

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Klunck (Clung) [Klung] S39824

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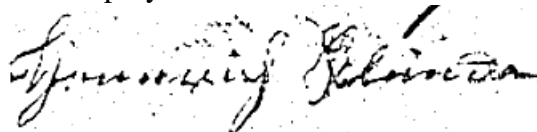
To the Honorable John C Calhoun Esquire  
Secretary of the War Department

The Petition of Henry Klunck of Chambersburg in the County of Franklin, Pennsylvania

Respectfully represents

That your petitioner enlisted in the month of July in the [year] 1777 for three years at Marsh Creek near Winchester in the State of Virginia under Captain James Rice of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Virginia and from thence marched to Philadelphia where he got his clothing and accoutrements and joined the Army about 10 miles from the City – was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown October 4, 1777], Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and when about encamping in the winter at Bottle Hill in the Jersey was ordered to the southward under Captain Wright. That at the Valley Forge after the battle of Brandywine your petitioner enlisted [for] during the war. That he marched under said Captain Wright & (Colonel Wood) to Charleston South Carolina, where he was taken prisoner [May 12, 1780] and remained a prisoner until about three weeks before Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], when he was exchanged and fought under Captain Parker or Barker at the taking of Cornwallis. We were then of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment. Your Petitioner was in winter quarters on the James River – from thence he marched to Georgia and stopped at Ebenezer near Savannah and were with General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] about 2 miles from Savannah and remained there until peace was declared – when the British evacuated Savannah we marched in and finally returned to Richmond where we were discharged. That your Petitioners discharge was lodged there when he got his certificate for extra pay and his warrant for land from the State – And therefore your petitioner has no written testimony of his Services – That he is now in indigent circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his Country for support. He therefore humbly prays your Honor to grant him such relief as is provided by the late act of Congress.

And as in duty bound will ever pray &c



Franklin County Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Personally appeared the above named petitioner Henry Klunck before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the facts set forth in the petition of foregoing are just and true to the best of his recollection and belief. And I do further certify that he is a Citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, in indigent circumstances and standing in need of assistance from his Country

for support and that I am satisfied of his having served as aforesaid in the Revolutionary Army against the Common Enemy.

Sworn to before me this 26 June 1818 at the County aforesaid

S/ Isaac Eaton, JP [signature too faint to see]

Pennsylvania Franklin County SS

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the 16<sup>th</sup> judicial district of the State of Pennsylvania & County aforesaid, Henry Klunck resident in said County aged sixty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 & the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That this deponent was on the pension list of the United States & has received a pension as appears by his pension certificate No. 7882 dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819 & here with exhibited, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & that his name is not on the roll of any State.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 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 – That since the 18 day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property – to wit – On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 held in conjunction with my son a lot of ground in the Borough of Chambersburg known as lot No. 118 in the place of said Borough which we purchased of John McClintick in the year 1816 – on this purchase we paid to John McClintick about nine hundred dollars – we sold to John Aughinbaugh one half of the said lot & the money arising from the sale was paid to John McClintick on account of our purchase from him – After which the depreciation of real estate was so great that the balance due from us to John McClintick on account of said purchase exceeded the value of the remaining half lot and in January 1826 we resold [it] to the said John McClintick the said half lot in discharge of the balance so due from us to him.

He also declares on oath that he is a potter by trade but that age and rheumatism have rendered him unable to work. That his family consist of a wife named Elizabeth aged 58 years – and one son who is a potter with four children & very poor & neither of them are able to contribute anything to his support.

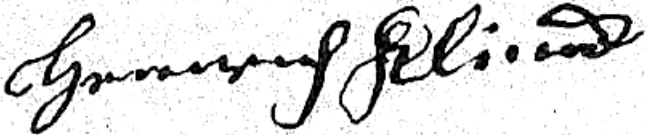
He also declares on oath that the annexed schedule of his property is just & true

1 Bed & bedding  
1 Spinning wheel  
1 Walnut Table  
1 Walnut Cupboard  
6 Old chairs  
2 Iron pots  
1 Small copper kettle  
1 Stove

14<sup>th</sup> Augt. 1826 The Court  
adjudged the property of the  
value of Twenty dollars  
S/ J. H.

Sworn & declared on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1826 in open Court before  
S/ John Hershberger, Prob.

[p 18: On July 14, 1829 in Franklin County Pennsylvania the veteran applied for a new pension certificate stating that he had lost or mislaid his old one. This document bears a much clearer signature than appeared on other documents and appears to me to be the German form of his name

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Klunk".

Andrew Klunk gave a supporting affidavit, his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated but he signed his name as follows

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[Facts in file: Veteran died June 26, 1833, place of death not given.]

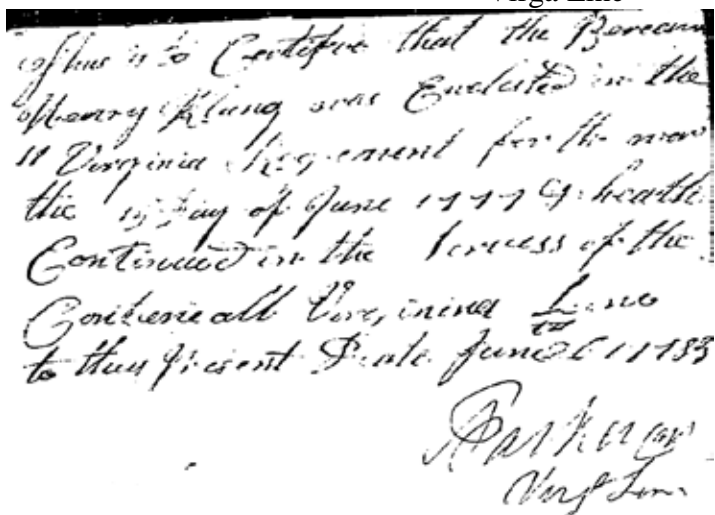
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 26, 1818, for service as a private for 'during the war' in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] one page file indexed under the name Henry Klung or Clung

This is to Certify that the Bearer Henry Klung was Enlisted in the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment for the war the 15 day of June 1777 & hath continued in the Service of the Continental Virginia Line to this present Date June 26, 1783

S/ A. Parker Capt. [probably Alexander Parker]  
Virga Line

A handwritten certificate in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular border. The text reads: "This is to Certify that the Bearer Henry Klung was Enlisted in the 11 Virginia Regiment for the war the 15 day of June 1777 & hath continued in the Service of the Continental Virginia Line to this present Date June 26 1783". Below the text is a signature "A. Parker" and the words "Virga Line".