

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Micajah Clark S30940

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State of Kentucky, Warren County

On this 22 day of October 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Micajah Clark a resident of said County aged upwards of 83 years, who from age & infirmity is unable to appear in Court, being first duly Sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was born in Albemarle County Virginia in the year 1749 & entered the service of the United States in August 1776 in the County of Surry N. Carolina as a volunteer for the Term of four months and served under Captain William Dobson & Colonel Joseph Williams of said Surry County N. C. & marched from thence to Long Island on Holston River where they joined the Troops of Virginia under Colonel Christie [sic, William Christian] – thence he marched to the Cherokee Nation where he assisted in burning & destroying 17 Indian Towns & their crops. The Indians fled & could not be attacked – he served this tour fully out under the aforesaid officers as a private & was marched back to Surry County & was discharged by Captain Dobson which discharge he has lost.

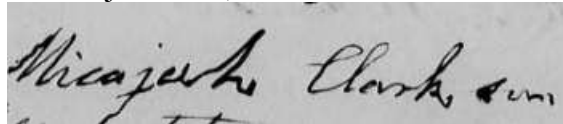
He further makes oath that early in the year 1777 he again entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer for during the remainder of the War & was immediately commissioned a Captain of a Company by Col. Martin Armstrong, the Colonel of Surry County N. C. where he yet resided & where he again reentered the service. Said company was termed –Minute Men” & he & his company served under said Col. Armstrong – he served under said Col. Armstrong till after the taking of Cornwallis & till the close of the War when he was discharged at Richmond in the County of Surry N. C. by Colonel Armstrong which discharge is lost. He served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority from early in 1777 till the end of the war aforesaid. He was not constantly engaged in either fighting or marching & when he was not fighting or marching he was not in a public Garrison for none was provided for the troops to which he belonged but they were stationed at such places as were thought most useful to the Country. He was engaged in no civil employment by which to make his living from 1777 to the end of the war, but during the whole of said time he was, & considered himself a soldier under the control of his officers & Country. He was in more than a dozen severe skirmishes with the Tories & one occasion they robbed one Squire Blackburn of his property & he & his men pursued them for three days attacked them killed four of them &

regained the property in 1780 he marched to Cryder's Fort [Crider's Fort] on the waters of Catawba [River] & joined Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] & marched to King's Mountain, but did not get there till the day after the Battle after the battle he marched with the Prisoners as a guard to Moravian Town under the command of Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] – he does not recollect the number of the Regiment in which he served, besides officers he has mentioned he knew Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] & Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] – his age is recorded in his Bible.

After the Revolution he resided in S. Carolina & Alabama till the year 1827 when he moved to this County. He knows of no documentary evidence of his service, nor of any person by whom he can prove his commission above named except Jonathan Clark & Susanna Clarke, Captain Rice Arnold, James Skeggs, Robert Dickerson & John Wheeler are his neighbors who can testify as to his veracity & their belief of his Service in the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & Subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Micajah Clark, Snr.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micajah Clark, Sr.".

fifteen months will be taken of the applicant's service

S/ Geo. Work

[Zachariah Morris, a clergyman, and Rice Arnold gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Commonwealth of Kentucky, Christian County: to wit

The Deposition of Jonathan Clarke¹ a Citizen of the said County of Christian this day taken before me Daniel S. Hays an acting justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid – at my Office in the Town of Hopkinsville-- This Deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn – states that he was born in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia – in the year 1759 and that in the year 1776, he was then a Citizen of Surry County State of North Carolina where his father & family then resided that his Brother Micajah Clark in the month of August 1776 entered the Service of the United States in the War of the Revolution under Captain Will Dobson & Colonel Jos Williams and continued therein four months or thereabouts, and that in the year 1777 he again entered the Service for during the War, and shortly after was commissioned a Captain and continued in service to the end of the War, -- This Deponent further states that if he ever saw said Clark's commission as Captain he has no recollection of it.

But most positively states that he was called Captain, acted as Captain & was so received and reputed generally in the army – and he this deponent was occasionally in service at the Same time. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of December – 1833.

Sworn to by the Deponent before me this 28th the sum or are 1833.

S/ D. S Hays, JP

S/ Jonathⁿ Clark

[fn p. 16: On November 39, 1833, in Warren County Kentucky, Richard Isbell gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran in Surry County North Carolina and that he lived

¹ [Jonathan Clark S2438](#)

with the veteran there; that he Isbell had a brother-in-law who served under Captain Clark; that Captain Clark was so called in his County and was one of the leading man there being a justice of the court there.]

[fn p. 19: Bolin Clark testified in Warren County Kentucky on October 23, 1833, that he is aged 55 years, well acquainted with Micajah Clark, has seen his commission as a Captain but cannot recall by whom it was signed. The relationship, if any, of this affiant to the applicant is not disclosed in his affidavit.]

[fn p. 21: On October 27, 1833, in Simpson County Kentucky, Micajah Clark Junior gave testimony as to the reputation of Micajah Clark as a soldier of the revolution. The relationship, if any, of this affiant to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$313.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 19 months service as a Captain and private in the North Carolina militia.]