

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Clarke S30943

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[The first declaration is virtually indecipherable.]

State of Kentucky }

Montgomery County } SS.

On this 8th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Silas W. Robbins the sole and presiding Judge for the county and circuit of Montgomery now sitting Joseph Clark a resident of Montgomery county & state aforesaid aged 75 years in Dec'r next 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 the 7th of June 1832 That he entered the services of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated

He states that he was born in Gloucester [sic: Gloucester] County Virginia in Dec'r. 15th 1757. And went from thence to Fairfax in this county [sic: Fairfax County VA] he states he was raised until a certain age having went into the service of the U.S in Gloucester county in the year 1776 in the summer or spring under Capt John Hubbard & col Payton [sic: Peyton] as a volunteer for 18 mos. He recollects distinctly that the first Expedition he went on was the year Dunmore was at Gwynns Island [sic: Gwynn Island, Dec 1775 - 11 Jul 1776] or near that place in the Armsteds[?] Bay with his fleet and we encamped in the Margin of the Bay. here we continued and fortified and fought the British from the fort and after a sever contest we succeeded in driving away the British fleet And from the month of march time he went into the service he states he or arrived at the bay he continued at the Island ranging through the country guarding the rivers. In the fall he marched to little york & there we continued until the spring of 1777 as he thinks in the spring of that year having rendered services for the term of 18 months from my first entering the service which I did as a volunteer, & Received a Discharge by Lewis Booker who I think was a Lieutenant. He states that then he returned to fairfax and In the same county he states that he was Drafted for three month in the militia of Virginia under same Capt. from that county in the year 1777 – Rendezvoused at Alexandra [sic: Alexandria] and marched on until we had passed the Susquehanah [sic: Susquehanna] River where we were discharged from this Expedition owing as he thinks to the British's having taken up winter quarters at Philidelipha [sic: Philadelphia] & Washington at the Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] he thinks intending to suspend hostilities until the following season states that this Expedition was performed in the same summer after the Battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and was discharged for the term of three month he then returned home and hired a substitute during the war for which he states he paid a goodeal of mony. He also says he rendered a greateal of service during that momentious struggle which he has taken no account of in this Declaration. He states that he removed to Kentucky in the year 1792 to the county of Fyatt [sic: Fayette], removed from that to Montgomy conty and here has resided eversince. he states he has lost all his Discharges. He states he has no record of his age but recollects it well eversince he was a schoolboy no documentary evidence and knows of no living wittness by whom he can prove It. he stats that he now lives in Montgory county & State of Ky. He hereby relinquishes all and every claim to a pensen or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of and state

[signed] Joseph Clarke

State of Kentucky. }

Montgomery county } SS.

on this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court in and for the county & state aforesaid now sitting, Joseph Clarke a resident of said county & state aged 75 years in Dec'r. last 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 the 7th of June 1832—
That he entered the services of the U.S. under the following named officers and served as herein stated
He states that he was born in Gloucester County Virginia Dec'r 15th 1757. At an early age he states he
moved from said county to the County of Fairfax. He states however before he left Gloucester he entered
the services of the U.S. in the month of March in the year 1776 under capt John Hubbard and col. Payton
as a volunteer for 18 months. In this year he states Dunmore Lay at Gwyns Island in Armsteds Bay with
his fleet And we encamped on the margin of the Bay. We continued here for some considerable time and
forted And as we were near enough to cannonade we fought the British from the fort and after a
considerable conflict we succeeded in driving away the British fleet. And from the time we reached the
Island above named we ranged through the country guarding the rivers. In the fall we marched to little
york and here we continued untill the fall of 1777 having rendered active service as a private for 18
months from the time he first entered the services And received a discharge for that time from Lewis
Booker who he thinks was a Lieutenant. He states that he then returned home to the County of Fairfax
(his Parents having moved to that County) And immediatly after his return home which was in the fall of
1777 as above stated. He states he was drafted as a militiaman for three months under same capt.
Rendezvoused at Alexandria And commenced our march immediatly. And so continued till we passed
the Susquehanah. In the environs of this place we remained for some time. And owing to the British
having taken winter quarters at Philidelphia and Washington at Vally forge For this Tour of three
months he also rec'd. a discharge but by whom he has forgotten having lost It. He states also that he
rendered services in the revolutionary army on Short Tours. under diferent capt's to the amout of several
months for which he claims nothing as he cannot recollect the precise time But for the two several Tours
named in his declaration (to wit) 18 months & 3 months which he states he cannot be mistaken about. he
claims pay therefore only for the time he can swear to certainly and that is 21 months. He states that after
having performed all the services above named. He had then to hire a substitute during the war which he
did at considerable expence. He states he has no record of his age. He has stated where he was living
when called into service. He says he moved to Kentucky in the year 1792 To the County of Fayette. And
from thence to Montgomry county Ky and has here resided eversince
He states as before that he first went in as a volunteer for 18 mo's. & next for 3 mo's. as a drafted soldier.
In both cases he served as a private during the time
He states from his age and infirmity and consiquent loss of memory he is unable to name any of the
regular officers. his own capt's. & col. he remembers he also would say that owing to the reason above &
the great length of time since he served he is unable to state the number of the regiment to which he
belonged.
He says he rec'd a discharge from Lieutenant Booker he thinks for the first 18 mo's. & of whom he rec'd.
the discharge for the three months Tour he has forgotten.
He says he had no commision but served as a private.
He states he has no documentry evidence nor does he know of any living witniss by whom he can prove
his services and having lost his discharges he of course has no writings to show. he knows of Henry
Darnall A clergyman residing in his neighborhood and also William Hamman residing in same who can
testify as to his character for veracity & ther belief of his services as a sodier of the Revolution. He hereby
relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his
name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state [signed] Joseph Clarke