

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Valentine Clapper S39325

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Virginia Towit At a Court held for the County of Harrison on the 22^d day of April 1818 & 42^d year of the Commonwealth Present David Morris Peter Lynch Elias Stillwell James Bartlett & Edward P Jackson Gentlemen Justices Before the Court aforesaid personally appeared Valentine Clapper aged 72 years a resident of this County and being sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of 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 the said Valentine Clapper enlisted in the regular army of the united states in the State of Maryland soon after the war commenced for one year and served out the time that he then enlisted during the war in Captain Prices Company of the Second Brigade of the Maryland line under the command of Major Hardman, in the 2^d Regiment Commanded by Col. John Stewart under Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene that he continued to serve said Corps until the war ended when he was discharged from service in Annapolis State of Maryland that he was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] and was there wounded - 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 of now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of John Haney [pension application S25133] hereto annexed -

Harrison County Virginia June 21st 1816

This day John Haney came before me one of the justices of the peace for this county & made oath that Valentine Clepper served as a soldier in the revolutionary war, that he belonged to the second brigade of the Maryland line, under the command of Major Hardman, in the second regiment commanded by Colonel John Stewart & in Captain Price's company under the command of General Greene that he was enlisted during the war & that he received a wound by a musket ball in his right knee, at the battle of the Eutaw springs. Given under my hand & seal.

Joseph Cheuvront

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 1st, 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the pay-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Valentine Clapper p't. received from John Hamilton, agent of the Maryland line, the sum of \$80.00 for arrears of pay from the 1st August 1780 to the 1st January 1782. Also, the sum of \$80.00 for pay from the 1st Jany 1782 to the 1st January 1783 and also the sum of \$43.30 from the 1st Jany 1783 to the 15th Nov'r. 1783 when his time expired. Thos. Karney Aud'r State Md

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At a Court held for the County of Harrison on the 22^d Day of June AD 1820 (being a court of record established by an act of the General assembly of this Commonwealth) Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid Valentine Clapper aged 74 years resident in Harrison County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as followeth towit - he Enlisted in the early part of the war in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Stewart, Capt Prices or Bensons Company, Maryland line - his original Declaration was made 22^d April 1818 - his Pension Certificate is No 10498 And he the said Valentine also took the following oath Viz. "And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever 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 one thousand eight hundred, and eighteen & 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 hereunto annexed and by me

Subscribed, viz "I have one cow & one 2 year old Heiffer - my tools & House utensils are worth \$15
Valentine Clapper

And the said Valentine also declares that he is by occupation a waggon maker but his age and infirmities renders him unable to maintain himself. I have two in family viz myself & wife 75 years of age & that their labour will not support them. Sworn to and declared on the 22^d day of June 1820 before said Court