

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Charles Goodwin Clark S30939

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State of Maine County of York

On this 15th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Probate now sitting at South Berwick in & for the County of York Charles G. Clark a resident of Berwick in the County of York and State of Maine aged 68 years, next December 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.

In the year 1780 I resided in the said Town of Berwick & belonged to a company of Massachusetts Militia and in the early part of the month of April of that year I was drafted & served 8 months in the Army of the United States. The company to which I belonged commanded by Jedediah Goodwin as Capt. & Timothy Wentworth¹ as Lieut. was soon after mustered at a place called Blackberry Hill in said Berwick & marched to Falmouth near Portland Maine, and was put under Joseph Prime of Berwick Col. -- while at Falmouth with the rest of our company was employed in erecting forts. In September the Company marched to the Kennebec River & returned in the month of November to Falmouth. After having served out the 8 months, at Falmouth out with the rest of the company was discharged & returned home -- & never had any written discharge. I can prove this service by Lieut. Timothy Wentworth above mentioned.

In the year 1782, I shipped on board the United States vessel called the *Bellona* of 20 guns² at Portsmouth New Hampshire, to Thomas Manning, Capt., Samuel Gardner Lieut. We [indecipherable word looks like "envised"] four months off the West Indies, and on our return home the *Bellona* was taken by an English Frigate the *Grana*³ from New York, & was carried to

¹ FPA S17190

² Ken Kellow points out that the *Bellona* carried 18 cannon (9 per side). Ken has a wonderful website devoted to the maritime engagements, ships and personnel located at <http://www.awiatsea.com/Index.html>. Ken has an article posted on the *Bellona* at <http://www.awiatsea.com/Privateers/B/Bellona%20New%20Hampshire%20Ship%20%5BManning%5D.html>

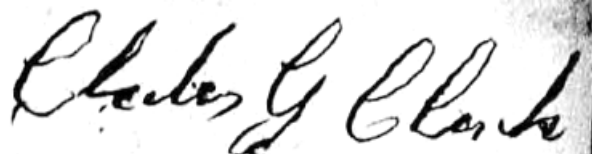
³ Ken Kellow points out that this was the HM Frigate Grana (Captain Chichester Fortescue)

the port of Charleston South Carolina. Here I was put in prison & remained 8 months & was then exchanged & went to Savannah, Georgia. Here I shipped on board an United States galley commanded by William Slate of N. C. I was on board said galley four months doing duty & was discharged & never had any discharge in writing. The galley was employed in protecting the American Citizens & Coasters from the refugees. The galley went from port to port several times & twice to Bulls head while I was on board. After my discharge from the galley, I shipped on board the letter of Marque called the *Elizabeth* commanded by the same William Slate & served on board her about 8 months, when peace was declared & I was discharged and returned to Berwick my native place where I have ever since resided. I can prove my land service, but know of no one living by whom I can prove my naval service, I cannot recollect dates precisely but am sure I served as long as stated.

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, or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of ___.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

S/ Charles G. Clark

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles G. Clark". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ A. Hayes, Judge

[Joseph Hilliard, a clergyman, of Berwick and Ephraim Tebbetts, Esqr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Timothy Wentworth gave a supporting affidavit as to the service of the veteran in the first tour described above.]

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I was born in Berwick aforesaid on the 2nd day of December A.D. 1764, and have always resided in said Berwick, except while absent on duty aforesaid. There is no record of my age to my knowledge.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 18 days as a private in the Massachusetts militia. Evidently, no credit was given to him for his service at sea.]