

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Clemmons S8215

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State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1832

This the 18th day of July 1832 Personally appeared before the Worshipful Court John Clemmons aged Eighty-one years (It being a Court of record), a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to receive the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he was a citizen of Caroline County in the State of Maryland that he volunteered his services for three months in Maryland was under Captain Jackson that he was stationed he believes at a place called Cross point on the Bay [Chesapeake Bay] under the Command of Colonel Benson Stanton, that he served out said Term that afterwards he was drafted for three months in 1777, his Captain's name was Captain Hazelet, that he served three months, went into Pennsylvania was discharged and has now in possession of the discharge of his Colonel John D. Thompson dated 23rd September 1777, that he afterwards removed into North Carolina Richmond County into the Hot bed of the Tories that he was drafted for three months was under Captain Hunter [William Hunter] was at the Battle at Bettys Bridge [Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781] where he was wounded, had his nose broken and lost the sight of his right eye, was taken prisoner by Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] was cruelly treated and came well-nigh losing his life. Then after he recovered from his wounds (some time after) he attached himself to a Company under Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade], Colonel Crawford [Thomas Crawford] and was held in constant readiness to march at a moment's warning against the Tories. That he was engaged at stated intervals throughout the War, does not know what portion of his time was actually employed but thinks if the times which he was actually in Service after his removal to North Carolina were all summed up it would be about nine months --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ John Clemmons, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Benjamin Covington¹ came into Court and made oath that he well recollects having seen John Clemmons after the Battle at Beatti's Bridge that he was then wounded and had his nose broken one eye knocked out and that he had been fighting the Tories as a genuine Whig.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ B. Covington

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

1 No one by this name filed for a federal pension for revolutionary services claiming service in NC.

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Elias Gardner² came into Court & made oath that he was well acquainted with John Clemmons during the Revolutionary War and that himself and said Clemmons served a tour of three months together in a troop of Horse under Captain Hunter.

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ Elias Gardner

[Martin D. Crawford, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Richmond County: I, John C. Knight one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quartered Sessions for the County aforesaid, have, this 8 day April 1833, waited upon John Clemmons of said County (who from bodily infirmity is unable to attend court) for the purpose of amending and renewing his Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress of June 7th, 1832, and after having sworn him upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, he Deposeth and saith:

To Interrogatory 1st When and in what year were you born?

Answer, That he was born in the State of Maryland, Queen Anne's County on the 12th of December 1751

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: That the Family Bible in which his birth is recorded, was left in the possession of his relations in Maryland, but he is distinct and his recollection as he has frequently seen it

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer, Walker Leak,³ Sr, Elias Gardner, John McAlister, William Thomas, Sr & B. C. Covington and every man in my neighborhood

Deponent further states that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service: but that according to the best of his recollections, he served 18 months as a private and for this he claims a pension; That his services commenced in Maryland under Captain Jackson in the early part of the War as set forth in his Declaration: That he second three months That in 1777 he was drafted for three months, and served out that time: That he was under Captain Hazlet and marched into Pennsylvania was discharged by his Colonel John D. Thompson (which Discharge he again sends on). Afterwards he moved to the State of North Carolina, Richmond County, was drafted for three months under Captain Hunter; was at the Battle at Beatti's Bridge, was wounded, his nose broken, skull fractured & eye knocked out by a blow from a British musket, and himself taken prisoner by Colonel Fanning. After he was released and recovered from his maltreatment he attached himself as a Volunteer to a Company under Colonel Wade & Col. Crawford & was engaged as stated intervals during the War and is confident (and of it he has not an existing doubt) that he served in all 18 months. For he well recollects that he was stimulated on to service from the fact that he had well-nigh lost his life, and wished to take vengeance on them who had cruelly used him.

I, John C. Knight certify that the above is the amended Declaration of John Clemmons, and that from age and bodily infirmity he cannot attend court, and that the persons to whom he refers all men of character and that their statements are entitled to credit, & that from my knowledge of the character of John Clemmons, the most entire reliance may be placed upon what he says. Given under my hand this 8 May 1833.

S/ J. C. Knight, JP

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: This day personally appeared before me John C. Knight

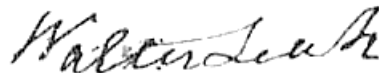
² [Elias Gardner S6875](#)

³ [Walter Leak S7136](#)

one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for County aforesaid Walter Leak Sr aged 72 and made oath in due form of law that he himself was at the Battle of Beatti's Bridge (in which Engagement John Clemmons deposed he was in), that although he does not recollect of seeing John Clemmons at said Battle, yet he has every reason, apart from his character for veracity for believing that he was there: for he recollects well to have heard one Humphrey Rogers who now is dead who was dreadfully wounded in that Battle say, shortly after it took place, that himself and John Clemmons were both taken prisoners, that being both wounded they were permitted the Tories to return home, and that it was by the little aid and assistance which was given him by said Clemmons he was enabled to get home. He further maketh oath that he has been acquainted with John Clemmons for upwards of 50 years, & that he is a man of known character and established veracity, & he has all confidence in his service as set forth in his Declaration. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th May 1833.

S/ J. C. Knight, JP

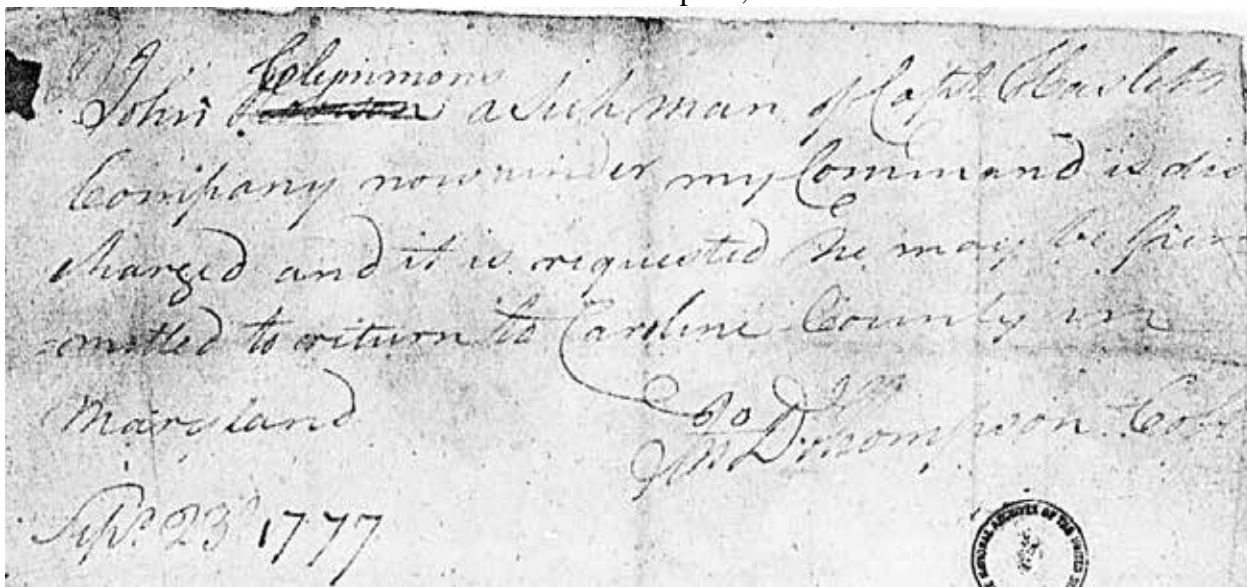
S/ Walter Leak



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John Clemmons a Sick man of Captain Haslet's Company now under my Command is discharged and is requested he may be permitted to return to Caroline County in Maryland.

S/ Jno D. Thompson, Col.



The image shows a handwritten document on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "John Clemmons a Sick man of Capt. Haslet's Company now under my Command is discharged and it is requested he may be permitted to return to Caroline County in Maryland." The signature "Jno D. Thompson Col." is written at the bottom right. The date "Sept 23 1777" is written at the bottom left. There is a circular stamp in the bottom right corner, partially obscured.

Sept. 23rd 1777

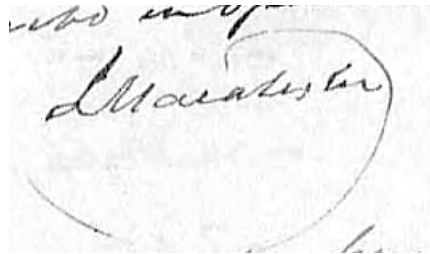
State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of April Term 1834

This day personally appeared in open Court John McAlister⁴ a revolutionary soldier & pensioner of the United States, who having been duly sworn deposed & saith that he was well acquainted with John Clemmons during the revolutionary war, that he was with him at the Battle of Beatti's Bridge, was there wounded as set forth in his declaration & captured by the Tories, that he saw him at different times and under different officers engaged during the war, that he cannot say as to what length of time he served, but from his knowledge of his service & from the known respectability of John Clemmons, he has not a doubt on his mine that what he sits forth in his original & amended declaration is true.

4 [John McAlister W1887](#)

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.
S/ C. C. Covington, CCC

S/ J Macalister



State of North Carolina, Richmond County: This day personally appeared in open Court Thomas Everett⁵ a Revolutionary Soldier & pensioner of the United States who being first duly sworn maketh oath, that he was well acquainted with John Clemmons in the revolutionary war, that he was with him at different times in service nine months that they were under Captain Hunter, Col. Wade, Colonel Crawford & Colonel Love. Sworn to & subscribed in Open court.

S/ Thos. Everit [sic], X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Maryland and North Carolina militias.]