

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Clark R2004

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Richard Ganntt [sic, Richard Gantt] the presiding Judge at Pickens Court of Pickens District, Mathe Clark [sic] of Anderson District in the State aforesaid lately part of Pendleton District aged nearly Seventy years, who being duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That Shortly before he became Sixteen years of age he being then under the age permitted to enlist in the regular Service and having two Brothers in the regular Service he made an application and was permitted to join Capt. Hatchers [Thomas Hatcher's] Company googeland or Gochesland County [sic, Goochland County] in the State of Virginia under the command of Col Flemming [probably Lt. Col. Charles Fleming] afterward under the command of Major Morris. That the army with whom he Served joined the army under the Command of Genl. Washington when he came on from the north to oppose the progress of Lord Cornwallis. That he was present at the Capture [October 19, 1781] of Cornwallis with the army under his command. That he was detached as one of a guard under the command of Capt. Pier to Convey part of the persons to the back part of Virginia that before they reach the place of detention he was left by the commanding officer of the guard to take care of some who were Sick and not able to march that owing to this circumstance and the time of his Service expiring about this time he did not obtain a regular discharge.

In answer to the first interrogatory the said Mathew Clark Saith he was born in Goochland County in the State of Virginia on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1763 –

In answer to the Second he Saith that his time of his birth was recorded in his Father's family Bible which remained in the possession of his father's family when he left Virginia

In answer to the third he Saith, that he lived with his father in Goochland County, Virginia at the time he joined Capt. Hatcher's Company as before stated; after he served for about a year as before stated he returned to his father & lived with him for a few years. He afterwards lived about two years in Prince Edward County in Virginia from whence he removed to Pendleton District South Carolina where he has lived ever since.

In answer to the fourth he saith he was permitted to join Capt. Hatcher's Company

a short time before he was of the proper age to enlist, that he received arms & served as a regular soldier.

In answer to the fifth he saith that he has before named the officer with whom he served.

This deponent saith that he knows of no documentary testimony that he can conveniently procure, having been so long absent from Virginia where his services were rendered, to prove his service aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Mathew Clark

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mathew Clark", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

In Open Court

S/ William L. Keith , Clerk

We David Sloan & Robert Anderson residing in Pickens District in the State of South Carolina do hereby certify that we have been well acquainted with William Clark who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration for many years, that he is of good character, that we believe him to be nearly 70 years of age as Stated in his declaration, that he is reputed & believed in his neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revoution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year before said in open Court before, Wm L. Keith Clerk.

S/ D. Sloan

S/ Rbt. Anderson