

## [Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Leodwick Clapp S8211

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State of North Carolina, Guilford County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court Leodwick Clapp aged 90 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832.

That he served under the following named officers in the service of the United States and in the manner hereinafter stated (to wit).

That he was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and moved when he was very young to that part of North Carolina now called Guilford County in which he has lived ever since. That at the commencement of the Revolution, in the spring of '75 or '76 [it was '76], he was drafted and called out on the Cherokee expedition under the command of Captain Whitesell [Henry Whitesell], Lieutenant Jacob Clapp (his brother), Colonel Paisley [John Paisley] and Colonel Martin [James Martin]. That he was marched westward to the headwater of the Catawba River near to a small stream making into the river, and encamped in a place called the Quaker Meadows. That he there joined troops under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and marched thence to headquarters 12 miles east of the Blue Ridge. That he was marched over the ridge, the French Broad River, the Pigeon, and in short, nearly all over the eastern part of what is now the state of Tennessee, and destroyed all the Indian towns that could be found—that he was then marched back home nearly the same route, separating from General Rutherford near the Catawba River. That he received no written discharge. That it was cold weather when he returned and thinks he was gone four or five months. That from this time '75 until 1781, he was always ready at the call of his country and served a very great many small tours under Captain Whitesell, Captain Forbis [Arthur Forbis], Colonel Gillaspie [perhaps Daniel Gillespie?], and Colonel Paisley after the Tories and consumed at the least on third of that period in service of this kind. Sometimes down among the high hills of Randolph County, sometimes down towards Fayetteville, down among the Raft Swamps and often up on the Yadkin—that he regrets much his inability to date these several tours and mention the length of time he was out at each, but states that the Whigs in his section of the country were almost surrounded by Tories and had to be always on the defensive—that he recollects that towards the close of the war, of starting a tour to the south. They met the enemy on the march north, but that his brother, Lieutenant Jacob Clapp had accidentally got his arm shot, and that he was sent by his captain to convey his brother home and attend to him. That he is known to Joseph McLean [sic, Joseph McLain or McLane]<sup>1</sup>, Mattias Swing [sic, Mathias Swing],<sup>2</sup> George Neese<sup>3</sup> and William Albright,<sup>4</sup> who can testify from their personal knowledge to his services.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services – and he hereby relinquishes every claim

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1 [Joseph McLain \(McLane\) S8805](#)

2 [Mathias Swing S7669](#)

3 [George Neese \(Nease\) S7268](#)

4 [William Albright S6492](#)

to a pension except the present And declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court  
S/ A. E. Hanner, C. C. C.

S/ Leodwick Clapp, X his mark

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North Carolina, Guilford County

Be it known that on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me Robert Mayben an acting Justice in and for the County of Guilford Leodwick Clapp who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit amendatory to his preceding declaration (to wit) that he spent on the Cherokee expedition (in, '75 as he believes) not less than four months and that he was called out on various & frequent tours after the Tories under Fanning [David Fanning], Brian [probably Samuel Bryan], Bell and others which if added together would make more than two years more – he believes from the best of his present recollection that he spent more time from home than at home, but that much of his service was performed in company with some of his Whig friends who would unite sometimes without being called out or under any particular commander on sudden emergency – but that he can safely say that in all he must have served regularly called out not less than two years – that he served mostly a private volunteer if not always except the Cherokee expedition when he thinks he was drafted, that George Neese, Mathias Swing & William Albright were with him in service – and that they mostly served together under Captain Whitesell and that this company some times did service under the command of other officers – that he greatly regrets his inability to gain a correct and satisfactory history of all of his tours but declares that this would have been difficult even at the close of the war – that he confidently believes in the success of his present application, and that if he does not it will be from his inability to produce the required proof and not from the injustice of his claim that he resides in Guilford County – that their lives no minister of the Gospel in his neighborhood or and the balance of his acquaintance who can know anything about his services – but their lives as he is informed within a few miles of him Reverend Crawford but that he has not been long in the County and consequently knows nothing of his services or of him as he has become so old and decrepit that he is confined constantly to his house and that when he made his declaration he would was hauled to court and I wagon – that from his. Fans aged and infirm and frail constitution he cannot be a pensioner on the balcony of his Country or the kindness of friends.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Leodwick Clapp, X his mark

S/ R. Mayben, JP

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North Carolina, Guilford County

The it known that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Robert Mayben an acting Justice in and for the County of Guilford Mathias Swing who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit, to wit, that he did serve with Leodwick Clapp mentioned in the preceding declaration during the revolutionary war in the minute Company commanded by Captain Whitesell and Levi Clapp, his brother, that he marched with him on the Cherokee expedition – that he was likewise with him in various and frequent Tours regularly called out by his officers were Captain Whitesell and Colonel Paisley against the Tories – that he served as a private volunteer and a faithful soldier and did long and faithful service.

Subscribed & sworn to the date aforesaid.

S/ Mathias Swing, S his mark

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North Carolina, Guilford County

Be it known that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me Marshall McLean an acting Justice in and for the County of Guilford Captain William Albright and George Neese who being first sworn according to law, doth on their oath make the following affidavit (to wit) that Ludwick Clapp who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, was a true and faithful soldier of the revolution and that we knew it from the fact of having done actual service with him in the minute Company commanded by Captain Whitesell and Lieut. Clapp that the greater part of his service was performed in various and short tours after the Tories, who lived down among the Caraway Mountains in Randolph County down towards Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and Wilmington – and on the Yadkin River – that he was a true and faithful soldier of the Whig party from the commencement to the end of the Revolutionary War – that he stood ready at the command of his officers were Captain Whitesell and Colonel Paisley – which was frequent – that few American soldiers did more service and suffered more hardships than the Whig soldiers of this Section of North Carolina endured in making their frequent and various expeditions to operate against the Tories.

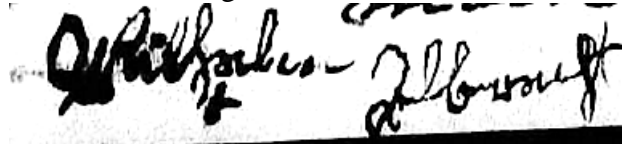
And George Neese one of these affiants further states that the aforesaid Leodwick Clapp was with him in the Cherokee expedition and was out on that tour several months in 1775 he thinks (perhaps '76).

That he is a man of unquestionable honesty and truth; and there lives no man who can say with truth that Leodwick Clapp did not serve long and faithfully during the revolution.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Geo Neese, X his mark

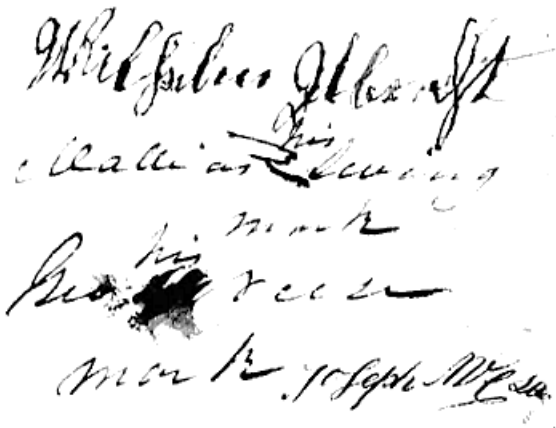
S/ William Albright



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We William Albright, Mathias Swing, George Neese and Joseph McLean hereby certify that we have known Leodwick Clapp who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that it has been read in our hearing and believe from our personal knowledge that everything he states is true.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]