

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Clency S3164

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The state of Ohio } Ss

Montg'y County }

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting George Clency a resident & citizen of said County of Montgomery in the state of Ohio, aged Eighty Five years (as near as he can ascertain his age) 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served in the army of the war of the Revolution as herein stated. That he entered the service at Staunton [sic: Staunton] Virginia in the Spring of 1776 in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Posey for six months in what was called the "flying Camps" & he was under the command of Col. [Daniel] Morgan & he was marched to the White Plains in the State of new York. He was detached under a subaltern officer whose name is not recollected to guard property of Col'n. Schuyler, or at his Mill & he was at various places in the vicinity of New York & in the State of New Jersey untill near the expiration of the time of his enlistment when he enlisted again for three years in a company commanded by Capt. Robert Payton [sic: Robert Peyton] & there was a Lieutenant in the company by the name of Davis & an Ensign by the name of Arthur Lynn [sic: Arthur Lind] & an orderly Sargeant by the name of John Copeland. His Regiment was commanded by Col. Wm. Heath [sic: William Heth] & was as he thinks the third Virginia Regiment. His Paymasters name was Mountjoy & the adjutants Hawkins. He was taken prisoner while on a foraging party, at a place called marimack in the State of New York and after being detained a few hours he made his escape from the guard in the night & joined his company. He was at the battle of Brandywine in Sept. [11th] 1777 where his Captain, Robert Payton was killed and the brother of Capt. Payton – Lieutenant John Payton of the same company took the command & was promoted to a Captaincy. He was also at the battle of Germantown in Oct'r. [4th] 1777 in Gen. Charles Scotts detachment. He wintered with the army at Valley Forge [winter 1777-78] & Marched thence & crossed the Delaware at Carells Ferry [sic: Coryell's Ferry] – thence through Brunswick – he was at Cranberry [sic: Cranbury] at Englishtown & he was at the battle of Monmouth in June [28th] 1778 where he was under the command of Gen [Charles] Lee and he was at a number of other places in skirmishes and other partisan affairs which from his advanced age & the treachery of his memory he cannot particularize

At the expiration of his time of enlistment he was discharged at Middlebrook in the state of New Jersey by Col. Wm. Heath and rec'd. a discharge & he then returned home to Virginia where he remained near two years when he was drafted as a Militia man under the command of Capt. Bell & he thinks the Colonels name was Lewis from the warm spring, but he is not certain. General Peter Muhlenberg had the command of the detachment & marched under him to Yorktown & he was there during the Seige & untill the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. He states further that he kept the discharge which he rec'd. from Col. Heath for many years & he recollects to have had it for many years after he came to this County more than twenty years since but the same is now lost or destroyed and he has now no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person who can prove or testify to his services except the depositions of Elijah Miles herewith

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state to his knowledge

[signed] Georg Clency

Elija Mills who being sworn by the up lifted hand to answer to his god &c. Deposeth and saith that he this deponent becom acquainted with George Clensey in the service of the Revolutionary War at fort Washington under the Comand of Colonel Morgan and Shortly after being seperated by a seveal scrimage then the next time meet at Dobbs ferry on the North River above the city of New york then by orders of the General officers divided in small atatchments on gard, then afterward, came together at Colonel Skylers Mills from whence the Marched to new Brunswick in Jersey shortly after the time of service of this deponent time expired who returned home but prier to leaving the service understood that the said G Clensey had enlisted in the said service for three years and further this deponent saith not Sworn to and subscribe me this 10th day of Sep'r 1832 [signed] Elijah Mills

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Be it [illegible word] that on the 11th day of September 1832 George Clency of said County appeared in this Court of Common Pleas of said County & made his declaration & application for a pension according to the general acts of Congress in such case made & provided as by his said original declaration & application herewith submitted [illegible word] and the said Clency again this third day of September 1833 appeared in said Court and made the following declaration supplementary to his s'd. original declaration viz. that he has been a resident of said County of Montgomery Ohio for more than fifteen years last past & is still a resident of said County.

that this applicant has no knowledge of any other person than Elijah Miles by whom he can prove his service & that s'd. Miles is a credible[?] person.

this applicant states positively that he served in the army of the United States in the War of the Revolution as stated in s'd declaration [signed] George Clency

NOTE: On 4 Sep 1832 Richard W. Butler stated that while teaching a school in Germantown in Montgomery County OH he had a scholar living in the family of George Clency who had in his class books a paper of ancient appearance that he used for "a thumb paper or something of that kind," and that it was a discharge.