

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Clayton R2031

Hannah Clayton

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State of Tennessee Monroe County } SS

On this eighth (8) day of April 1845 personally appeared before me Alexander Sloan an acting Justice of the peace, and one of the Justices of the County Court of said County, Hannah Clayton, a resident of the County and State aforesaid now in the 76th year of her age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," (and an act approved the 23rd day of August 1842, amendatory thereof, and a resolution approved the 16th day of August 1842, entitled, A resolution declarative of the Pension Acts of July 7th 1838) and the act of the 3rd of March 1843 granting one year's pay and pensions to certain widows, and the act of the 17th of June 1844, continuing certain persons on the Pension roll four years longer; that she is the widow of John Clayton who was a Lieutenant in a company of South Carolina State Troops under the command of Captain Motley of Greenville District, and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Earle [Earle] of said District; her husband the said John Clayton entered his Country's Service soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary War to wit early in the year 1776 and continued in service, at different times, as in his lifetime he has often related to the said Hannah Clayton, until after the capture of Cornwallis in the fall of 1781 and she verily believes that her husband served as aforesaid in said company and Regiment, at different periods more than two years, between the date of his entering this service and his leaving it, and that she relies on her late husband's statements to her in his lifetime for the truth of her declaration that his service was principally rendered in the Carolinas and mostly in the country immediately around Earle's Fort on North Pacolet River; that owing to her great loss of memory and infirmities of age, she is unable to name any other officers with whom her husband served, or to relate minutely the particular incidents of his service she has heard him rehearse, or to state the Countries through which he marched or the engagement or skirmishes he was in, but that she remembers to have heard him say that he was in active service during the 2nd invasion of the Carolinas by the British in the year 1780 and 1781; that she knows of no living witness by whom she can prove the service of her husband, nor has she any written or documentary evidence in her possession to establish the fact; that about the year 1809 her husband's mill on War Creek in Hawkins County Tennessee where he then resided, was washed away, and all his books and papers being in the mill, including the evidence of his service in the Revolutionary war, were lost and destroyed. She further declares that she was married to the said John Clayton on the __ day of __ in the year

1788, in Greenville District, South Carolina; that her husband the aforesaid John Clayton died on the 15th of November 1828 then aged about 94 years; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit, at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ Alex Sloan

S/ Hannah Clayton, X her mark

[p 5: On April 10, 1845, in Monroe County Tennessee, Lucinda Avans, 68, gave testimony that she is the sister of Hannah Clayton, formerly Hannah Kyle; that she was not present at the marriage of her sister to John Clayton but believes they were lawfully married and lived together as man and wife; that John Clayton was reputed in Greenville district South Carolina to have been a Lieutenant in the revolutionary war. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 8: On August 12, 1845 in Monroe County Tennessee, Lucinda Avans gave further testimony that she was well acquainted with John Clayton and his wife Hannah, the affiant's sister since her earliest recollection. That John and Hannah were married in Greenville District South Carolina when the affiant was 11 years old to wit in the year 1788. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]

[p 16: Certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office dated July 3, 1845 showing an indent to Mister John Clayton for 21 pounds 19 shillings and 3 ¼ pence sterling for duty in Roebuck's Regiment per audited account.]