

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Clontz S8219

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions:  
November Session

On this 26th day of November in the Year of our Lord, one thousand and Eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before said court, now sitting, Jeremiah Clontz, a resident of the County and State aforesaid in the 77th year of age who being first duly sworn according to Law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States as a Volunteer under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. That he was born in the County of Mecklenburg in the year 1756. His age is recorded in a Bible at Organ Meeting House in the County of Rowan. He was living in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina when he entered the Service and has lived in the Same County and State ever since the Revolutionary War. Your Petitioner states that he entered the Service as a Volunteer under Captain Jack [James Jack] who lived in the Same County with your Petitioner. That they marched to Moon's creek on Dan River, this was some time in May 1779. That after remaining on Moon's Creek some little time, just enough to acquire some little knowledge of the manual exercise, he returned home then where he remained a short time after which he went to South Carolina where he joined the continental Troops at Purrenburg [sic, Purrysburg] on Savannah River. The army was then under the command of General Lincoln, Little [Archibald Lytle] was Col., Dixon [Henry Dixon] was Major, Goodwin [Christopher Godwin] [was] Captain, Hitten [was] Lieutenant. He remained there two months and upwards. From Purrysburg we were marched to the Bluff which is about twenty miles up the river from thence we went on to the Georgia side of the river. When we left Purrysburg we left Gen'l Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] at that place to join the army to keep the enemy from crossing the river and getting to Charleston. Gen'l Sumpter then ordered Gen'l Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]<sup>1</sup> to recross the river over to the South Carolina side again where we were marched. Your petitioner states that he was not in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] because he was not well enough to march. But that he was still attached to the army and was within hearing distance when the battle was fought. That he remained under the command of Gen'l Lincoln until his time expired. That he served in all about nine months after he joined the army under Gen'l Lincoln. Your Petitioner further

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<sup>1</sup> This veteran's account is very muddled. Thomas Sumter was never in command over Benjamin Lincoln. Sumter was not at Stono.

states that he was a Corporal the whole of the nine months, he states that he was not discharged owing to sickness. He has no documentary evidence of his services. Your Petitioner is confident of the fact that he served in the Continental Army nine months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity other than this. That his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state other than that as to an application made one George Carriker from the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina merely to prove the Services of the Said Carriker.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 26th day of November 1832.

S/ Jeremiah Clontz, X his mark

[Evan Alexander and David Karr, the justices of the court, also gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Witness: S/ C. Thompson

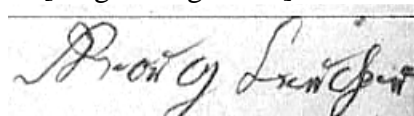
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State of North Carolina Anson County: November 21st 1833

This day George Carker<sup>2</sup> came before me Edward Winfield one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County & made oath in due form that he knew Jeremiah Clontz was in the United States Army enlisted under Captain Jack in Charlotte Mecklenburg County and marched to Moons Creek on Dan River and there got under the Continental officers, Captain Gooden and Colonel Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] and then got a furlough to go home till further call and then was called to Moncks Corner in South Carolina and there served his time in that State and Georgia and got his discharge at Bacons Bridge on the 4th of July as near as he can recollect. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above written.

S/ Edward Winfield, JP

S/ [illegible signature]

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

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: The day of the date hereof General Joseph Graham<sup>3</sup> personally appeared before me Elisha Saunders, a Justice of the Peace in said County and made oath in due form of law that he well knew the services of Jeremiah Claunce [sic, Clontz] in the United States service in the years 1778 and 1779 that the said Jeremiah Claunce then of Mecklenburg (now Cabarrus the Counties having been divided) entered the Continental service early in the month of May 1778 and marched from said County towards the north under the command of Lieut. Col. William Lee Davidson, Major William Polk and Major Henry Dixon went by easy marches detaining for the recruits from the other Counties to join some time towards the last of June, encamped near the Virginia line at a place called Moon's Creek as the term of enlistment was for nine months after arriving at the place of rendezvous which was stated to be Bladensburg in the State of Maryland the men became uneasy that their time was not going on. A meeting took place but was dispersed some time after when furloughs were proposed to the Troops and Jeremiah Claunce took a furlough, to join again in the Fall when called on and returned

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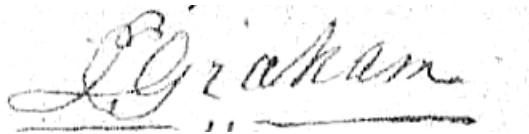
<sup>2</sup> Sic, [George Karcher \(Karacher, Karaler, Kariker, Cariker\) W9488](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

home at least three months after the time he left camp. And in the Fall was ordered with others to join in Charlotte on the 5th day of November following under command of Col. Archibald Lytle marched from there till near Charleston , we drew arms and camp equipage and marched from thence to Purisburg [sic, Purrysburg] on Savony [sic, Savannah River]. Was under Command of General Lincoln and finally placed under Captain Gooden in a Regiment of light Infantry commanded by Col. Malmedy and Major John Nelson, continued in service until taken with the fever and was in the Hospital when the other troops were discharged at Beacon's Bridge on Ashley River on the 5th day of August 1779. The deponent having acted as Sergeant of the Company in which Jeremiah Clounce served, part of the time, and Quarter Master Sergeant of the Regiment the balance of the time as a distinct recollection of his services as above stated until he was taken to the Hospital as near as can be recollected in the month of July 1779.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of November 1833.

S/ J. Graham

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

S/ Elisha Saunders, J. P.

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
November Sessions 1833

Personally appeared before the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid at the Term aforesaid, Jeremiah Clontz, on the 28th day of November A.D. 1833, and who being duly sworn according to law made this his amendatory declaration for a pension having previously made a declaration filed a 26 day of November 1832, before the worshipful the Justices of this Court, and which is to be appended to this his amendatory declaration, who says that as well as he can remember being old and of great infirmity, that the first tour was for nine months, that during some of this time he was on furlough for some time, that he is confident that he served as a volunteer during the whole time, and that he is confident that he served nine months in all, and as to proof of his Services he refers to the Certificates appended to with those of General Joseph Graham and of George Carker, and claims a pension for nine months services during the Revolutionary War agreeably to the act of Congress and that in consequence of his Sickness he was not discharged at Bacon's Bridge and that being left without an officer he never reported himself and never received his discharge, but went home after he got well.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 28th day of November A.D. 1833.

S/ B. Oates, CCC

S/ Jeremiah Clontz, X his mark

[p 6: On November nine, 1852 in Union County North Carolina, John A Clontz, son of Jeremiah Clontz, filed for a pension.]

[Facts in the file: Veteran died November 30, 1840 survived by the following children: Henry, Jeremiah, Sarah, Jacob, Catharine, and John A Clontz.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina State Troops.]