

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Clark R2000
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State of Kentucky County of Floyd

On this 21st day of August A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me David Morgan the presiding Judge of the County Court of Floyd State of Kentucky Margret Clark a resident of said County aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law upon her oath declares that she is the widow of Samuel Clark deceased late of the County aforesaid who as she verily believes was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution of the State of North Carolina and served as she supposes in the Militia of said State. She cannot state the number of tours which he served at different times nor the length thereof nor can she state the names of all of the officers under whom he served at the different times. She however feels confident that he served nine months in the company commanded by Capt. Joseph Ford¹ under Gen. Joseph McDowell [sic Col. Joseph McDowell] of the North Carolina troops and that he entered the service at Morganton Burke County North Carolina. She is enabled to recollect what her husband said in relation to his said services under Capt. Ford from the fact that she was personally acquainted with said Capt. Ford and often heard him and her husband converse together about said services. She further states that said Capt. Ford drew a pension in his lifetime for the same tour of service that he performed as Capt. while her husband were serving under him as a private. She further states that she often heard Capt. Ford in his lifetime advised her husband to make application for a pension but he neglected to do so and finally died without making application.

She further states that she was married to the said Samuel Clark deceased in Burke County North Carolina in the month of January 1792 by one Albert Copenny a Magistrate and her name before marriage was Margret Hayes that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the 1st day of January 1794 to wit as above [stated] and that she is enabled to make the above statement concerning the date of her marriage from the fact that she was about twenty-two years of age when she was married. She further states that her husband died in Floyd County Kentucky on the 27th day of November 1845 and that she has not again married but still remains his widow.

And that she knows of no record or documentary evidence by which he can prove the date of her marriage or the Revolutionary services of her deceased husband nor is there any regular family record of the Births of their first children, but she feels confident that their eldest child Alexander Clark who resides in Rush County State of Texas is at least fifty-eight years of age from the best of her recollection and from the fact that he is married and has had ten children three of whom married in this County and has since died and that the eldest left one child which is nearly grown and that his youngest

¹ The only man by this name who might be a candidate for the person named by the applicant is [Joseph Ford S15429](#), but he does not claim to have served as an officer. It is possible that the widow's recollection of the relationship between her husband and Joseph Ford is mistaken: that they served together as privates and that Ford later became known as "Capt. Ford."

child is twenty-one years of age last January.

She further states that they the aforesaid Samuel and Margret Clark was married about three years before the above named Alexander Clark their eldest child was born. She further states that there is no record of the death of her husband on the headstone of his grave only as stated by her son Morgan Clark.

She further states that she has lately been informed that there is records in the Comptroller's office in North Carolina which contain evidence of her husband's services and she has authorized her agent to apply for an explanation thereof.

She further states that for several years after the war her husband was overseer for Gen. McDowell under whom he served in the company of Capt. Ford.

She makes this application for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of pension due her said husband at his deceased under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, and also for a pension in her own right under acts of 3rd of March 1843, 17th of June 1844 and 2nd February 1848.

In testimony whereof & do hereunto subscribed my name the day and year above written.

S/ Margret Clark, X her mark

[p 7: On August 18, 1852 in Floyd County Kentucky, Morgan Clark, 35, gave testimony in support of his mother's application for a pension. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I, William J Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Samuel Clark

Vol. C 2291, £1 S19 specie

" 3789, £4 S10 "

" 4874, £44 "

Book No. 6 page 26, £6 S15 specie

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 28th day of December A.D. 1852.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptroller

Another Version

Pension Application of Samuel Clark, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll ____, Application #R2000

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Floyd County, Kentucky, August 21, 1852, Margaret Clark, aged 82 years: "That she is the widow of Samuel Clark, deceased, late of the county aforesaid, who, as she verily believes, was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution, in the state of North Carolina and served, as she supposes, in the militia of said state. She cannot state the number of tours he served at the different times. She, however, feels confident that he served 9 months in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Ford under General Joseph McDowell of the North Carolina troops, and that he entered the service at Morgantown, Burke County, NC."

"She is enabled to recollect what her husband said in relation to his said services under Captain Ford from the fact that she was personally acquainted with said Captain Ford, and often heard him and her husband converse together about services. She further states that said Captain Ford drew a pension

in his lifetime for the same tour of service that her performed as captain while her husband was serving under him as a private. She further states that she often heard Captain Ford, in his lifetime, advise her husband to make application for a pension, but he neglected to do so, and finally died without making application.”

“She further states that she was married to said Samuel Clark, deceased, in Burke County, NC in the month of January, 1792, by one Albert Copenny, a magistrate; and her name before marriage was Margaret Hayes...That she is enabled to make the above statement concerning the date of her marriage from the fact that she was about 22 years of age when she married. She further states that her husband died in Floyd County, KY on the 27th day of November, 1845...”

“..There is no family record of the dates of birth of their first children, but that she feels confident that their eldest child, Alexander Clark, who resides in Rush County, state of Texas, is at least 58 years of age from the best of her recollection, and from the fact that he is married and has had 10 children, 3 of whom married in this county and have since died, and that the eldest child left one child which is nearly grown and that his youngest child is 21 years of age last January. She further states that she was married about 3 years before the above named Alexander Clark, her eldest child, was born. She further states that there is no record of the death of her husband, save on the headstone of his grave, only as stated by her son, Morgan Clark...”

“She further states that for several years after the war, her husband was overseer for General McDowell under whom he served in the company of Captain Ford.”