

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James St. Clair (Sinkler) R9144

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The State of Ohio Logan County: SS

On this 12th day of April in the year 1848 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Logan being in the April Term of the said Court James St. Clair a resident of Lake Township in the County of Logan and State of Ohio aged eighty-five on the 2nd day of September A.D. 1847 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with Peter Horry Captain and Colonel Darke and General Nathaniel Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Charleston South Carolina for and during the War. Declarant was a resident of Dumfries in Virginia and left time to go to one of the Islands in the South but the vessel ran aground near Cape Henry and left the vessel and went to Charleston and enlisted. He continued under Captain Horry about two years and one half when Captain Yancey took Captain Horry's place. He believes that he was during the two years and eight months that he served all the time under Colonel Darke and General Greene. He was in the Battle of Guilford Court House and also in the Battle of Eutaw Springs. He was with the Army in all its marches in retreating from the South to little York or Yorktown and continued with the Army from under General Greene from the time of his enlistment until discharged by furlough at Yorktown and upon notice in the newspaper [indecipherable word] to Dumfries and received his discharge which is hereto attached.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. He never before applied for a pension because I his own exertions and the exertions of his children he was able to live comfortably without a pension.

S/ James St. Clair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James St. Clair". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James St. Clair".

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas M Robb, Clerk

[fn p. 26]

Dumfries Va. Nov. 15th 1782 James St. Clair a Soldier of the U. S. A. as a Regular Soldier of the [illegible] Regt. 5 B: and he the said St. Clair having faithfully served 2 years and 6 months

enlisted at Charleston for during the A. War with G. B. is now Hon[cut off] Discharged by order of Congress and received payment [balance of document substantially compromised by an ink blot and illegible, at least in its digital form.]

Dumfries Pa. 15. 1782. James Sinclair a Soldier of the
16. J. A. as a Regular Soldier of the 5. B. and he the
said Sinclair having faithfully served two years and has been
listed at Charleston for during the A. War with G. B. is now Hon
with a pension of Congress and rec^d. for a full term of
about 20 y^{rs}

[fn p. 31: affidavit given in Logan County of Ohio by Justis Edwards, William McClure, Isaac S. Gardner and Noah Z. McCulloch stating that they were for meal with James Sinclair late of Lake Township in Logan County; that he was known by the name of James Sinclair and more often James Sinkler; that he was a man of truth and reputed in his neighborhood to have been a veteran of the revolutionary war; when he died he was survived by his widow Anna St. Clair.]

[fn p. 8: document filed by Anna St. Clair stating that her husband died September 9, 1849.]

[fn p. 3: On September 2, 1853 in Logan County Ohio, Sarah Martin, Lucinda Romine, Sarah Ann Bedow, daughter of Sophia Bedow (formerly Sophia St. Clair), Michale Bedow, guardian of Mary Ann Bedow, Hannah Bedow, Lydia Bedow, Fielding Bedow, children and heirs of Sophia Bedow, filed a power of attorney as the heirs of James St. Clair.]