

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Clinton R2053

Violet Clinton

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State of Georgia Campbell County: SS

On this the 2nd day of April 1852, in open Court personally appeared William P Clinton, a resident of the County aforesaid aged forty-eight years, a person whose statements are entitled to full credit who after being duly sworn 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 July 7th, 1838, and subsequent Acts making provision for the widows and children of deceased Revolutionary soldiers:

That he is a son of Violet Clinton deceased, who was the widow of William Clinton, who was a Soldier of the United States in the war of the revolution in the State of South Carolina. That he can describe the services of his father only from his recollection of the statements that he repeatedly heard his father make, that he has always understood that his father was born in Virginia in the year 1749, that while a boy he moved to Kershaw District South Carolina where he was living at the commencement of the War. That he often heard his father say that he volunteered or enlisted and entered the Army as a private footman the second year of said war, and served all or nearly all the time until peace was made, that he served under Colonel Henderson [probably a reference to Lt. Col. William Henderson] for a considerable length of time, and also under the command of an officer of the name of Kershaw [probably a reference to Col. Joseph Kershaw] from whom the District in which his father lived took its name and other Officers whose names are in not now recollected. That he was in the Battles of Camden [August 15-16, 1780], Utaw Springs [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] and Stoneo [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], that at the Battle of Eutaw Springs he received a shot which lodged in his thy [thigh] which was never extracted, and from which he never entirely recovered, that towards the latter part of the war, his father held the Office of Sergeant for some length of time, that he also near the end of the war served as Lieutenant, that he this deponent remembers distinctly of having for a plaything when he was a boy the old sword, that his father used in the war: that he is unable to describe the services of his father more distinctly than as above stated, and for proof of the same he would referred the Commissioner of Pensions to the Records of the War Department.

He further declares that he has always understood and verily believes that his father the said William Clinton was lawfully married to Violet Perry deponent's said mother, in Kershaw District State of South Carolina in 1783, or 1784, that he believes no license were obtained as the laws of the state did not require it, and that his parents were unlearned and kept no Bible record, he therefore has no documentary evidence of said marriage, he further declares that his parents

lived in Kershaw District South Carolina until the year 1834, when they removed to the State of Georgia Campbell County, where they remained until the death of his said father, which occurred on the 16th day of February 1847, that he died leaving his mother the said Violet Clinton a widow, who survived him and remained his widow up to the day of her death which occurred on the 12th of February 1852, that she died leaving the following children to wit: David Clinton aged 67 years living in the State of Louisiana, William P Clinton aged 48 years as above stated, Susan V. Hollis, formerly Susan V. Clinton aged 45 years living in Cobb County Georgia and George P Clinton aged 42 years living in Campbell County Georgia, that these are her only surviving children, and he further states that from his earliest recollection his said parents lived peacefully together as husband and wife, and a doubt of their lawful marriage as stated above was never entertained by anyone as this deponent verily believes, and that his father was universally reputed and believed to have been a faithful and honorable soldier in the Revolutionary struggle for liberty, and that he remembers distinctly of seeing his father's discharge signed by Colonel Henderson above named but that this discharge with other of his father's papers was accidentally burned many years ago, and further states that he makes this declaration for a pension for the benefit of himself and his brothers and sister above named.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written in open Court before us
S/ Benjamin Carry, JIC
S/ James F. Nelson, JIC
S/ L. H. Cochrane, JIC

S/ Wm P. Clinton



[p 9: Certificate dated April 24, 1852 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office showing indents of amounts paid to a William Clinton for militia service during the revolution.]

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State of Georgia Campbell County } SS

On this 15th day of May 1852 before the Inferior Court within and for said County, now sitting personally appeared, William P Clinton aged forty-eight years, known to said Court as entitled to full credit, who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That he is the son of William Clinton who was a soldier of the Revolution in the State of South Carolina, that he has frequently heard his Father state that he enlisted as a private sometime in the second year after the commencement of the Revolution and served all or nearly all of the time, and until peace was made That he was promoted to Sergeant in which capacity he served for a considerable length of time, that towards the close of the war he served as Lieutenant. He distinctly remembers hearing his Father say that he served under Colonel[s] Henderson and Kershaw and was in the Battles of Camden Eutaw Springs Hanging Rock and Stonoe, and that at the Battle of Eutaw Springs he received a shot in his thigh which was never extracted and from which she never recovered

S/ Wm P Clinton

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for

[Note: There is no way to determine whether or not the following documents relate to this veteran.]

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No. 46

[No.] 424 [Book] S

Mr. William Clinton his account of Militia duty as private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina Currency]	<u>£150.10.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£21.10.0

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 17 June 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 424 Book S by virtue of an order

S/ Robert Hanna



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State of South Carolina

To William Clinton	Dr.
Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency	<u>£150.10.0</u>
Stg.	£21.10.0

[p 8 [Printed form of indent No. 424 Book S dated June 17th, 1785]]

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I do hereby Assign and make over unto Joshua Cates all my Right and title to the within Certificate for value Received Witness my hand this 15th day of October 1785

S/ Wm Clinton, X his mark