North Carolina, thence to Burke Court House – thence to Wilkes Court House and discharged term thirty days.
        I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension list of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
Attest: S/ John Hall, Clk   S/ John Clarke

[Humphrey Casey [could be Posey][1], a clergyman, and John Tetham, freeholder, gave the standard supporting affidavit but the person named in that affidavit is William Erwin, not the veteran. No explanation is offered for this discrepancy.

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