

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Clevears Duke S39471

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Virginia

At a Superior Court of Law Continued and held for Louisa County on Tuesday the 19th day of May 1818

Present

The Honorable William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Court

This day came Clevears Duke a resident of the County of Louisa, aged Sixty three years, into Court, and on oath made the following declaration, to wit: That he enlisted as a private Soldier in the Services of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Richard C. Anderson¹ in the Fifth Regiment commanded by Josiah Parker, in the Virginia line on[sic] Continental establishment, That he served, from the time of his enlistment till 1778, being a period of two years, when he was honorably discharged, by a discharge which he has lost: that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country, to support him; that he has no other evidence within his power to offer, which is ordered to be recorded.

I John Poindexter, clerk of the Superior Court of Law for Louisa County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the record of the declaration made upon oath by Clevears Duke in open Court.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and fixed my own private seal there being no public seal provided.

this 19th day of May 1818

s/ John Poindexter

Virginia At a Court held for Louisa County on Monday the 14th day of June 1819

This day came Clevears Duke a resident of the county of Louisa aged sixty three years into court and on oath made the following declaration to with that he enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Richard C. Anderson in the fifth Regiment commanded by Josiah Parker in the Virginia line on Continental establishment that he served from the time of his enlistment till 1778 being a period of two years, when he was honorably discharged by a discharge which he has lost. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country to support him. And he also proved by William Cook a witness, that he the said William Cook afterwards in the year 1780 enlisted the said Clevears Duke when the State of Virginia was laid off into districts of fifteen persons of which each was to raise a man for eighteen months. Whereupon as well upon the declaration of the said Clevears Duke as well as upon the evidence aforesaid. The Court doth order it to be certified to all whom it may concern, that they are satisfied that the said Clevears Duke was twice enlisted, in the service of the United States during the

¹ [Richard Clough Anderson W1356](#)

revolutionary war, and did actually serve the several periods mentioned, and upon the enlistments, in the declaration and evidence aforesaid described in his own declaration; and the evidence aforesaid. The Court doth further order it to be certified that upon their own view, it appears that the said Clevears Duke was wounded[?] whilst in the service of the United States as aforesaid, and that as well from the declaration of the said Clevears Duke on oath as from the personal knowledge of the Court, they are satisfied that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the aid of his Country to support him[.]

State of Virginia
Louisa County

I John Poindexter Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of said Court.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and caused the Public Seal of said County to be hereto affixed this 18th day of June 1819 in the 43rd year of the Commonwealth.

s/ John Poindexter

[Transcribers Note: This applicant is the brother of [Harden \(Hardin\) Duke S8357](#). In 1842, Harden Duke mentioned the service of his late brother, Cleavers Duke, in the application of Catharine Jackson, widow of John Jackson W3425]

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Addendum to Clevears Duke S39471

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Duke, Clivears.]

I Clevears Duke of the County of Louisa do hereby certify that I enlisted in the United States service on Continental Establishment in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy five under Capt. Richard C. Anderson of the County of Hanover for two years and Served the full Tour and was discharged at Camp Valley Forge in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight Given Under My Hand this 16th day of July 1822. I further certify that I reenlisted in the Second Reg't under Capt. Wm Bentley [William Bentley S37745] for five years or during the continuance of War in the month of Sep'r. 1780 which Regiment was Commanded by Colo. William Haws [sic: see endnote] and was Discharged at Charleston in the month of Jan'y 1782

Given under My Hand as Above.

Clevears Duke

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clevears Duke". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTE: There was no Col. William Haws of the 2nd Virginia Continental Regiment, but there was a Col. Samuel Hawes (BLWt1066-450) of the 5th Virginia Continental Regiment. Duke's statement that he reenlisted under Capt. Bentley is inconsistent with the official records, but is consistent with several other pension applications, such as that of Peter DeSpain S14559. However, enlistments were for three years or during the war, not for five years, and Duke could not have been discharged at Charleston SC in January 1782, because the city was then held by the British. Duke may have been discharged in January 1783, the month after the British evacuated Charleston.