

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Clark S3155

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State of Tennessee Monroe County

On this 19 day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Benjamin Clark a resident of said County of Monroe, aged 71 years on the 19th of April 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 June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Pennsylvania (County not known) in the year 1763: he has a record of his age in his possession, made by his father. He was living in McLinburg [Mecklenburg] County North Carolina when called into service, where he remained until the year 1816, when he moved into Knox County Tennessee, where he lived till four years ago, when he moved into said County of Monroe.

In the fall of the year 1779 he thinks, he was drafted for three months to march down to Wilmington against the British. Charles Alexander was his Capt., James Robinson Lieut., Thomas Harris was Major & so well as he remembers, Joseph Graham was Col. They marched from Mecklenburg County down to Pedee [River] & after crossing Pedee pursued (together with some troops whom they met) Col. Fannen [David Fanning] who had a company of Tories under his command. They then marched on through Randolph County and other counties. Before they got to Wilmington an express came that the British had left Wilmington, and they returned on homewards. They were in a few days after their return ordered to Charlotte Court House to guard British prisoners, whom they took on near to Guilford, where another guard relieved them. They were somewhere about Salisbury when their time expired. He served out the term of 3 months; but remembers getting no written discharge, and thinks none of the company got any.

About the time of the expiration of his 3 months term, perhaps a little before his return home, word came that his brother Joseph Clark who was in service in the Cavalry in South Carolina under Col. Wade Hampton was so unwell that he had to leave service and go into the Hospital or get someone in his place. Applicant went immediately and took his place and served the balance of his term amounting to, he thinks, at least 4 months. His said brother's term was for 10 months; and whether rendered under the State of South Carolina or the United States he does not know. When he reached the troops he found his brother's horse had died, and applicant rendered the 4 months service on foot in the company of Capt. __ Alexander. The service was rendered in Orangeburg & on the waters of black river, guarding public property, where they remained till the term expired. His brother for whom he rendered service has been dead 4 or 5 years.

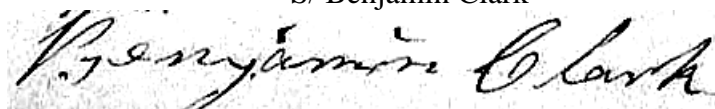
In addition to the 7 months service stated above applicant was engaged in the year 1780 (or thereabouts) in various scouting parties against the British & Tories. In this service under Capt. John Harris & Lieut. James Robinson he was engaged at least one month. This service was

rendered about the time – some before & some after – the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] – 8 months in all. He received no discharge in either case; supposes the 10 months men were discharged, but not being with them does not know.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no one who can testify as to his service. He hereby relinquishes 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. The following persons are at present his neighbors, and can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution viz. John Callaway Esq., Thomas Moore Esq. – Benjamin Jamieson Esq. & James A Haire – His clergyman is from home, so that he cannot procure his attendance & substitutes another of his neighbors.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Wm S. Callaway, Clerk

S/ Benjamin Clark



[Thomas Simpson and John Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

Another version

Pension Application of Benjamin Clark, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll __, Application #S3155

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

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