

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Clark S3157

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State of Tennessee Dickson County: SS

On this 4th day of January in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun and held at the court house in Charlotte on the first Monday in January 1784; George Clark a resident in the County of Dickson aforesaid aged eighty-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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in York County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 22nd day of June in the year of our Lord 1849, that he is now eighty-four years old as appears by the family register of his father which is not in possession of this declarant, but he has often seen it & well recollects the date of his birth on said register. He entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war as a volunteer in Guilford County State of North Carolina, in a company commanded by a Captain Bill [sic, Bell?] there was no Colonel or other superior officer in command we were taken on a tour of service against the Tories, we took a great many and carried them to Guilford Courthouse and put them in Jail, in this tour I served three months. I volunteered a second time in said year 1776 as well as he now recollects in the County of Guilford State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain Collier which was attached to a Regiment commanded I think by Colonel Pasily [sic, John Paisley], the Army was commanded by General Rutherford & marched against the Cherokee Indians on the Tennessee River. We burned twenty-eight towns, had some skirmishes but no battle. In this tour he served three months as a private soldier. That he volunteered the third time in Guilford County North Carolina in the year 177_ (he does not remember the date) in a company commanded by another Captain Bell, marched into South Carolina in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley with the intention of going to Charlestown, but were stopped at Camden and remained at Camden until this term of service expired. In this Tour he served as a private soldier three months & returned home. He again volunteered in Guilford County North Carolina as a private soldier in a company commanded by the same Captain Collier (he cannot recollect the date but it was during the revolutionary war) I company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley and the whole were under the command of General Martin. We marched towards Wilmington North Carolina but before we reached that place, we received word that a battle had been fought with the Tories near a bridge (the name of which I forget & the Tories

defeated in this tour he served as a private soldier for five weeks. That he served at intervals as a minute man, many unimportant tours sometimes of a week sometimes shorter periods and sometimes longer wants, but he makes no account of these services as he cannot remember their duration, he was ready as a minute man at the close of the war. He does not remember to have received any discharge from his officers, if he did he has long since lost them. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services except a part of them which is established by the deposition of Colonel James Dougan¹ & John Dougan² whose deposition is are here with transmitted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

S/ George Clark, X his mark

Then the court propounded the following interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in York County State of Pennsylvania on the 22nd day of June 1749.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age but remember distinctly to have frequently seen it in my father's Bible Register.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Guilford County North Carolina when I entered the service each time, several years after the war I removed from ~~Guilford County North Carolina~~ Randolph County which was taken from Guilford County. He then removed to Grainger County East Tennessee from East Tennessee he moved to Dickson County Tennessee where he now resides and has resided for thirty-three years.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered each time.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I never served where any regular officers were in command the militia regiments that I remember as mentioned in the body of my declaration to wit Paisley & Colonel Martin who is not I think mentioned.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received any discharge that I remember.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Minor Bibb, Austin Richardson, William Turner & Field Farrar & others to numerous to mention.

S/ George Clark, X his mark

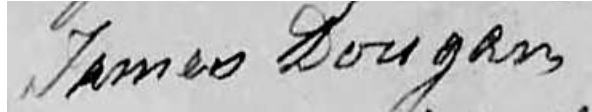
[Benjamin Hardwick, a clergyman, and John Brewer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [James Dougan S3306](#)

² [John Dougan W9836](#)

State of Tennessee Franklin County: We James Dougan & Robert Dougan certify as hereinafter stated being first duly sworn before me John Dougherty an acting Justice of the peace for said County James Dougan first being examined saith that George Clark was a volunteer in Captain Bell's company the first volunteer Service in North Carolina in the commencement of the revolutionary War and performed Tours of duty during the War when called upon until peace was made. I served with said Clark at Camden in a tour of three months under the same Captain Bell also three months against the Cherokee Indians under Captain Collier and many other services that I cannot account for not having a distinct recollection of them. Being informed a few years ago that a story was put in circulation that said Clark was a Tory and was with Colonel Fannin [sic, David Fanning] a Tory I hereby on oath certify that said report his faults as circulated that said George Clark was not with Colonel Fannin at the killing of Colonel Bedford & Captain John Bryant being that night & morning in my company and my Brother Robert Dougan & others and that said Clark was a true friend to the Country during the whole struggle for our independence. Sworn to & signed before me date hereinafter written.

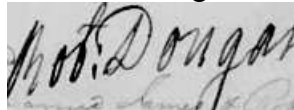
S/ James Dougan

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Robert Dougan being next examined own oath saith that the night that Colonel Bedford & Captain John Bryant above alluded to was killed by Colonel Fannin the said George Clark was most part of the night on duty with him watching the Tories and he and said Clark frequently met during the night and exchanged salutes and gave the information to each other of what passed and that he Clark remained in company next morning and traveled with me about four miles on my way home.

Sworn to & before me this 8th of October 1833.

S/ Robert Dougan

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robt. Dougan".

[Attest] S/ John Dougherty, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]