

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Clarke S16353

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State of Georgia/ In the Inferior Court of Jefferson County In Chambers

On this fifth day of November in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty two Personnally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court of the said County William Clarke a resident of the County of Jefferson and state aforesaid aged Seventy four years on the 19th day of February last past, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he was born in Virginia, Louisa County on the 19th day of February 1758 according to the record of his age which he has seen but now has it not in his possession That in the year 1778 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the year 1778 the precise time he does not recollect, in the month of February he was drafted into the service of the United States from Fluvannah [sic: Fluvanna] County in Virginia where he then resided for one year to fill the broken Regiments then in the service of the United States he was attached to the first Regiment Commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in General Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade he served the first part of his term under Captain [Custis] Kendall and the ballance of his time under Captain Charles Pelham he obtained a lawful discharge in the month of February 1779 signed by Col Parker in New Jersey near Middle Brook [sic: Middlebrook NJ] that during his tour he was in New Jersey & New York & served during the time there & a little in Pensylvania. That this discharge was given up in Virginia to Colonel Thomas Meriwether at the time he was paid in depretiated Continental Currency that he was this time in the service for one year That in the month of January 1781 he was ordered out in the militia to serve the State of Virginia and was under the command of Captain Samuel Richardson in Col. Evans Regiment until some time in April following about three months, in September of the same year he was again ordered out to serve his Country by the authority of Virginia in the militia and was attached to Colonel Mercers Regiment of Infantry and served his Country during the siege and Capture of Lord Corn Wallis at York Town [sic: Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, captured 19 Oct 1781] and some time after in the month of October 1781 was discharged verbally from the service he served in all during the revolutionary war Eighteen months that in the year 1789 he removed to the state of Georgia and soon thereafter to the County of Jefferson where he has resided ever since and where he now resides that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person by whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. But that William N. Harman and Jesse Glover Thomas McWatty & Jonathan Roberson to whom the applicant is known in his neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief as a soldier of the revolution, that there is no clergyman living convenient to him in his neighbourhood.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Wm Clarke

State of Georgia/ In the Inferior Court at Jefferson County In Chambers

On this second day of September in the year Eighteen Hundred and Thirty three personnally appeared in open court before Asa Holt Little B. Bostick & Jonathan Roberson The Justices of the inferior Court of the said County William Clarke who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of the terms of his services in the Militia. as to the length of the time he served in the United States in the first Regiment of Untied States Troops for Virginia commanded by Col Richard Parker he served Twelve

months as stated in his original declaration, for this Tour I was drafted by the authority of the State of Virginia to fill up the broken Regiments which had been originally raised for the service of the United States and which had been broken by death expiration of service &c there were first State Troops which were enlisted for the service of the State of Virginia alone which enlisted for three years and there were also Fourteen Regiments raised for the service of the United States by enlistment for two years these fourteen Regiments having become broken by deaths expiration of service &c. when I was drafted to fill up the first Regiment of that fourteen, which was originally raised, and I served twelve months as before stated this twelve months I served as a private soldier. The second time I entered the service in the Militia of the state of Virginia from Fluvannah County in the month of January 1781 and was discharged in Henrico County in Virginia during this time I served in the field in the lower part of Virginia and remained at least three months in service during this Tour I did not go out of the State of Virginia and was discharged in April of the same year this three months I served as a private soldier. In the first of September of the same year 1781 I was ordered out in the militia by Col William Henry under the State of Virginia from Fluvannah County where I still resided into the service of the United States and remained in service till the last of October of the same year and was in service just two months when He was discharged, I first entered in the Company of Capt Joseph Haden and was afterwards transfered to another Company commanded by a Captain whose name I do not at present recollect Col Mercer commanded the Regiment that I served in this Tour in which I also served as a private soldier, during the whole of my services aforesaid I was closely engaged with troops that were regularly embodied and was not during the time engaged in any Civil pursuit. that I was in the field all the time of my services aforesaid. In my original declaration it is stated that in the three months tour of service I was under the Command of Captain Samuel Richardson in Col Evans Regiment there is a mistake in the Cols name; it should have been Col Ennis's [sic: James Innes's] Regiment. I expects my name is on the roll of the first Regiment of United States Troops from Virginia. after the close of the revolutionary war I resided in Fluvannah County in the state of Virginia till the year 1789 when I removed to the state of Georgia and have resided there ever since and where I now reside in the County of Jefferson

[signed] William Clarke