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Pension Application of Field Clark R2002

Mary Clark VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

On this 21st day of April, 1840, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Clark, a resident of said Count and State, aged 87 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836:

That she is the widow of Field Clark who was a soldier in the Militia and Continental service of Virginia, in the War of the revolution. That at one time she recollected a good deal about the service of her late husband in the Revolutionary War, but from old age and the consequent loss of memory she cannot call to recollection the particulars of his service, as detailed by him; and therefore prefers to rely on the statement of old soldiers who served with him, whose certificates accompany her Declaration. That for the same reason, she cannot state with certainty, the length of time her husband was in actual service altogether, but would suppose he served at least Fifteen months.

She further declares that she was married to the said Field Clark, by Parson McRoberts of the old Episcopal church of England in the County of Chesterfield, on the 5th day of July, 1774: that her husband, the aforesaid Field Clark, died on the 29th day of January, 1832 – and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that the marriage took place before the last term of her husbands service expired, as she married him before the commencement of the Revolutionary War.

Mary herXmark Clark

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [1 May 1840]

I John Crafton of Charlotte, do hereby certify, that I am 80 years of age and was intimately acquainted with Field Clark, deceased, formerly of Chesterfield, and latterly of Lunenburg County, in the War of the Revolution. According to the best of my recollection at this time, he was a great deal in the Revolutionary War; but how long he served altogether, I am unable to state. I know the fact, that he enlisted or was drafted, in the Minute, or Continental service, under Capt. Markham in Chesterfield in Sept. 1775 [see endnote] for one year, in 1st Va. Regiment, commanded by Col P. Henry [Patrick Henry], and was about Norfolk, Portsmouth &c and that he served the same. He rendered other service, which I have forgotten. His widow is still alive.

[signed] John Crafton

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [22 May 1840]

I Seth Farley do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Field Clark deceased, formerly of Chesterfield, and latterly of Lunenburg County, in the War of the Revolution. According to the best of my recollection at this time he was a good deal in the Revolutionary war, but how long he was in service altogether, I am unable to state, not being with him but a portion of the time. I know the fact, that he enlisted, or was drafted, in the Virginia Minute or Continental service, in Chesterfield, in 1775 for one year, under Capt Markham, and was attached to 1st Va. Regiment, commanded by Col Henry & others and was stationed about Norfolk, Portsmouth &c I saw him much, & know that he enlisted for one year. I am 81 years of age.

[signed] Seth Farley

NOTES:

According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007), Capt. John Markham on 16 Sep 1775 raised a

company of the 1st Virginia Regiment of Foot in Chesterfield County that was part of the Amelia Minute Battalion.

In the file is the record from the Clark family Bible, transcribed below.

Field Clark son of Allison Clark and Blanch his wife was Born the 30th day of Ap'l. 1751

Field Clark was Marid to May His wife daughter of Jacob Lester The 5th day of July 1774

Field Clark was Born again not of the flash But of the spirit of god in Chesterfield county May 1780 and was Baptiz'd And Moved into the county of Lunenburg in December 1780

Field Clark son of Peter Clark Was Born March the 2^d 1788

Field Clark Sr. Departed this life on the 29th day of January 1832, aged 80 years, 8 mos & 30 days