

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Clenny (Clenney) S32182  
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State of Indiana }                    Green County Probate  
Green County    } SS                    Court Nov'r. T. 1839.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

Be it Remembered that on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1839 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Willis D Lester Judge of the Probate court in & for said County William Clenny a resident citizen of Green County & State of Indiana, aged 81 years on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of march last past and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Provision made by the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he was born near Willmington [sic: Wilmington] in the State of Delaware from which he moved with his farther near Hillsborough Orange County in the State of N.C. a short time before Independence was declared on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1776. he volunteered for nine months in the Company Commanded by Captain William Williams in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Ramsey, in the Brigade Commanded as he now believes by Genl Parsons (but will not be positive as to the name of the Genl.) That during this Tour of service he was marched through a part of the States of N.C. & S.C. & Georgia, and the Indian Nations that his services were chiefly against the hostile Indians, and in the protection of the Frontiers, that during this tour he was in several skirmishes with the Indians, and at the burning of some of their towns but was in no hard battle in s'd. Tour. That he was marched back from the Indian Nation to Hillsborough where in the latter end of May 1777 he with the rest of his company to which he belonged were discharged, but received no written discharge, the company by their Capt. being discharged by the word of mouth.

This declarant further states that in the latter end of the fall of the year 1777 in the county of Orange aforesaid he was drafted for 3 months & entered the service of the U.S. in the war of the Revolution a 2<sup>d</sup> time as a private in the Company commanded by Capt Daniel Williams and as he now believes in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Armstrong but will not positively state the Col's name [possibly James Armstrong], that during this tour of duty he was not marched out of the State of N.C. but was in sundry expeditions against the tories & was in one battle with the tories and some few of the Brittish on Deep River in N.C. & as he now thinks in Montgomery County [sic] in s'd. State, that in this tour of malitia when not engaged in active service he was stationed in Guilford N.C. and that after having fully served out his s'd. tour of 3 months that he and the rest of the Company to which he belonged were discharged at Hillsborough but received no written discharge the company being verbally discharged by their Capt. Daniel Williams.

This Declarant further states that in the said County of Orange on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of may 1780 he again was drafted for six months he will not say positively the day of the month he entered the service in this tour, but he remembers that it was 3 months before Genl Gates's defeat near Camden [defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] he being in Gates's defeat himself that he entered the service of the U.S. in this tour as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Peter Joquette [see note below] in the Regiment Commanded by Col — the name of the Col not remembered that in this tour he was in no battle except Gates's defeat, but that he was in some small skirmishes with the tories not worth naming, but was marched backwards and forwards through various districts in the State of S. C. and was discharged in the latter end of October by Capt. Joquette a few days before his term of service expired at a small village in S.C. the name of which is not now remembered that he received his discharge as herein stated from Capt. Joquette in writing, after which he returned home to Orange County N.C.

This Declarant further states that he again entered the service of the U.S. in the war of the Revolution in Orange County N.C. in May or June 1781 by enlistment into the regular service for 12 months. he will not positively say in which of these months he enlisted but that he is certain that it was four or five months previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little

York [19 Oct 1781] that he enlisted as herein stated in the company commanded by Capt William Litle [sic: William Lytle], in the Regiment Commanded by Archibald Litle [sic: Archibald Lytle] the said William and Archibald being brothers that during this enlistment he was marched through a considerable portion of the States of S.C. & N.C. & Georgia but was in no battle tho he was in several skirmishes with the Tories & some pretty sharp ones though none very serious that he did not serve out his full year of enlistment that he lacked something like two months of making up his time, & was discharged in February or March 1782 at a small Town (the name of which is not now remembered) near the line dividing the States of S.C. & N.C. but in which of s'd. States he cannot now say that said discharge was in writing & handed to him by Col Litle & also signed by s'd. Litle as he believes. That he lost his discharges by carelessness, paying no attention to them & supposing that they would never be of any service to him. That from a record which he now has, in his fathers family Bible that he was born March 18<sup>th</sup> 1758. that he has no written or documentary evidence of his services other than by the statement of his neighbours - Towit - Thomas Bland a regular minister of the Gospel, and James Warnick, and Thomas Warnick, Peter Hill, Moses Ritter, Charles Gillam, and John Jones, all residing in his immediate vicinity & to whom he has been known for the last 18 years of his life & by whom he can make Traditionary proof of his services as also the deposition of Daniel Blevins a Revolutionary pensioner [see note below] with whom he was acquainted in the revolution and who now lives in Morgan County in this State and whose deposition was taken before the Hon. Willis D. Lester on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1839. That there is no other living witness except the s'd Blevins (that he knows of) by whom he can prove his services nor did he know that the said Blevins was alive until a few days before he had taken his Deposition when the said Blevins heard of his being alive, and called to see him, which said Deposition of the said Blevins, together with the said statement of said Bland Warnicks and Hill, Ritter, Gillam and Jones he makes a part of this his declaration. This Declarant further states that he was acquainted with the following officers of the Revolution towit: General [Francis] Marion, Gen'l. [William] Smallwood, Gen'l. [John] Butler, Col. Buller, Baron De Kalb, and was under De Kalb in the battle Gates defeat, he also knew Col. Williams and remembers to have seen Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene and was acquainted with William Washington Col. [Henry] Lee, Col. Lile Col. Ramsey and Col. Armstrong, and Gen'l. Gates, that after he was discharged as herein stated that he returned home to Orange County N.C where he resided until about 20 years ago when he moved to this County the place of his present Residence that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name not on the Pension list roll of any State or territory.

William hisXmark Clenney

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

Ans I was born in Delaware near Willmington, in the year 1758 March the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Interrogatory 2<sup>d</sup> Have you any record of your age, and If so Where is it?

Ans I have a record of my age, Recorded in my fathers family Bible now in my possession

Interrogatory 3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into the Service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans When I was called into the service, I lived in Orange County N.C. near Hillsborough every time I was called upon, and since the Revolution I lived in the said County of Orange, until about 20 years ago when I moved into this County (which not then organized) where I now live.

Interrogatory 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you Volunteer, or were you substitute, and If a substitute for whom?

Ans. The first 9 months I was called into service as a Volunteer, the 2<sup>d</sup> time I was called out as a drafted militia man for 3 months, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time I was called into service as a drafted militia man for 6 months, and the last time I was called into the service as a regular soldier for Twelve months.

Interrogatory 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 services?

Ans I Recollect of the Regular officers who were with the troops where I served

Genl. Gates, Barron De Kalb, Genl Green, Col. Archibald Litle. I cannot now state the names or the number of any of the Continental or malitia Regiments, only that Genl Marrion was I believe a continental officer, and also I remember that Col Lee's troop of horse was the best troops I ever saw he also remembers the Regts commanded by Col. Ramsey & Armstrong of the and as to the General circumstances of his service, in the first tour as volunteer he was employed against the Indians in the protection of the Frontiers, & in the 2<sup>d</sup> tour of 3 months he was chiefly employed against the tories in the state of N.C. and did not in this trip go out of the State, that in the 3<sup>d</sup> engagement of 6 months as a Malitia man in the Company of Capt. Joquette he was in the battle of Gates' Defeat & marched from Orange N.C. with the other troops for the purpose of aiding Camden [sic: relieving the siege of Charleston], and was after this battle marched about through the State of S.C. & mostly against the Tories & that as a regular he marched through N.C. & S.C. and Georgia and was mostly against the tories

Interrogatory 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a Discharge fro the Service, and If so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans I Received 2 discharges, the first from Capt. Joquette when I was attached to the 6 months Malitia, and 2<sup>d</sup> by Col Litle from the Regular service.

Interrogatory 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for varasity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Ans I am acquainted with the Rev. Thomas Bland a minister of the Gosple, and James Warnick, Thomas Warnick, Peter Hill, Moses Ritter Esq, Charles Gillam, and John Jones, (besides a good many others if necessary) but these are the oldest residents of the Country & have known me longest of any of my neighbours, all of whom can testify as to my varasity, & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution

State of Indiana } SS.  
Green County }

This day personally appeared before me Willis D. Lester probate Judge in and for said County, Daniel Blevins a resident of Morgan County Indiana aged 85 years and who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is now a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$40 dollars per annum during life commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> of march 1831. That when he first drew his pension he resided in East Tennessee and was inscribed on the roll of the east Tennessee Agency from which State he moved to Kentucky, and was transfered to the Kentucky Agency April 30<sup>th</sup> 1835. from Ky he moved to Lawrence County Indiana on December 19<sup>th</sup> 1836. transfered from the kentucky Agency to Bedford Indiana, that he has been well and intimately acquainted with William Clenney of Green County Indiana That his first acquaintance with the said Clenney was in the Armeiy of the Revolution at the hanging rock in the State of North Carolina [more likely Hanging Rock SC], this affiant being there attached to the North Carolina troops having marched from Wythe County Virginia [sic: formed from Montgomery County in 1790] through Hillsborough N.C. this affiant states that in said Tour he formed an intimate friendship with the said Clenney, that the said Clenney was then a vollunteer in the nine month men of the North Carolina Vollunteers, and that he was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Wm. Williams in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Ramsey. This affiant being well acquainted with the said Ramsey and Williams, that he & the said Clenney were marched together through the Indian Nation & had burnt several Indian villages & had some skirmishes with the Indians and also that on this tour they were together in some parts of North & South Carolina, and that he is certain the said Clenney served out his full term of nine months as vollunteer as hereinabove stated.

This affiant further states that as to the three months service as drafted malitia man alledged by the said Clenney to have been performed in the Revolution, he cannot say anything certain but that he again passing through N.C. he met said Clenney on, or near Deep River that

they then stayed together a few days that said Clenney then observed to this affiant that he was out again under Daniel Williams, but how long he was out in said tour he cannot say nor can he say in what capacity he served or how long he did serve but that he was well acquainted with the said Capt. Daniel Williams & had at different times served under him some short time himself. he also adds that after the close of the revolution in conversing with the said Clenney he believes he served out his full tour of three months.

This affiant further states that in relation to the six months service as a drafted militia man alledged by the said Clenney to have been performed by him under Capt Joquette he says he knows the said Clenney was under the sd Joquette in the revolution he also says that said Clenney was under the said Joquette in Gates' defeat he being in the said battle himself, and having been with the said Clenney for some time previous to said battle in passing through N.C. to Camden, and after said Battle he often saw said Clenney at different places in South Carolina but he cannot say whether said Clenney served out the full period of six months though from the length of time he saw him off and on in the service whilst in said tour he believes he served said tour fully. This affiant further states that in relation to the 12 months alledged by Clenney to have been performed by him as an enlisted soldier in the revolution says that he is certain that said Clenney did enlist for twelve months that he enlisted as this affiant believes in June 1781 in the State of N.C. in Orange County; in the Company commanded by Capt Litle in the Ridgement commanded Col. Litle the said Litle being brothers and Virginians being in Orange County N.C. when sd Clenney inlisted and that after his enlistment that he and the said Clenney often met in different places in N.C. and S.C. but was in no battle together, but was often several days at a time together he also states that he cannot say how long said Clenney served in said enlistment, but from the best of his recollection (having often seen him during such time) he is certain he must have served seven or eight months of said tour but when or in what manner he was discharged he cannot state; he also states that shortly after the close of the revolution he again met the said Clenney in Hillsborough N.C. where in a conversation with the said Clenney they got a talking about the war and the difficulties they encountered, this affiant showed said Clenney his discharge upon which said Clenney observed he had Two discharges & in turn showed his discharges, but what they contained this affiant cannot say, though their discharges were read by some of the by standers (the said Clenney nor affiant being able to read) This affiant further states he never heard any thing of said Clenney from the time he saw him herein last stated until hearing of him a short time scince and on his way to Bloomfield he called to see him, he also states that the said William Clenney is the Identical William Clenney with whom he served in the revolution as herein stated. This affiant further states that he was himself attached to the Carolina troops, and that he served in the revolution a much longer time than he was allowed or he was able to prove and further this affiant saith not. [See note below.]

Daniel hisXmark Blevins

NOTES:

I could find no record of a Captain in the NC Militia with a name like Peter Joquette. There was, however, a Capt. Peter Jaquett (pension application S46500) in the Delaware Continental Line at the Battle of Camden under Lt. Col. Joseph Vaughan and Gen. Baron De Kalb.

Daniel Blevins in his own pension application S31555 dated 1 Mar 1834 did not mention being in the Battle of Camden or of having served in 1781.