

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Clements R2045
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At Court of Monthly Session held for Fluvanna County on monday the 27th day of July 1818. This day Thomas Clements aged Sixty six years resident of the County personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on Oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution some time in the month of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, that he belonged to a Company commanded by Captain Duett alias Jewett [sic: Matthew Jouett, BLWt1126-300] of the seventh Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis [see note below] of the Virginia line and Continental establishment, that he remained in Camp from the month of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy six until the month of October of the same year at which time he returned home on a Sick furlough, which furlough he was renewed from time to time until his time of service expired which was two years that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support which fact as respects said service was supported by the Testimony of Thomas Shares [pension application W6021]. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Thomas Clements served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common enemy for the term of Two years aforesaid, and that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a Pension in the manner prescribed by an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" the same is ordered to be Certified to the Secretary of the Department of War

State of Virginia }
Fluvanna County to wit } On the twenty fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of record by the Laws of the said State Thomas Clements aged Sixty six years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as well as he recollects that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Matthew Jouit in the Seventh Virginia regiment commanded by Colonel [blank] of the virginia line and continental establishment that he served as a soldier two years and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge was lost or mislaid. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in Trust for me any property or Securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit one mare one Cow and Calf one small heifer seven Hogs one pine Table one pine Cupboard six pewter dishes one pewter Bason six knives & six forks one Jug one bottle one pot one oven four chairs one pail one piggin two smoothing Irons one set candle moulds one Chest five hoes two ploughs and two axes — The said Declarant further states that he is by occupation a common labourer which he is illy able to pursue by reason of age and infirmity — his family consists of a wife aged about fifty six years five daughters one aged twenty four years one twenty one years of age one nineteen years of age one seventeen years of age one eight years of age three sons one fifteen years of age one thirteen years of age one eleven years of age who are unable to support themselves and the said Declarant further states

that the number of his original Certificate is Six thousand seven hundred and eighty six.
Thomas Clements

NOTES:

Captain Matthew Jouett's company was raised in Albemarle County in the spring of 1776 in the Seventh Virginia Regiment of Foot commanded then by Col. William Dangerfield. Col. Charles Lewis commanded the Fourteenth Virginia Regiment of Foot raised in the fall of 1776.

On 28 Apr 1845 James Clements, 39, applied for a pension stating that his mother, Mary Clements, married his father, Thomas Clements, in Oct 1792, that his father died 24 Oct 1832, and his mother died 28 June 1840. The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Fluvanna County on 10 Nov 1792 by Thomas Clements and Stephen Clements for the marriage of Thomas Clements to Molly Johnson. The bond was witnessed by John Timberlake, possibly the one of that name who served with Thomas Clements (pension application S37490). A John Timberlake was also Clerk of the Court at for both of Clements's declarations. Another document lists the surviving children of Mary Clements: Thomas, James, William, Frances, Martha, and Nancy, all residents of Fluvanna County.