

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Clark (Clarke) S42124

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State of Ohio Gallia County: SS: Court of Common Pleas June Term 1818

This day personally appeared in open Court before me President of said Court for the County and State aforesaid John Clark aged sixty-six years resident in said County & State who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by 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 John Clark enlisted in May 1776 in Bute County & State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain Jacob Turner of the third Regiment and that he continued to serve in the said service under the said Captain Turner until the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777 at which place the said Captain was kilt [killed], from whence he continued to serve under Captain Matthew Woods [sic, Matthew Wood] of said Regiment to the next spring, when the said third Regiment, broke and he was transferred to the second Regiment, and after lying in hospital, at the Yellow Springs for some time joined the Army at the White Plains where he served under his Colonel Silby Harny [sic, Selby Harney] commanded by Lieutenant Stewart, and claimed by Captain Fenner [probably Robert Fenner, could be William Fenner] who drew me from the third Regiment, until October 1778 when he was discharged, by said Colonel Harney – for the term of his Enlistment

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now within his reach to prove his said services. Sworn to and declared before me in open court this 24th day of June 1818

S/ John Thompson

S/ John Clarke, X his mark

June 24th 1818

Galia [sic, Gallia] County State of Ohio to wit

This day the 19th of October 1824 personally appeared in Open Court (being a court of record for said County of Gallia) John Clark, aged seventy-one years being a resident of raccoon Township in said County of Gallia who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. In the first place he served under Captain Jacob Turner of the third Regiment of the North Carolina [Line] and at Captain Turner's death, served under Captain Matthew Wood after which, I served under Lieutenant Colonel Shelby Harney commanded by Lieutenant Stuart, and claimed by Captain Fenner, who drew me from the third Regiment, that he enlisted in May 1776 in Bute County North Carolina, and was

honorably discharged in October 1778, after completing his term of service of 2 1/2 years by said Colonel Harney at Camp Federickbro [sic, ?] in York government, which Discharge was long since Destroyed or Mislaidd all which, Declarations, Statements and dates will more fully appear by his former Declaration made at June Term 1818, for the County of Gallia aforesaid on which declaration he was advised and required proof of services wanted which is here with submitted, and I the said John Clark do furthermore 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 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 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 and that I the said John Clark do furthermore solemnly swear that I have no trade or occupation but that of a farmer and that from my age and Infirmities, being at all times for the last three years afflicted with a trembling or palsy and at times entirely unable to do anything like labor and when I have to labor is but feeble he, that my family consists of a wife who is about 53 years of age, seven sons from 34 years of age to 11 or 12 four of my said sums, who make their home with me one of whom is a cripple, three daughters, from 27 to 20 to 15 years of age who all make their home with me and is equally poor and unable to help me, except my oldest son, who is married and has four children, of different ages which I don't know, but who has helped me to all the stock I have though a poor man himself for which I am yet indebted to him, my next oldest son has a wife and two children ages unknown and lived a way from me 70 miles, and from my children's situation and Dispositions and my own infirmities, it is with great difficulty I procure barely a scanty support for myself and family.

S/ John Clark, C his mark

Schedule referred to		
3 cows at eight dollars each		\$24
12 at \$1 each		12
12 Sheep at \$1.33		15.96
4 Yearlings 2 `		4
2 Calves 1		2.00
20 Geese .25		5.00
1 plough Chains hames & Clevis [????]		5.00
2 bells 1 old saw & some Iron		1.75
1 dutch sythe		1.00
1 Iron Kettle & Bail		2.25
1 old Loom		2.00
1 Skilled & lid		.75
1 Stew Kettle & Bail		1.00
2 buckets & 1 churn		1.00
Dresser ware a		2.00
6 Chairs		2.00
One big Wheel		1.00
Bedding		10.00
1 Hammer		<u>.17</u>

\$93.63

S/ John Clark, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Franklin County}

Tilmon Patterson¹ a man of god [sic, good] credibility this day appeared [appeared] before me James H Dent one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said [County] and made oath that John Clerk [sic] enlisted in the old revolutionary war under Lieut. High & served for the term of two years & six months & that from all circumstances that must be the same man that made the applicant [application] and that he certainly did served that length of time. Sworn & subscribed to this two day of June 1823



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State of North Carolina Franklin County}

Amos Bridges, Lewis Bridges and Hannah Bridges all of good Credibility, this day appeared before us Simon G Jeffries & Jones Cooke Justices of the peace in and for said County and Severally made oath, that, John Clark went in the regular Service soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary war that they always understood that he served under Captain Jacob Turner, that Franklin County was then called Bute, that he lived in Bute County at the time he enlisted that he was absent about this Space of two years & six months and that after he returned they frequently saw his discharge & heard it read and lived in the same family, with him for some time, and that from every Circumstance they do believe that he is certainly the same man who has made application for a pension in the State of Ohio Gallia County Sworn to and subscribed before us 3rd day of June 1823

S/ Amos Bridges, X his mark

S/ Lewis Bridges, X his mark

S/ Hannah Bridges, X her mark

State of North Carolina Secretarys Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the Musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Clark a private Soldier in Captain Turner's Company of the third Regiment was mustered on the 16th April 1776 for 2 1/2 years and was discharged in October 1778.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the 30th day of December 1824.

S/ Wm Hill

The bearer hereof Mr. Gilbert Bozzel has shown me some papers in favor of a man by the name of John Clark who states that he was in the Service as a Soldier in the revolutionary War he mentions being under Captain Jacob Turner. I was very well acquainted with Captain Turner. He was an officer in the Army for some time before the battle at Germantown and in that engagement was killed. John Clark has stated that he was enlisted by Mr. High at Massey's Bridge on Tar River in Bute County. He also mentions after the death of Captain Turner he was under Matthew Wood. I know Mr. Wood he was an officer in the Army. I also knew James

¹ [Tilmon Patterson S41942](#)

Richards. I was acquainted with the Bridge called Massey's Bridge in Bute County, and as far as I am acquainted with the name, in his statement they all correct which introduces me to believe that the whole of his Statement are correct.

Given under my hand at Pleasant Hall in Warren County State of North Carolina the 27 May 1823

S/ Phil. Hawkins, JP²

The bearer here of Mr. Gabriel Buzzel has shown me some papers in favor of a man by the name of John Clark who states that he was in the service as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War he mentions being under Capt. Jacob Turner I was very well acquainted with Captain Turner he was an Officer in the Army, for some time before the battle at Germantown and in that one engagement was killed John Clark has stated that he was killed by Mr. High at Massey's Bridge on the River in Bute County. He also mentions that after the death of Capt. Turner he was under Matthew Wood I know Mr. Wood he was an Officer in the Army. I also know James Richards I was acquainted with the Bridge called Massey's Bridge in Bute County, and as far as I am acquainted with the name, in his statement they are correct which induces me to believe that the whole of his Statement are correct. Given Under my Hand at Pleasant Hall in Warren County State North Carolina this 27 May 1823

Phil. Hawkins JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 19th, 1824, for 2 1/2 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

² [Philemon Hawkins S6957](#)