

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Clements R2042 Elizabeth fn35NC
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[fn p. 2: the digital images of the following document have been damaged and contain illegible portions in both the Footnote.com and HeritageQuest.com version thereof. I've indicated illegible text in the following with "___".]

State of North Carolina Wake County

On this the first day of March 1845 came before Thomas Hall one of the acting ___ and a member of the court of ___ in and for the said County ___ Clements [I assume "Elizabeth Clements"] a resident of the ___ aged about eighty years ___ according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed on the fourth of July 1836.

That she is the widow of the late William Clements who was a Private soldier in the North Carolina militia in the war of the revolution that she is unable to tell how long her said husband William Clements served or the precise date of her marriage consequently she is obliged to submit to such proof as can be made of the said William Clements services and her marriage that she recollects that there was a draft after she and the said William Clements were married and that he her said husband was drafted and served that she cannot at this time state when she and the said William Clements were married but that she was married before general wallis [sic, General Cornwallis] was at Hillsboro with his Army ___ if she had her family record she [indecipherable word] tell precisely when she was married but it is lost or mislaid but she is confident that she was married to the said William Clements before general wallis was at Hillsboro State of North Carolina. That her husband the said William Clements died on the 24th day of March 1835

That she has not married since the death of her said husband William Clements but still remains his widow as will more fully appear by reference to the certificate which is hereunto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the aforesaid date before me

S/ Thomas Hall, JP

S/ Elizabeth Clements, X her mark

[fn p. 5: on February 20, 1855 in Wake County North Carolina, Mrs. Arrenia Nichols¹, 46, filed a

¹ Her signature appears to read "Areina Nichols".

claim seeking the pension due her mother Elizabeth Clements who died February 13, 1847 in Orange County North Carolina; that her father William Clements served the greater part of the Revolutionary war in the North Carolina militia although she cannot state the precise length or numbers of tours he served; that her father died March 24, 1835 leaving Elizabeth Clements as his widow; that her mother died survived by three children only two of whom now survive to wit Arrenia Nichols and her sister Elizabeth Clements and it is not known whether her brother Peter Clements is living or dead but he was last heard from five years ago then living in Alabama; that she married Archibald Nichols and Person County North Carolina April 14, 1825; that she is the youngest of the 14 children of her parents; that she attaches the record of her own marriage and the births of her children; that she herself was born March seven, 1808; that she has five children – Dudley, Susan Ann, Lucco, Ira W. and Baldy Nichols; that the 14 children of her parents beginning with the oldest were named as follows: Mary, Lotty, Woodson, Cary, Gilly, Anderson, William, Wiley, Sally, Martha, Elizabeth, Taten, an infant who died, and Arenia; that this slim book that she submits with her application along to her father and remained in his possession as long as she was aware and in that book the birth of her brother Woodson is recorded as September 22, 1782 and there were two children older than Woodson.

Arrenia Nichols]

[fn p. 11: family register]

Woodson Clements was born September the 22nd 1785 and married to K. Duskin 24 January 1805

Kesiah Duskin was Born November the 4th Anno Domini 1787

On the 17th of September Solar Exlipse [sic] [illegible word] obscuration 48th after one oclock afternoon Dusky Dark

15th Oct 1811 [illegible] day a Largest Frish [sic, freshet? –i.e., flood] in Wake

9th August 1817 large fresh wheat corn & Hicks [?] Drown'd

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Baldy Nichols was born 7th July 1805

Arrenia Nichols consort of B. N. was born 7th of March 1808

Dudley Nichols was born 23rd of October 1828

Susan Ann Nichols was born the 18th of September 1831

Lueco Nichols was born 28th December 1834

Ira W. Nichols was born 18 November 1839

Archibald Nichols was born 22 December 1843

Baldy Nichols was married to Arrenia Clemments on Thursday the 11th of April 1825

[fn p. 26: testimony given in Wake County North Carolina by Thomas Edwards, 80, that he was very intimate with William Clements and his wife whose maiden name was Elizabeth Daniel.]

[fn p. Certificate dated July 18, 1855 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made for military services during the revolution to one William Clements.]