

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Clark S46462 MD
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State of Virginia }
County of Bedford } [1 July 1828]

I, John Clark, aged Eighty five years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and Seventy Eight I enlisted for the term of “during the war,” and served in the regiment No. One under the command of Colonel [Mordecai] Gist (as I believe) of the Maryland line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the 4th Regt regiment, commanded by Colonel not recollected

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I, John Clark aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint Leroy Jordan of the Cty & State aforesaid to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

John Clark

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled “An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution,” approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, John Clarke of [blank] in the State of Virginia in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private in Captain [Jacob] Brice’s Company, in the first Regiment, of the Maryland Continental Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of August in the year 1828 John Clark

State of Virginia } [6 Aug 1828]
Bedford County } Samuel Colter [pension application S39352] aged seventy five years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty god deposeth and saith that he knew John Clark in the Revolutionary War from the year seventeen hundred and Eighty until the general disbanding of the troops in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty three

deponent further saith that said Clark served faithfully in the first Regiment of the Maryland Line on Continental Establishment, and was honorably discharged Sam Colter

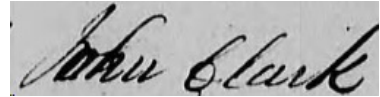
Chambliss Store/ Bedford County Va/ July 20 1829

Dear Sir [S. D. Ingham, Secretary of the Treasury]

Before I got your two last letters on the subject of my pension claim I had been advised to write to the Governor of Maryland for such information or evidence of my revolutionary serves as might appear from the records of Maryland and I hav sent you a certificate which they have sent to me from Maryland with the names of the officers which I remember to have served under. Capt Beal was the first officer who I served under with a recruiting party after I joined the main army. I was attached to the artillery while I was the head of the Gunner Squad the Company or Corps was commanded by a

Lieutenant whose name I do not recollect nor do I remember precisely how long I served in the artillery after sum time their number was so reduced, that the Company was distributed among other companys of the first of second Regiments but, I am, that possitive of the number I remember, that Colo. Gist was the commander of the Regt. that I joined when I left the artillery, which was about the year 1780 or the year before, the surrender of Cornwallis in Virginia [19 Oct 1781]. after the surrender of Wallis I was placed under the Command of Colo [Otho Holland] Williams of the fourth Regiment, who was shortly after, promoted to a general in Capt Bryces company I cannot remember who took the Command after Colonel Williams was made General I had my discharge in possession about ten years ago, but cannot tell what has become of it, but I remember that my discharge was from the 4th Regiment printed and signed by General Linkhorn [sic: Benjamin Lincoln] who was at the head of the Board of War I hope the paper now sent will be sufficient please to answer my letter as soon as convenient – please to send my land certificate by mail which I sent to you some time ago as testimony in support of my claim,

Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Clark", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

N.B. I have the list of names which you put to me, of the officers and soldiers to John Dickson who I trying to get his pension

J. C.