

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cloud S30935

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State of Louisiana Parish of Natchitoches

On this 27th day of August 1833 personally appeared before the parish court parish of Natchitoches John Cloud a resident of said Parish of Natchitoches and State of Louisiana, aged ninety-three years on the 5th day of February 1833, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

In the year 1776 as this declarant believes he volunteered in the militia of South Carolina under General Williams [probably a mistaken reference to Andrew Williamson]. The name of the Captain or Colonel of the Regiment he cannot now recollect at this time he resided in what was then called Wilkes County State of Georgia. This tour lasted about one month. The declarant cannot recollect precisely. He marched on this tour from White Hall¹ in South Carolina to Rayborn's Creek. He recollects a Colonel Thompson [probably a reference to Colonel William Thomson] and a Colonel Richardson who served in the same troops. In the same winter or early the next spring he enlisted under Captain Lenn Marbury [perhaps a reference to Capt. Leonard Marbury of the Georgia militia] the Lieutenant of the company was Hatton Middleton. At the time he enlisted he belonged in the State of Georgia as before stated.

He served out this enlistment and received a discharge from Captain Lenn Marbury which discharge he left in his father's house in Georgia which house was burned by the Tories and his discharge (as he supposes) with it. During this tour he was stationed in a Fort on the Ogeechee River. After his discharge he returned home where the people were all then fortified to protect themselves from Tories & Indians.

Soon after he returned from his tour under Captain Marbury (he cannot recollect what year) he was drafted in the militia of Georgia and served under Captain Duley [probably a

¹ White Hall was the name of the plantation of Andrew Williamson and was located on Hard Labor Creek in Ninety Six district South Carolina.

mistaken reference to John Dooly]. This tour lasted two weeks. He then belonged in Georgia – same County as before mentioned, but were all run from home into the Fort. During this tour he marched from Wilkes County Georgia to the Cherokee Towns. The party killed some Indians and burnt to Indian towns –

After the tour last mentioned, he very soon enlisted in said County of Wilkes under Captain John Stewart of Cavalry to scout against Indians in the upper part of Georgia. He served under this enlistment eighteen months. He believes that Captain Stewart was commissioned by Congress or by General Washing [sic] – he was stationed during this tour on Broad River in Georgia for nearly the whole time, but was sent to Fort Barrington upon the Uttamahaw River [probably a mistaken reference to the Altamaha River]. At Colonel Lead' about three miles from said Fort Barrington Colonel Scriven [sic, James Screven] joined the command and they marched up said River on a scout against the Tories. He served out the whole of this enlistment & obtained a discharge, which shared the same fate as the one herein before mentioned and was burned at the same time.

He then went over into South Carolina and volunteered under Captain Wilson – General Williamson was the General that commanded. This tour lasted the whole summer or six months. The command and marched to St. Mary's to attack St. Augustine. The troops marched to St. Mary's where they lay for some time and then returned ~~back~~ & were dismissed.

The next tour he performed was in the militia of Georgia, as a volunteer under General Clark [Elijah Clarke]. He marched from South Carolina to Carr's Fort in Wilkes County in Georgia. The troops at this time had to run off in the night & come back in the night. He cannot say precisely how long this tour lasted but it was not but a few days.

The next tour he served as a volunteer under the same General Clark. He marched during this tour from Wilkes County in Georgia to Augusta and the tour lasted for one week when a Colonel Cruger of the British Army came with a reinforcement & drove off the Americans. The next tour he volunteered under the same General Clark and served the whole time as a soldier, and was engaged in no civil occupation or pursuit until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

He served as a private the whole time and in no other rank –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Cloud, X his mark

[J. B. Blanc, a clergyman, and Henry Leavenworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in North Carolina on a Creek called New Light Creek and in the year 1740.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none.

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I have lived since the war of the revolution in the State of Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky and Louisiana – the other parts of the question are answered as fully as I am able in my declaration.

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. All the matter is as I have stated in my declaration.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I cannot state these matters more fully than I have done in my declaration.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I have stated all I am able to say as to this question in my declaration.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

[fn p. 13 [Bailey Anderson S30826](#) gave a supporting affidavit without giving any specifics as to service.]

[facts in file: Veteran died sometime between January 25 in February 1, 1840 in Natchitoches Parish Louisiana where he had resided about 20 years prior to his death; the veteran and his wife, Betsy (maiden name not shown) were living in Livingston County Kentucky in 1808 with their children William, Noel, Jeremiah and Ann Cloud; the veterans wife, Betsy, died about the year 1824 when the veteran and his children were living in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; in 1854, William Cloud was living in Bienville Parish, Louisiana and his siblings were all living in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina or Georgia militia.]