

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Clement Clements S8217

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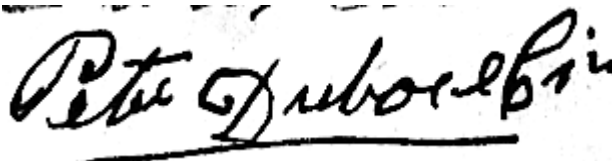
The State of South Carolina Darlington District}

Before me A. D. Sims a Justice of the Quorum in and for the district and State aforesaid personally came Peter Dubose¹ Senior and on being duly sworn says that he the said Dubose during a part of the time of the Revolutionary war he the said Dubose held a Commission under General Marion [Francis Marion], a part of the time and when the Army was disbanded, a captain's – That he was often called out into active service and when in such service he was well acquainted with Clement Clements who was a private in the service under deponent. That the said Clements served at various times when called out as much as three or perhaps four years. The said comments was present when the Army was disbanded by General Marion. That when in the service the said Clements was laboring under two severe wounds, one on the head and one on the hand, marks of which are on his person to this day, which he received from some daring Tories a few days before he was called out.

Sworn to before me this 21st of September A.D. 1839

S/ A. D. Sims, JQ

S/ Peter Dubose Cr



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The State of South Carolina Darlington District} Personally appeared before me Jehu Kolb² and Sworn according to Law says that he served in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War and that, Clements served in the Militia of the State of South Carolina from the commencement of Hostilities in the state until the battle of Eutaw Springs and that he knows the said Clements to have received a severe wound on his Head during the war the scar of which is clearly perceptible at this time – and this deponent further says that the said Clements was faithful in the discharge of his duties to the best of his belief and knowledge & that if he served longer than the battle of Eutaw he does not know it.

Sworn and Subscribed before me 7th of October 1839

S/ Q A Dargan, UQ

S/ Jehu Kolb, X his mark

¹ [Peter Dubose \(DuBose\) S21163](#)

² [Jehu Kolb W8011](#)

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The State of South Carolina Darlington District}

Before me A. D. Sims a Justice of the Quorum in and for the district and State aforesaid personally came Silas Hails [Silas Hailes]³ and being duly sworn says that he was well acquainted with Clement Clements during the Revolutionary War – That the said Clements served with deponent under Captain Dubose in General Marion's Regiment in the South Carolina militia. They were called out at various times, the particular dates not now remembered, but deponent believes that the time during which he was in said service with the said Clements was as much as three or four years.

Sworn to before me this 21st of September 1839

S/ A. D. Sims, J. Q.

S/ Silas Hails, X his mark

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War department, Pension Office, January 23, 1840

Sir,

I return herewith the affidavits of sundry persons, intended to be used in support of the claim of Clement Clements, for Revolutionary services. There being no declaration, or other papers in relation thereto, upon the files in this office, I am unable to enter into any investigation of his claim. It is probable that he wishes to draw a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832, I therefore enclose a copy of the regulations under that law for his guidance. The enclosed affidavit should accompany his declaration, when sent to this office.

I have the honor to be
your obedient servant

S/ JL Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions]

Honorable WC Preston, Senate, United States

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Declaration of Clement Clements

South Carolina

Lexington District} SS

On this Eighth day of April in the year of our Lord 1844 –

Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John B O'Neal – Clem Clements [sic] a resident in Lexington District age 79 or 80 years who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress of the United States passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Bedford County Virginia where his Father then lived who removed to South Carolina and Settled in Darlington District when this declarant was Seven years old where he resided when the war of the Revolution Commenced and during its continuance youth as he was turned out volunteer in a Company commanded by Captain Peter Dubose and marched to Santee [River] and there stationed twelve months General Marion [Francis Marion] Commanding the forces encamped near the Plantation of Colonel Horry during which time was sent out with a force & captured a Tory encampment on little Pee Dee [Pedee River] commanded by Burnt foot Brown [Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown] as the Captain of said Tories and our forces commanded by Major Zimmerman Captain Ellison of Infantry & Captain McCally of the Light Horse; Shortly after moved to Wadboo near Moncks Corner across the River and soon sent to Haddrell's Point where a body of British & Tories were embodied commanded by Colonel Fanning [David Fanning], and a smart skirmish ensued and took them, their Colonel though

³ [Silas Hailes W27546](#)

made his escape from us. We were commanded on that occasion by Colonel Lemuel Benton & Captain Dubose, returned to Wadboo often moving about without any particular skirmishing for a space of time. –

Declarant saith from his weight of years and defective memory remembers not the dates of his particular services in the particular terms, so as to fix months & years &c But his 1st tour was in

July at Mars Bluff	2 months
November at do	2 months
January at Ports ferry	2 months
“ at Santee	2 months
Decr. at Wapmasaw	2 months
Apl. at Four Holes	2 months
Augt. at Biggin Ck	2 months
January at do & Wadboo	2 months
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two years & 8 months, 2 y 8 months

while at Wadboo the war ended, was discharged and went home young [?] during his services in the encampments was commanded by Captain Dubose Major Zimmerman under General Marion and when about Home was much of his time Scouting parties after the Tories under Command of his Brother Gabriel Clements who was Captain of the Scouts about the Community so yielding to the calls was nearly on constant duty service & fatigue until the final close of the war.

Declarant saith in the Battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], he received a severe wound from the enemy's Sword on his head & hand, and ^{before} was taken prisoner by the Tories and abused and slightly wounded by their goading or Jabbing their Sword in his legs & other parts of his body when he escaped from them [paper torn and text missing] boy he was [indecipherable word]⁴ into the Services above detailed without any other material wounds in all the war.

Deponent saith that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency except the state of South Carolina.

Sworn to before me in open court

S/ Clem Clements, X his mark

S/ John Belton O'Neall

Presiding judge

Lexington District

spring term 1844

[Thomas Rall and John the Sharp, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Georgia Marion County: Know all men by these Presents that I Clement Clements of Marion County in said State, Revolutionary Soldier, formerly of Lexington District in the State of South Carolina having moved away from the said District in the year 1847 and previous thereto presented my claim to a pension from the United States under the Act 7th June 1832 and which was suspended for further material evidence – I also being now & having been for many years, a pensioner of the State of South Carolina, do Constitute, make and appoint James A. Black Esquire Attorney at Law, Columbia South Carolina my true and Lawful attorney for me



and in my name and place and stead to prosecute my said claim before the Pension Office at Washington to final Settlement, to offer such new and material evidence as may secure the allowance of the said Claim with power also and Attorney or Attorneys under him for that purpose to make and Substitute and to do all lawful acts for effecting the Premises, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney or his Substitutes or Substitute shall do therein by virtue thereof. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord 1851

S/ Clement Clements, X his mark

[p 12: On April 5, 1852 in Marion County Georgia, William Clements, son and administrator of the estate of Clement Clements, filed an affidavit in which he stated, among other things that his father Clement Clements died intestate in Marion County Georgia on November 11, 1851. He signed the affidavit with his mark.]

[p 23: Copies of the veteran's December 14, 1820 petition to the South Carolina Legislature together with a supporting affidavit from Philip Roberts as transcribed from the auditor's records appearing below in the original

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line [sic, his service appears to have been rendered solely in the South Carolina militia in various units].]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Clement Clements AA35
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1285A
Transcribed by Will Graves

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To the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina.

The Humble Petition of Clement Clement [sic]

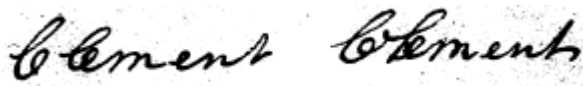
Sheweth

Unto your Honorable Body that he was a Soldier during the Revolution, and Served in the Regiment of Colonel Lemuel Belton [sic, Lemuel Benton], under Captain Andrew Dubois [Andrew Dubose], Commanded by General Marion [Francis Marion] from the year 1780 to 1782. That he never has been paid for said services. That he is very poor, and obliged to support his wife and four of his children that are yet very young by his personal labour; which has now become very arduous & painful, from the debility ~~of age~~ necessity attendant on old age

Therefore your Petitioner prays your Honorable body to give him such compensation for his said services, as to them may seem meet, and therefore relieve the wants and infirmities of old age and poverty.

And your Petitioner will ever pray

S/ Clement Clements



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⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

South Carolina Richland District

Personally appeared Gabriel Clements, and made oath that Clement Clements did serve in the Army of the State of South Carolina during the Revolutionary war for the space of three years in Captain Dubose company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benton, under the command of General Marion – and this deponent further declares that he knows that the said Clement Clements was wounded in the said Service. – That he the said Clement Clements was at the battle of Wadboo – and several other battles and invariably behaved like gallant soldier.

Sworn before me 13th December 1820

S Wm. A. Brickell, JP

S/ Gabriel Clements, X his mark

South Carolina Richland District} Personally appeared Clement Clements and made oath that he never did receive either directly or indirectly any payment for his services during the revolutionary war, nor has he ever received any pension from the State of South Carolina for consideration of his said services.

Sworn to before me 13th December 1820

S/ Wm A. Brickell, JP

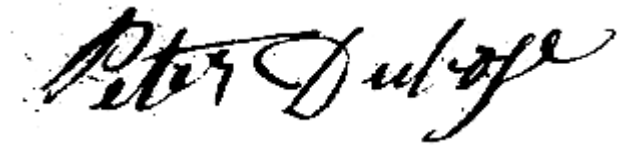
S/ Clement Clements, X his mark

[p 6: spelling heavily edited]

South Carolina Darlington District} Peter Dubose personally appeared before me James Weaver Justice of the peace in the foresaid District and being duly Sworn says that he did know and was well acquainted with Clement Clements in the old revolution War and that he was a brave soldier he served in General Marion's troop and under the Command of Lemuel Benton Colonel Captain Andrew Dubose and myself Peter Dubose as Lieutenant and the said Clements was thought to be honest and a fine soldier in that time and he did get wounded by the enemy in two places one on his head and on his hand. Sworn before me this 24th of November 1820

S/ James Weaver, JP

S/ Peter Dubose



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State South Carolina Richland District}

Personally appeared Philip Roberts, and makes oath, that Clement Clements, did (of his own knowledge) serve in the armies of the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War, for the space of three years, in Captain Dubose's Company, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benton, under the command of General Marion – and that the said Clement Clements always behaved gallantly and received a wound whilst in said service.

Sworn before me 14th of December 1822

S/ Wm A. Brickell, JP

S/ Philip Roberts



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South Carolina Richland District}

Personally appeared Gabriel Clements and makes oath that he was a Captain of Militia during the Revolutionary War in the year 1780, 1781 & 1782, and that Clement Clements did serve as a private (during the said war) alternately under the command of this deponent, and in

Captain Dubose Company, and that the said Clement Clements, was always esteemed a brave soldier.

Sworn before me 15th of December 1820

S/ Wm A. Brickell, JP

S/ Gabriel Clements, X his mark

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Clement Clements praying compensation for Revolutionary Services –

Beg leave to report –

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted

S/ Thomas Care [?], Chairman

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The Committee on Claims to whom was recommitted the Petition of Clement Clements praying Compensation for Revolutionary services –

Beg leave to Report

That they have reconsidered the Petition and documents and recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted – And that the sum of \$148 be appropriated for that purpose.

S/ Thomas Care, Chairman

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South Carolina

To the Honorable President and other members of the Senate of said State

The humble petition of Clement Clements, Sheweth: That he served in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war as follows, viz.: That he joined the 18th Regiment as a volunteer (in the year 1780) under the command of Colonel Lemuel Benton, in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Dubose, and served as a volunteer for the space of three years. – That he was wounded in the head and hand very severely in a skirmish with a party of the enemy in Darlington District, in the year 1781. – That he was also wounded in the same year in the leg at the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] above Camden. Your petitioner therefore humbly submits, that he is entitled to a pension in consideration of his said services and the wounds he received. Your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to take the same into consideration and grant such relief as may seem meet and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Clement Clements, X his mark

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Clement Clemens [sic] praying to be placed on the pension list Report, that they have had the same under Consideration and from the vouchers accompanying this petition, Your Committee have found the most ample evidence, that the Petitioner, has been an able, active and faithful Soldier of the revolution, having been twice severely wounded, and that he is a proper subject for Legislative provision,

They therefore recommend that Clement Clemens be placed on the pension list, with the arrearage of one years Pay

S/ John N. Davis, Chairman

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South Carolina

To the Honorable Speaker & other members of the house of Representatives of said State.

The Humble petition of Clement Clements Sheweth that he served in the State as a volunteer in the Revolutionary War as follows. Viz. – that he joined the 18th Regiment as a volunteer in the year 1780, under the command of Colonel Lemuel Benton in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Debush [sic] & under the command of General Marion, & that he always behaved as a good Soldier & a volunteer for the space of three years, & that he was wounded in head & hand very severely in a Scrimmage with a party of the Enemy in Darlington District in the year 1781 & that he was also wounded in the Leg at the Battle of the hanging Rock above Camden.

Your petitioner therefore humbly Submits that he is in justice to himself, & the State of South Carolina, entitled to his Arrearage of Pension from the year 1816, to 20 [? sic] for his said Services, & the Wounds he received in the defense of his Country; for Reference of said Services I would beg leave to refer you to the Clerk of the Senate, & the Comptroller General Books, where you will find that I was placed on the Pension List at your last Session but the Pension Act taking place in the year 1816, which justly entitles your petitioner to the four years pension which he petitions your Honorable House to grant him & therefore begs your Honorable Body to take his case into Consideration & grant such relief as his just [text obliterated by ink blot]

2nd December 1822

S/ Clement Clements, X his mark

The petitioner's application was in 1820, supposes himself to be entitled from 1816, This Committee thanks him not entitled to Pension before he applied, therefore Rejected

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was Referred the petition of Clement Clements praying arrears of pension as same back as 1816 – Report that they have had the same under their consideration and find that he was placed on the pension Roll in 1821 and allowed one years back pension your Committee are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be rejected.

S/ Burbour [?]

[pp 32-35: receipts for annual pension payments of \$60 per annum to Clement Clements from 5 March 1825-April 14th 1851, with some years' receipts omitted.]

(another version)

Pension Application of Clement Clements, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 576, Application #S8217

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate of said state, the humble petition of Clement Clements herewith:

“That he joined the 18th regiment as a volunteer in the year **1780** under the command of Colonel Samuel [*Lemuel*] Benton in the company commanded by Captain Andrew DuBose and served as a volunteer for the space of two years. That he was wounded in the head and hand very severely in a skirmish with a party of the enemy in Darlington District in the year **1781**. That he was also wounded in the same year in the leg at the Battle of the Hanging Rock [*per Heitman, August 1-6, 1780*] above Camden. Your petitioner therefore humbly submits that he is entitled to a pension in consideration of his said services and the wounds he received...”

“Richland District, SC-Phillip Roberts makes oath that Clement Clements did (of his own knowledge) serve in the Revolutionary War in Captain DuBose’ company in the regiment commanded by Colonel Benton under the command of General Marion and that the said Clement Clements received a wound while in said service. 11 December 1820.”

“Richland District, SC, December 15th, 1820: Gabriel Clements makes oath that he was a captain of militia during the Revolutionary War in the year 1780, 1781, 1782, and that Clement Clements did serve as a private (during the said war) alternately under the command of this deponent and in Captain DuBose’ company and that the said Clement Clements was always esteemed a brave soldier.”

“Darlington District, SC, Peter DuBose says that he is the said DuBose during a part of the Revolutionary War, he the said DuBose held a commission under General Marion a part of the time and when the army was disbanded, a captain’s. That he was often called out into active service and when in such service he was well acquainted with Clement Clements who was a private in the service under deponent.”

“That the said Clements served at various time when called out as much as three or perhaps four years. The said Clements was present when the army was disbanded by General Marion. That when in the service, the said Clements was laboring under two severe wounds, one on the head and one on the hand, marks of which are on his person to this day, which he received from some daring Tories a few days before he was called out.”

“Darlington District, SC, September 21st, 1839: Silas Hailes says that he was well acquainted with said Clements; served with deponent under Captain DuBose in General Marion’s brigade in the South Carolina militia. They were called out at various times...”

Lexington District, SC, April 8, 1844, Clem Clements, aged 79 or 80:

“His father removed to South Carolina and settled in Darlington District when this declarant was 7 years old, where he resided when the War of the Revolution commenced, and during its continuance. Youth as he was, he turned out volunteer in a company commanded by Peter DuBose and marched to Santee and there stationed 12 months, General Marion commanding the forces.”

“Encamped near the plantation of Colonel Horry, during which time was sent out with a force and captured a Tory encampment on **Little Peedee** commanded by ‘Burnfoot’ Brown as the captain of said Tories, our force commanded by Major Zimmerman, Captain Ellison of infantry and Captain McCalley of the Light Horse. Shortly after, moved to Wadboo near Monk’s Corner across the river and soon sent to Hadrell’s Point where a body of British and Tories were embodied, commanded by Colonel Fanning, and a smart skirmish subdued and took them. Their colonel made his escape from us. We were commanded on that occasion by Col. Lemuel Benton and Captain DuBose. Returned to Wadboo, often moving about without any particular skirmishing for a space of time.”

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January [1781?] at Port’s Ferry 2 months

_____ [1781?] at Santee 2 months
December [1781?] at Waccamaw 2 months
April [1782?] at Four Holes 2 months
August [1782?] at Biggins Creek 2 months
January [1782?] at ditto and Wadboo 2 months

“While at Wadboo, the war ending, _____ add first 12 months
was discharged, and went home _____ 2 years and 8 months

“During his services in the encampments, was commanded by Captain DuBose, Major Zimmerman under General Marion and when about home, was much of his time scouting parties after the Tories under command of his brother Gabriel Clements who was captain of the scouts about the community so yielding to the calls was nearly on constant duty service and fatigue until the final close of the war.”

“Declarant saith in the Battle at Eutaw Springs [*per Heitman, September 15, 1781*] he received a severe wound from the enemy’s sword on his head and his hand and was taken prisoner by the Tories and abused and highly wounded by their goading and jabbing their swords in his leg and other parts of his body when he escaped from them. _____ he was _____ into the services above detailed without any other material wounds in all the war.”