

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Clayborn S1945

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State of Tennessee } SS On this 3d day of Octo 1832
Know County } Personally appeared in open court before us Elijah Johnson Thos
Brown & B McNutt three of the acting Justices of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now
sitting it being a court of Record John Clyborn a resident of the said County of Knox and State
of Tennessee in the said County and State aged 72 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 act of
congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the
following named officers and served as herein stated He resided in Bedford county Virginia at
which place he was drafted in the first of August 1780 under Capt Nathaniel Tate we
Rendezvoused at Newlondon [sic: New London in present Campbell County VA] at the time
above stated to wit the first of August 1780 Marched to Hillsborrough [sic: Hillsborough NC]
we had no office higher than a Capt we then marched to join Genl [Horatio] Gates in South
Carolina where we got within about twelve miles of Camdan we met the American troops
retreating to Hillsborough [from the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] we joined them and went
back with them to Hillsborrough we were there transferrd under the command of Capt Newill in
Col Bluford Regiment [sic: Capt. Newell in Col. Abraham Buford's regiment] lay there some time
he was then put under the command of Capt [John] Graves he then marched in company with
the army to Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC] thence to Salsberry [sic: Salisbury NC] thence
to Charlotte Courthouse thence back to Salberry lay there some time then we marched to the
Charaw hills on PeDe River [sic: Cheraw Hills on Pee Dee River in SC] Then we there joined Gen'l
Greene [Nathanael Greene, 26 Dec 1780] lay there till after the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan
1781] Genl Green went to the assistance of Genl [Daniel] Morgan and left 100 men to guard the
fort he was one of them he was then ordered to guard a drove of hoggs to Genl Greenes army
and put under the command of Capt J Webb we staded with the hoggs but for fear of the enimy
we had to change our cours we however took them to Hillsborrough and from there to Tailers
ferry on the Roanock River [sic: Taylor's Ferry on the Roanoke River] we crosed the river into
Virginia and was then and there discharged on the 26th day of Feb 1781 wich discharged was
signed by J. Webb and is herein enclosed [sic: not found] he served six months and twenty six
days

He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service He
hereby relinquishes his every claim 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

John hisXmark Clayborn

NOTE: Clayborn's application was certified by one Jubal Clayborn. Compare this with the
pension application of George Woodard (W2506).