

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Clower S39323

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Virginia Ss

On this 25th day of May 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the general court of Virginia personally appears George Clower aged 63 years, resident in Shenandoah County State afs'd who being by me first 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" that he the said George enlisted in February 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Clark 8th Virginia Reg't Colo Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] of the said state that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States untill the year 1778, when he was discharged from service at the Valley forge in the state of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and on the baggage guard at German Town [Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances and 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.

[Joachim Fetzer (pension application S39518) deposed that Clower had served with him.]

Virginia Shenandoah County to wit

On this 12' day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County George Clower aged sixty five years resident in the aforesaid County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows I enlisted under Captain Johnathan Clarke in Feb'y 1776 in the eighth Virginia Regiment and served two years therein under Colo Peter Muhlenberg and Colo. Abraham Bowman and was in the battle of Brandywine and was discharged at the Valley Forge, that the original declaration was made on the 25' day of May 1818 and the certificate for pension issued on the 25' day of June 1819 and is numbered 12.558

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.

A Schedule of the personal property of the declarant (having no real estate) necessary clothing and Bedding excepted).

1 Case of drawers, 2 square tables of walnut, 5 old plank bottom chairs, one iron pot large, 1 smaller ditto, 1 frying pan, two wooden water bucketts, two small wash tubs, 1 middle size bucking tub, 2 chopping axes, Dough trough, 1 pr flat irons, one spade and dung fork 2 garden hoes ½ doz pewter plates 1 ditto dish and bason, 15 green and blue edged plates 3 small sized Oval dishes, some queens ware cups and saucers two small pickle tubs, 1 iron Candlestick, 1 pr. small Steelyards 1 six plate stove and pipes, 1 pr. small cast Andirons, some potters ware pots ½ doz knives and forks 1 Griddle, 1 small iron pot small saw & some other Articles of tools used in Coopering &c. No debts due me that there is a probable Certainty of getting I am some little in Debt.

George hisXmark Clower

The declarant also states that his trade (when able to follow it) was a house Joiner & carpenter but that he is now entirely unable to follow it as he is quite incapable of performing such Labor from excessive shaking in his hands and otherwise debilitated. The number and names of his family residing with him are as follows, my wife aged about 57 years my son Benjamin aged about 18 years, Henry aged nearly twenty one home with me but are upwards of twenty one years of age and work for themselves and they together with Henry have for several years

furnished the Eatables generally used in the family. Benjamin has done as much as will support himself but is about to leave me and go to a trade of course I shall not receive any assistance from that source for from the other three unless they choose to bestow it. my wife is unable to afford much Assistance towards our Support.

Sworn to and declared this 12' day of June 1820 before the Court George hisXmark Clower

NOTE: In the pension application of John Bly (S37780) is a deposition by Jacob Rinker that Clower served in the company of Capt. Jonathan Clark of which Rinker was Lieutenant.