

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Clinton S34693

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State of Maryland Allegany County

On this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and eighteen before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the fifth Judicial district of Maryland which is composed of Allegany Washinton [sic: Washington] & Frederick Counties personally appeared Thomas Clinton aged fifty eight years, resident in Allegany County aforesaid, who being by me duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he is the same Thomas Clinton who enlisted for three years in Monmouth County in the State of Jersey in the Company commanded by Capt. [Samuel] Godman of the 4 Maryland Regt. of the Maryland line That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States for five years and untill the end of the war when he was discharged from the service in Frederick Town in the State of Maryland That he was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] Camden [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated on 16 Aug 1780] and siege of York [siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

Sworn to & acknowledged before me the day & year aforesaid Th. Buchanan

Dep. of War/ Acco's office/ Aug. 24, 1813

I certify that it appears by the Records of the maryland Line, that, Thomas Clinton music inlisted for and served to the end of the War.

Peter Hagner/ Pr Clk

[The following two supporting statements were certified on 4 Sep 1813.]

The deposition of Moses McInzie [Moses McKinsey (McKenzie), pension application W4288] of Allegany county and State of Maryland aged about fifty four years

This Deponent saith that he is well acquainted with Thomas Clinton now of Allegany county and state aforesaid That he knew him as a fifer in the Maryland line and that he was in the service at the end of the war. That he this Deponent belonged to the second Maryland regiment commanded by Col. John Stewart and that he believes said Clinton belonged to the fourth Maryland regiment, that in consequence of the loss of men by death in the Maryland line all the regiments were thrown into the first and second Maryland Regiments, and amongst those consolidated was the said Thomas Clinton, and this Deponent well recollects that Capt. Godman was amongst them also.

Subscribed to & sworn before Jno. Scott Moses hisXmark McKinsey

The deposition of Allen Townsend of Allegany county and State of Maryland aged about fifty years. This Deponent saith That he is well acquainted with Thomas Clinton of Allegany county and State of Maryland, that he well knew him as a fifer in the fourth Maryland Regiment in which he this Deponent likewise served, and that he continued in the service 'till the end of the war, and was discharged at Frederick Town in Maryland with this deponent. That this deponent knows of no other person by the name of Thomas Clinton belonging to the fourth Maryland Regiment or to any other Regiment.

Sworn to before & subscribed by Jno. Scott Allen hisXmark Townsend

Auditors office Annapolis March 22^d 1819

I hereby certify that it appears from the muster Rolls remaining in the Auditors office that Thomas Clinton enlisted as a private in the fourth Maryland Regiment on the 1st day of July 1778 and was discharged on 1st Nov'r. 1780

Thos. Karney Audt'r State Md.

STATE OF MARYLAND, Allegany County SS.

On this Eleventh day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, Thomas Clinton aged sixty years years, resident in said county, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:– that he was enlisted in the year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Seven in Captain Godmans Company of the Maryland Regiment commanded by Col Samuel Smith [W9303], that he was in the Battle of Monmoth, that he was at Gates Defeat in Carolina and that he was at the taking of Cornwallace and continued in the army until the end of the war, and that he made his original Declaration on oath on the 25th Day of April 1818 and received a Pention Certificate numbered Eight thousand nine Hundred and twelve

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY, &c.

1 Desk, 1 Cow, 1 Coal Grate 1 Handsaw 2 old axes and 6 old Plains, 3 old Chizels 4 Gimblets

Thomas Clinton

And the said Thomas Clinton further declares that he is occupation a Naylor, but that he is not able to carry on the business by reason of his poverty and sometimes want of Health, that he has a wife about fifty years of age and that his children have all left him

NOTE: The file includes a letter from the Pension Office dated 4 Aug 1884 referring to a daughter of Thomas Clinton, “who died Jan’y 1847, that for four years prior to his decease, he was prostrated by paralysis, so that he was unable to draw his pension.” The letter states that the pension of the Thomas Clinton who is the subject of the above transcription was paid up to 7 Jan 1847, the date of his death.