

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Clark S31610

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this Tenth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court now sitting for Ordinary purposes Thomas Clark a resident of Capt. Adams District in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-one years who being 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 in Camden District in South Carolina in the militia of that state in the month of March 1779 was drafted under Capt. Joseph Feenster [Joseph Feemister] or Finistre, and Col. Joseph Brown, was marched to Columbia and remained there some time, and marched from there to Orangeburg & shortly after was marched to Charleston into which city we were chased by the British, was detached on a party to James Island, returned from there to Charleston and was discharged after having served four months and a few days over. Recollects Pulaski a commander of Horse at Charleston. Returned from Charleston to Camden & was again drafted in the winter of 1780-81 at Camden aforesaid under Capt. John McCool and was marched under Col. Brown & joined General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] at Orangeburg, had no fighting except a little skirmish at Geisentiners [British Capt. Henry Giesendanner, May 10-11, 1781]<sup>1</sup> on Edisto River, and was discharged by General Sumter after a two months service, Capt. McCool was not out with us, but was commanded by Lieut. Hezekiah Love, returned to Camden, and in the course of the summer of 1781 was drafted in Camden aforesaid under Capt. John McCool & was marched to join General Henderson [William Henderson] at Orangeburg. Col. Brown commanded the Regiment and was marched to a station on Edison River remained there until he was discharged for a two months Tour which he served out & returned home.

Remained at home four months and was drafted again under the last mentioned officers & was marched to the same station on Edison River, remained there until he served out his 2 months and was discharged.

Served regularly as aforesaid ten months, and afterwards served three months irregularly as a volunteer after the Tories & marched under Capt. McCool and Col. Hopkins [David Hopkins] through different parts of Camden district aforesaid. Does not know any person living in Georgia by whom he can prove his services nor anyone living elsewhere unless Thomas Sanders is yet alive in Chester district South Carolina.

1. Was born in Granville County North Carolina 22 July 1761<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/orangeburg.htm>

<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

2. Does not know that there is any record of his age
3. When he entered the service he lived in Camden District (now Chester) South Carolina, Since Peace was made he lived 2 years and Rutherford County North Carolina & then removed to Jefferson County Georgia & from thence to his present residence, where he has lived for the last 35 years.
4. When he served he was drafted except the last 3 months or more he was a volunteer
5. Does not recollect Continental officers except Pulaski at Charleston
6. Received no discharges in writing
7. Is known to Matthew W Vandiver, a preacher of the Gospel and to George Garner who resides in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state within his knowledge or belief.

S/ Thos. Clark, X his mark

[Matthew Vandiver, a clergyman, and George Garner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this Sixth day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting for ordinary purposes Thomas Clark who has heretofore subscribed and sworn to the original Declaration to which this is annexed, and who being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following addition and amendment to said original Declaration, viz.

That in 1779 he served four months as a private under Col. Brown. In the winter of 1780-81 he served two months as a private under Col. Brown.

In the summer of 1781 Served two months more as a private under Col. Brown.

In the winter of 1781-2, he served another Tour of two months as a private under Col. Brown.

In 1782 he served three months as a private under Capt. McCool & Col. Hopkins.

Served altogether thirteen months as a private & has stated the particulars of each tour in his original Declaration as far as he recollects.

There is no record of his age within his knowledge. That he knows of no person now living by whom he could prove his service and that he was in the field or in Garrison the whole of the time stated above, and was not employed in any part thereof in any civil pursuit & for such service he claims a pension.

Clark, X his mark

S/ Thos

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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.]

service as a private for 13 months in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to Thomas Clark AA18  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1271  
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No. 290

[Book] Z 15 March 1784

Mr. Thomas Clark his Account of Militia duty in 1781, 91 Days Charged £6.10.0

N. B. The duty is not said when it began or Ended

Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received the 13 April 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 290 Book 04  
£6.10.0 Sterling for the within

S/ Thomas Libre

1784 February the 22<sup>nd</sup>

I do Assign the Within Account to William Thomas for Value Received

S/ Thos. Clarke [sic], X his mark

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State of South Carolina to Thomas Clarke and former Currency	Dr.
1781 October To 63 days duty at 10/[10 shillings per day]	31.10.0
Augt. To 28 days duty at 10/	<u>14.0.0</u>
	£45.10.0
	Sterling £6.10.0

I do hereby Certify the above Account to be Just and true given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
January 1781

S/ Dd Hopkins [David Hopkins] Lt. Colo.



South Carolina

Camden District } Appeared Thomas Clarke before me and made Oath that the above Account is  
Just & true as it stands stated and that he has not received any part thereof sworn to this 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
January 1781

S/ Dd Hopkins, JP

Note: The above Account is Assigned to Mr. William Thomas who has given an Order for Mr.  
Thomas Lehre to Receive the Indent per Order in said Thomas' Account No. 404 Book V

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Another Version

Pension Application of Thomas Clark, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll \_\_\_, Application

<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Franklin County, Georgia, September 10, 1832, Thomas Clark, aged 71 years: "That he entered the service of the United States, Camden District in South Carolina, in the militia of that state in the month of March 1779. Was drafted under Captain Joseph Feenster or Finistre and Colonel Joseph Brown. Was marched to Columbia and remained there some time, and marched from there to Orangeburg, and shortly afterwards marched to Charleston, into which city we were chased by the British. Was detached on a party to James Island, returned from there to Charleston and was discharged, after having served 4 months and a few days over. Recollects Pulaski, a commander of horse at Charleston."

"Returned from Charleston to Camden and was again drafted in the winter of 1780-1781 at Camden aforesaid, under Captain John McCool and was marched under Colonel Brown and joined General Sumter at Orangeburg. Had no fighting except a little skirmish at Giesendanner's on Edisto River, and was discharged by General Sumter after a 2 months service. Captain McCool was not out with us, but was commanded by Lieutenant Hezekiah Love."

"Returned to Camden and in the course of the summer of 1781, was drafted in Camden aforesaid under Captain John McCool and was marched to join General Henderson at Orangeburg. Colonel Brown commanded the regiment, and was marched to a station on Edisto River. Remained there until he was discharged, for a 2 month tour, what he served out and returned home."

"Remained at home some [*or four*] months and was drafted again under the last mentioned officers and was marched to the same station on Edisto River. Remained there until he served out his 2 months and was discharged. Served regularly 10 months as aforesaid and afterwards served 3 months irregularly as a volunteer against the Tories and marched under Captain McCool and Captain Hopkins through different parts of Camden District aforesaid."

"Does not know anyone living in Georgia by whom he can prove his service, nor anyone living elsewhere unless Thomas Sanders is yet alive in Chester District, SC."

Was born in Granville County, NC, July 22, 1761. Does not know that there is any record of his age. That when he entered the service he lived in Camden District (now Chester), SC. Since peace was made, he lived 10 years in Rutherford County, NC and then removed to Jefferson County, Georgia, and from thence to his present residence, where he has lived for the last 35 years."