Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Clark S30941 VA
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State of Kentucky } SS Mercer County }

On this 2nd day of September AD 1833, Personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful Justices of said County Court now sitting James Clarke a resident of Mercer County and State of Kentucky aged seventy four 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That about the first day of March 1781 he entered the army under Captain Tignal Jones as a substitute for one Harrold Jones, at Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg] Court House Virginia for a Tour of six months and joined Colonel Wm. Munfords [William Munford's] Regiment and marched to North Carolina and joined the army under the command of Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at a place called the Iron works about Ten miles from Guilford Courthouse a few days before the Battle, and on the morning before the Battle [15 Mar 1781], he together with about one hundred & eighty of the Reg't to which he belonged were detailed to guard the Baggage waggons. our army was defeated and we were then marched to Taylors ferry on the Roan oak [sic: S of Boydton on Roanoke] River, where we were stationed as guards to the boats and the magazine which was kept at a place called Banks old store about a half mile from the Ferry at this place we were stationed untill about the first day of November of s'd. year when we were honorably discharged after having served fully seven months and a half or upwards to the best of his recollection. He farther states that he has long since lost or mislaid his discharge, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service except from reputation

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 & year afs'd. [signed] James Clark

On this 2nd day of September 1833 Personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful Justices of the said County of Mercer Henry Sparrow [pension application S31384] a citizen of Washington County & State of Kentucky aged sixty eight years and made Oath that he served as a Guard in the war of the Revolution with the said James Clarke at Taylors Ferry on the Roan Oak River, that after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, the s'd. Clarke came on as a Guard to the Baggage Waggons and was then left as a guard to s'd ferry and the the magazine that was about a half mile from s'd ferry and that they were raised in the same County in the state of Virginia and were discharged at the same time and place after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace at Little york [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], and that said James was a faithful soldier. and farther sayeth not. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afsd.

[signed] Henry Sparrow

[5 Dec 1833] The farther Declaration of James Clark taken in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress pass'd June the 7^{th} 1832

Interrogatories prescribed by the War department

1st Question, Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r.— I was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia in the year 1759 on the 18th day of November. The record of my age is a large old Bible now in possession of my youngest Brother Francis Clark living in Mercer County

3. Ques'tn – where were you living when called into service where have you lived since, and where do

- you now live
- Ans'r I lived in the County afs'd in Va. when called into service and until the year 1782 when I removed to this county and now live in mercer County Ky.
- 4th Ques'tn. How were you called into service
 - Ans'r. I went into the service a Substitute for one Harrold Jones of the s'd. County of Mecklinburg Va.
- 5. Ques'tn State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regts as you can recollect and the general circumstance of your services
- Ans'er General Green was our principle commander, Colonels Munford commanded our Regiment It was militia I recollect no additional circumstance of note except what is stated in my first declaration
- 6 Qus'tn Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it
 - Ans'er. I did receive a discharge when I quit the magazine but I do not now recollect who gave it to me certainly but I think Capt Jones or Shipp. It is long since lost or mislaid.
- 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services in the War of the Revolution
 - Ans'er. Henry Sparrow, Abm Fulkerson Dred Bolins N Mayo Esqr

[signed] James Clark