

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Clarke S35843 VA
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky
Garrard County & Circuit
June Term 1818

John Clark, came into court & made oath, before the Hob'le William L Kelly presiding judge. That he is now in the sixty second year of his age. That he served as a regular soldier in the continetal army in the Revolutionary war, for the Term of 2 years and 4 months. That he enlisted at Goochland court-House, in the state of Virginia, in March 1775 for 2 years under Capn Samuel Woodson of the 9th Regiment commanded by Thomas Fleming Col, and after his death by Col. Geo. Mathews [George Mathews]. That he served faithfully as a soldier during the period afsd of two years and 4 months. That he was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and German-Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777]. That he was taken prisoner at the last menti'd place by the british, and detained for eight months and twelve days. That he re'd a discharge afterwards from the hands of Genl Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], at the Valey Forge [sic: Valley Forge] of Pennsylvania, having served 4 months over the period of his enlisment. That his discharge was burt up with his house since he came to this country. That his circumstances are such that he stands in great need of assistances from his country. [signed] John Clarke

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

Garrard Circuit. On this 23rd day of June 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said district and Circuit of Garrard County John Clark aged 65 years Resident in said District who being first Duly swon According to law doth on his oath Declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as Follows that in the year 1775 & in the month of March he enlisted in the State of Virginia for two years in Capt Samuel Woodsons Company of the ninth Virginia Regiment on the state line Commanded by Col. Flemming & that he continued to serve in said regiment until Col. Mathew commanded it and until the month of July in the year 1777 that in the year 1776 said regiment was taken on Continental pay and Establishment and that he served upwards of Eighteen months in the Continental Service – And that he has never drawn a pension from the United States – 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 person 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.

Two Horses worth. \$50.00
Five head of Cattle worth. . . . 22.00
14 Sheep worth. 10.50
12 Hogs worth. 10.00
\$92.50

John Clark

That he is a house Carpenter by Trade but from old age and a complaint called the gravel or an obstruction in the bladder he is unable to do little or no manuel Labour he has a wife and no children living with him his wife is sixty two years of age and is incapable of labour from a disease called the leprosy

Kentucky Garrard County Sct. [16 June 1823]

John Clark appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he is the same person who exhibited his declaration and Schedule before the Garrard Circuit Court bearing date on the 23^d day of June 1821, and that he is a resident citizen in said Garrard County and Circuit – (which was omitted in the above mentioned Schedule and declaration) and that on reflection and to the best of his recollection, it was in the month of March 1776 that he enlisted (instead of 1775 as stated in his schedule beforementioned) and that he was discharged at the Vally Forge in Pennsylvania on the 16th day of June 1778 from Capt. Woodsons Company and Col. Mathew's Regiment, being the 9th Va Reg't. on Continental line.

And at the time of his discharge his monthly pay was paid to himself but he does not recollect the name of the paymaster – and afterwards the depreciation was paid to him by the State of Virginia for Continental Service, he thinks the money was sent to him, but by whom or in what way or in whose name it stands on the Rolls of Virginia this deponent knows not, owing to the great lapse of time and the present decayed state of his memory, and that he hopes that as his name is found on Roll that the most favourable construction may be given as to his Identity

[signed] John Clarke