

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Clark S1752

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District of Columbia } Ss.

Washington County }

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Notary Public for the City afs'd. Robert Clark, a resident of Tipton County, West Tennessee, aged 72 years on the 20<sup>th</sup> July next, 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 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the Untied States in the year 1777 in the month of March, in the Company Commanded by Captain Abner Crump, in the reg't. commanded by Col. George Gibson, in Muhlenburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade, and served therein for three years, the period of his enlistment.

That he again entered the service in the year 1780, and served in the Company Commanded by Captain Philip Sansom [sic: Philip Sansum], in the reg't. Commanded by Col. [Richard] Campbell, and that he served in said Company and regiment for 18 months, the period of his enlistment, and that he served as a Sergeant for the said 18 months. That he was at the Battles of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and that he was wounded in the latter Battle.

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 in any state.

[signed] Robert Clark

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That Robert Clark a Sergeant in the Company of Philip Sansom in the 1<sup>st</sup> Va Regiment of the United States Army is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, viz.

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1781 being engaged in a Battle at or near a place called Guilford Courthouse in the district, or territory, of No. Carolina he received a wound by a Musket Ball in his Abdomen, a little to the right of the linea alba and about 2 Inches below the umbilicus & passing thro' posteriolly near the junction of the right Sacro Iliac Symphyses which induced a permanent rupture in the right Hypogastrium & materially weakening the right hip and he is thereby, not only incapacitated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is  $\frac{3}{4}$ th disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor.

James Scales Surgeon.

C. W. Dean Surgeon.

The affidavit of John Clark [S17884] taken before us justices of the peace for the County of Middlesex in the State of Virginia at the town of Urbana this 16 day of May in the year of our Lord 1833; This affiant being first duly sworn states he is now seventy two years of age – that in the year 1780 he enterd the service of the country and that he along with Robert Clarke and Spencer Clarke joint the troops at Chesterfield Court House State of Virg'a. which were at that place commanded by Col Davis who received the recruits. That they continued to [page torn] on a march to McKies mill on the south side of James River and thence returnd to Petersburg where Spencer Clark and himself were attached to the 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia detachment in Capt. John Anderson company under the command of Col [John] Green and [Samuel] Hawes and marched to the Cheraw Hills on the little Pedee where they joint the main army under General Green. That this affiant left Robert Clark at Petersburg who was acting as an orderly sergeant in Capt. Joseph Scott's company. That affiant heard nothing of Robert Clark until after the battle

of Guilford when he understood he had received a wound from a musket ball and that when said Robert Clark was wounded he was an orderly Serg't. in Col. Campbells [Richard Campbell's] regiment. After the battle of Eutaw affiant, who had sometime before been attached to Major Lee's corps of horse [sic: Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion], met the said Robert in the month of Sept. shortly after that battle, marching with the army up the Santee where he spoke to him, and was shown by the said Robert the wound he had rec'd. in the month of March before at Guilford. That the wound appeared to have been very bad, the ball having entered the abdomen and lodgd in the rump where the ball was cut out. That about 17<sup>th</sup> Jany 1782 all three were discharged from service at Salisbury North Carolina. That after the said Robert was discharged he resided in Virginia for some 12 or 15 years when he left the State, and affiant understands and believes that he now lives in the State of Tennessee. And further this affiant saith not.

[signed] John Clarke

The affidavit of Spencer Clark [W2529] of the County of Middlesex State of Virginia taken before us justices of the peace in and for said county this 16 day of May in the year 1833. This affiant being first duly sworn deposes and saith that he is 69 years of age. That he is the brother of Robert Clark. That the affidavit of John Clark has been read to him, which preceeds this, and that the facts therein stated are recognized by him as true in all material points. That after the battle of Guilford court House he heard of Robert Clark having been wounded. That he did not see him until 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1781 when he saw him at Cambden [sic: Camden] S. Carolina the affiant having been translated from Lee's corps in which he had served with John Clark, to the infantry. That said Robert informed him that he had but recently then come out of the hospital where he had been confined from March in consequence of his wound and was then on his way to join the american army on its march to Eutaw Springs. That affiant saw the scars of the wounds he had recieved and the ball said to have penetrated the abdomen an inch or two below the navel and to have been cut out at the rump – said Robert then wore a bandage around his body over the wound for security. That what is stated as the discharge from service and subsequent residence of said Robert in Virginia and his present residence in Tennessee in the affidavit of John Clark this affiant confirms. That he knows that said Robert was greatly disabled by his wound and that his capacity to labour was much diminished. That his infirmities have doubtlessly encreased with his years – and further this affiant saith not

[signed] Spencer Clarke

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Rob't Clarke/ age 20/ height 5' 10"/ farmer/ born and residing in Essex County/ black hair/ black eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 11 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

Robert Clark wrote a letter from Wesley TN dated 28 Apr 1837 inquiring about a procedure for paying pensions. A letter from the Treasury Department states that Clark died 25 Sep 1837. A letter from a friend states that his wound persisted as "an Ulcer to the last, after leaving my house & before reaching home he was taken ill & in one week died an honest, amiable, pious & universally beloved man."