

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Declaration of Elijah Clark S10448

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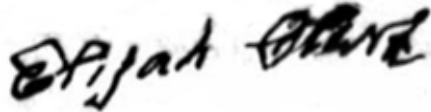
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Charlotte now sitting, Elijah Clark, a resident of the said county and state of Virginia aged seventy three years, 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 7th June 1832 in relation to the Revolutionary soldiers. 1st: That about the 1st of March in the year 1779 he was drafted in the militia for a term of 5 or 6 months and started from the county of Charlotte under the command of William Hubbard Captain and Samuel Henry Lieutenant both residents of Charlotte County and marched direct to Salisbury North Carolina the place of rendezvous. (A company commanded by Capt. Goode of the same county also marched at the same time.) They remained at Salisbury 4 or 5 weeks until the troops under the command of Colonel Mason arrived at Salisbury having marched from Hillsborough North Carolina (the place of rendezvous). They there joined his regiment. Captain Hubbard was promoted and Lieutenant Henry became the Captain of the Company. The deponent thinks Col. Mason came from the one of the counties below Petersburg Va. Col. Burwell of Mecklenburg County Va. was the next in command. The whole body then marched direct to Head Quarters at Stono Ferry South Carolina about 20 miles above Charleston. They here joined the division of the army commanded by Gen. Lincoln, Gen. Butler was also an officer at the same place. Gen. Moultrie commanded in Charleston. An action was fought between the Americans and British a few miles below Stono Ferry [Battle of Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] where the British was stationed under the command as this deponent thinks of Gen. Prevost. The deponent was not engaged in the action but was employed in a scouting party the day preceding the battle to go and take possession of a parcel of silver plate belonging to the Tories about 10 miles above head Quarters. He thinks a Major Wyse commanded this party. After the battle he formed part of a guard to conduct prisoners to Charleston. Captain Edmunds of Brunswick County Virginia commanded the guard. The deponent was then marched to Camden and there received a written discharge but has since lost it. He believes his discharge was signed by Col. Mason and was dated about the 20th July. He reached his residence in Charlotte County on the 2^d day of August. 2^{dly}: About the 1st of September 1781 he was drafted in the militia a second time for three months service and was marched direct to Yorktown Va. then in possession of the British under Lord Cornwallis. His company was commanded by Capt. Robert Jennings and Lieutenant Gideon Spencer both residents of Charlotte County. After arriving at Yorktown the deponent was transferred to a company of artillery commanded by Capt. Faulkner of Halifax County Va. and was made an orderly sergeant in said company. He remained there during the siege and saw the surrender of the British to the Americans. He frequently saw Gen.

Washington and Gen. Lincoln. He received a discharge from Gov. Nelson of Virginia, which he has since lost and thinks it was dated about the 23^d of October. [He] reached home the first week in November. He has no documentary evidence and he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Elijah Clark



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

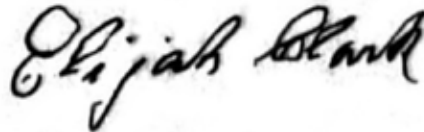
[Wiltshire Cardwell and Benjamin Marshall gave the standard affidavit of reputation for veracity, age and belief in the neighborhood of Revolutionary War services. Neither of these gentlemen signed the affidavit but left their marks.]

Declaration of Elijah Clark in answer to the objection of the War Department to the admission of his claim to a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 which objection is the want of proof that he served as a sergeant at the siege of Yorktown and marked in red ink on a card accompanying the return of his original declaration.

Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

On this 24th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said county, Elijah Clark, who being duly sworn makes the following answer to the objection of the War Department viz, the want of proof that he served as a sergeant, to the admission of his claim to a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That there is no person now living within his knowledge who can testify to his service as a sergeant at the siege of Yorktown. He further states that he deems the proof of his service as a private at Yorktown is established by the testimony of Wiltshire Cardwell attached to his original declaration and if the department will not grant him pay as a sergeant he claims his pay as a private at the siege of York and should they not be satisfied with this declaration as to the proof of his service as a sergeant he hereby relinquishes all claim to his pay as a sergeant but claims his pension as a private for that service which if not sufficiently established by the evidence of Wiltshire Cardwell he can procure additional testimony of his service as a soldier.

Elijah Clark S/



Sworn to and subscribed before me Anderson C. Morton the day and year above written.

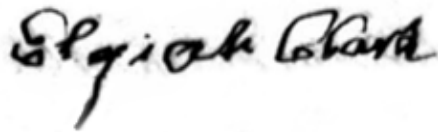
Amended declaration of Elijah Clark a Revolutionary soldier made the 6th day of March 1833

Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Charlotte, Elijah Clark, who being duly sworn makes the following amended declaration

for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 containing answers to the objections of the War Department to the admission of his claim to a pension under the said act of Congress which objections are contained in a brief accompanying the return of his original declaration and marked in red ink. The said applicant deposes and sayeth [sic, saith] that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. 1st For four months and twenty days he served as a private in the militia in the states of North and South Carolina. 2^{dly} For one month and twenty-three days he served as an orderly sergeant in the militia in the state of Virginia and for these services he claims a pension. The applicant further sayeth [sic, saith] in answer to the 2^d objection of the War Department marked in red ink in relation to the affidavit of the clergyman that his reason for not obtaining the affidavit of the clergyman is that there was no clergyman residing in his neighborhood [obliterated word(s)] to his residence lives full 8 miles off and he has not resided there longer than 4 or 5 years. The applicant refers to the persons named below for evidence of their belief of his service in the Revolution and who reside in his neighborhood. In answer to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department marked in red ink and not satisfactorily answered in his original declaration he returns the following in the order in which they are marked viz: That he was born in the year 1759 in the county of Louisa state of Virginia. 2^{dly} He has the record of his age in his possession written in his family Bible extracted he thinks from his father's family register. 3^{dly} The applicant refers to the following persons living in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution viz, to Henry P. Leote, Thomas Jackson, Wiltshire Cardwell, Wyatt Cardwell and David Bartee [?S6586].

Elijah Clark S/

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elijah Clark". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me Joseph M. Daniel this 6th day of March 1833.