

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Clarke (Clark) S2439

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County } November Term Current Court 1832

On this 21st day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Henry Trott, Henry D Jamison and Varner D. Conn Justices &c now sitting John Clark a resident of said County and State aged seventy-one 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. Declarant states that he was born in November 1761 Lancaster County State of South Carolina – and the year before Charleston was taken [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] he joined the service of the United States as a substitute for his Father William Clark in the County of Lancaster, under Captain William Nettles, and rendezvoused at Camden [Camden]. The Corps was then marched to within seven miles of Charleston and encamped at the Quarter house. After remaining there some short time the encampment was broken up, and the Corps marched to Purrysburg above Savannah, and there we joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. The Army remained at Purrysburg some time, and was then moved up the Savannah River to near Augusta, and from this point was marched to where Columbia is now situated. Declarant was then discharged and returned home. While the Army lay at Purrysburg the British lay encamped on the opposite side of the River. Declarant in this campaign served a full Tour of three months. Declarant was not again in service until General Green [Nathanael Greene] came to the South [Nathanael Greene assumed command of the Southern Division of the Continental Army in Charlotte North Carolina on December 2, 1780], and he was drafted, from the County of Lancaster and joined the company commanded by Captain William Nettles and rendezvoused at Camden, and from Camden was marched to Orangeburg on the Edisto River, and was there encamped seven weeks when the Corps was relieved by the arrival of other Troops, when declarant was dismissed and returned home. About three months after declarant got home, he was again drafted from the County of Lancaster, and joined the company commanded by Captain William Nettles and rendezvoused at Camden, and from thence was marched to Santee. At Santee declarant was placed under the command of Lieutenant James Howard. The duty assigned Lieutenant Howard's command was to guard a depot of provisions collected and stored at Santee for the Army under the command of General Green. In this campaign declarant was in service six weeks or upwards, and was discharged by Lieutenant Howard and returned home – Deponent remained at home in the County of Lancaster two or three months after his discharge at Santee, and then volunteered his services under Captain ___ Thompson and rendezvoused at Camden. From Camden the Corps was marched to the encampment of General Marion [Francis Marion] near the Eutaw Springs. Declarant was in

the battle fought there [September 8, 1781]; and after the battle was fought he remained three or four weeks in the neighborhood of the battle ground, and then accompanied the prisoners taken at the Eutaw Springs, about seventy-two in number, up to the High Hills of Santee where General Green was encamped, and delivered the prisoners to the General in Chief, and declarant with the rest of the Corps to which he was attached was marched to Camden and discharged. In this campaign declarant thinks he was in service two months. In all the service performed by declarant in his different Tours, he was out more than eight months; though he cannot recollect the precise date of his joining the service in either of the campaigns he performed. Declarant can only call the attention of the declarant to particular events which then happened to fix the date and character of the duty performed by him, while in the service of his Country – Declarant would state, that he does not recollect any particular description of Troops who were encamped with him while in service; though he is satisfied that General Lincoln had regular Troops under his command at Purrysburg – and he thinks General Moultrie [William Moultrie] commanded regulars at the same place – General Green had regulars under his command at the battle of the Eutaw Springs, but declarant does not recollect the names of the subordinate officers who commanded under General Green. Declarant has lost his discharges and he has no record by which he can prove his said services, and he knows of but one man, if he be now living, by whom he can prove his said services, and he resides in the State of South Carolina. He has no record of his age. Declarant remained in South Carolina after the war some time, and then removed to Tennessee, Rutherford County where he has been twenty-six years –

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.

S/ J. R. Laughlin, Clk

S/ John Clark, X his mark

[Elisha W Hendrix, a clergyman, and Abel Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]