

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Clark S35841

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State of Kentucky

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of February 1819 before me the [illegible], one of the Judges of the circuit court for the said State, personally appears James Clark aged about Sixty years as he believes resident in Casey county in said state, who being duly sworn by me, 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 & naval service of the U. S. in the Revolutionary war." That he the said Clark enlisted in Orange county, State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Porter, then Lt. & afterwards was transfered to Capt Garland Burly's compy [sic: Garland Burnley's company] of the Regt. of the Guard commanded by Col Francis Taylor Shortly after Burgoyne's defeat & Capture [sic: see endnote] But the year or month he has forgotten. That he continued to serve in s'd Corps or in the service of U. S. until a few days before the Seige of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], when he was discharged from Service in Albemarle County & state of Va. and went from Albamarle to the seige of York. that he was in no battle during that time, & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And that he has no other evidence of his services than the accompanying.

James hisXmark Clark

State of Kentucky 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District & circuit Court for Casey county Sct.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1820 in open court before the Court abovementioned it being a Court of Record by act of Assembly proceeding according to the course of the common law James Clarke aged about sixty one or two years resident in Casey County in s'd District persanally appeared in court and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. Viz – three years: that he enlisted in Orange County Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Burnleigh, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Francis Taylor in the Virginia line upon the Continental establishment As will more fully appear by the affidavit under which he obtained his certificate for a pension No. 12, 979 dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D. 1819

And I the said James Clark do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Viz.

One Horse of the value of 20\$ & not more	\$20.00
One Cow of the value of \$12 & not more	12.00
3 Pigs of the value of \$2 & not more	2.00
Household furniture not worth more than 20\$	20.00
His farming Utensils not worth more than 6\$	6.00
Debts not more than \$10 & he owes much more	10.00
Some Shoemakers Tools worth not more than \$2	<u>2.00</u>
	\$92.00 [sic]

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afsd. James hisXmark Clark

And the said James Clark further stated upon his oath, that his occupation is Shoemaking, at which he is very frequently unable to work by occasion of his infirmities, being sorely afflicted with a

dropsy. That his wife Eleanor is aged nearly sixty very fat & inactive. That he is father of five children, ~~namely Armstead~~, all married & settled; and all poor. Sworn to, subscribed & declared, before me William L. Kelly, presiding Judge of the court aforesaid, the day & year aforesaid

NOTES:

Burgoyne's army surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 but was not brought to Albemarle Barracks until Jan 1779, only a few days after the Convention Army Guard Regiment was organized. The prisoners were transferred from Albemarle to Winchester Barracks in Feb 1781.

William Jenkins (pension application W2944) certified that Clark had served in the same regiment with him.

On 13 March 1821 James Clark made a declaration similar to the one he made in 1820, except that the value of his property was added correctly.