

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Clark R1999

Margaret Clark f40SC[sic, NC]

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[NOTE: This file does not contain the veteran's application. I could find no explanation for its absence in the file. Perhaps the application was misfiled and some other veterans file and will turn out later. All I could find is the following letter from the war Department which gives a summary of the contents of the veteran's application.]

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September 30, 1936

John Clark – R.1999

Mrs. N. R. Henderson

[etc.]

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of John Wall, born in 1744, in Prince Georges County, Maryland, died in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and 1836; and of John Clark a pensioner of York County, South Carolina, in 1833: you ask also for the records of two brothers named Grogan or Crogan, who were among the first settlers of James town Virginia.

This office has no record of services rendered in the colonies prior to the Revolutionary War, hence no record of the brothers named Grogan or Crogan. The records of John Wall and John Clark all furnished herewith.

John Clark

R.1999

The data which follows are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, R.1999, based upon the military service of John Clark in that war.

John Clark was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The date of his death and the names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, John Clark volunteered in 1775, served four months as a private in Captain McCree's [sic, John McRee's] Company, Colonel Adam Alexander's North Carolina Regiment and went on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians: he volunteered in the summer of 1779, served four months in Captain Nathaniel Martin's Company of Mounted Riflemen, North Carolina Troops, under Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] and was in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]: he volunteered in 1780, served about six months in Captain Nathaniel Martin's Company, Colonel William R Davie's Regiment, North Carolina Troops, and assisted in the capture of a party of Tories: he

again entered the service in January, 1781, was appointed adjutant and served under Major Joseph Dickson, was in the battles of the Alamance and Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]: later, he served as adjutant of the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Polk in the North Carolina Troops: he served 10 months; no dates are given.

John Clark was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1832, while a resident of York District, South Carolina.

He died October 8 or 20, 1838, at his residence in York district, South Carolina, aged ninety years.

The soldier married in 1782, Margaret. The place of their marriage, date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown. Margaret died August 21, 1839 or August 5, 1840 (both dates are given. She was then aged over eighty years.

The names of the following children are shown

Cinthia Clark born January 1, 1783.

Polly Clark born July 1, 1786, married John Miller.

William Clark born April 17, 1788.

Peggy Clark born February 20, 1791.

Harriot or Harriet Clark born 22, 1794, married JT Alexander.

James Lewis Clark born June 12, 1796.

John Franklin Clark born April 15, 1801.

The following appears, also:

Sam born April 15 1806

Lusinday born June 1803 (?)

Jane (?) Born April 15, 1808.

In 1838, the following children were living: William Clark, Harriet Alexander, James Clark and Polly Miller: the last named was deceased in 1851.

In 1845, one WR Clark lived in Lincoln County, North Carolina: no relationship to the family was stated.

... [summary of the records relating to John Wall]

Very truly yours

A.D. Hiller

Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 1845. On this 4th day of December 1845 personally appeared before the Court of Lincoln County Harriet Alexander a resident of Lincoln County who being duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, that she is the daughter and one of the heirs at law of Margaret Clark who was the widow of John Clark who was a private and an adjutant in the militia in the State of South Carolina in the war of the revolution and was a pensioner under the acts of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 and was entered on the pension list of the South Carolina agency on the 27th day of June 1833 at the rate of \$169.99 per annum and is Claimant further declares from information that John Clark and Margaret Clark her father and mother was married sometime in the year 1782 and that her father John Clark died on the 8th day of October

1838 and her mother Margaret Clark died on the 21st of August 1839 and that her mother Margaret Clark was not married to the aforesaid John Clark prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated and this Declarant further declares that her mother the aforesaid Margaret Clark died on the 21st day of August 1839 and is Claimant further saith that the names of all the Children or heirs at law of Margaret Clark her mother living on the seventh day of July 1838 are as follows William Clark, Harriet who intermarried with J T Alexander, James Clark and Polly who intermarried with John Miller. Sworn to in open court and subscribed before me.

S/ Harriet Alexander

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet Alexander". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ Harriet Alexander".

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A memorandum of the names and ages of the Children of John Clark and Margaret his wife viz. Their daughter Cinthia was born January the 1st 1783

Polly Clark born July 1st, 1786

William Clark born April 17th 1788

Peggy born February 20th, 1791

Hariot born January 22nd 1794

James Lewis Clark born June the 12th 1797

[There are conflicting cover sheets in this file. One cover sheet indicates that the veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$169.99 commencing March fourth, 1831 for 21 months service as a private & adjutant in the North Carolina Continental line. The other indicates that the Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$276.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 11 months service as a private & 10 months service as adjutant in the North Carolina Continental line.]