

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Clark S9188

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State of Virginia } SS.

Monroe County }

On the 22^d day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Monroe now sitting Samuel Clark a resident of the said County of Monroe in the said State of Virginia aged 68 years who being first sworn duly according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he entered the service as a substitute in the room of Thomas Means who was drafted in the County of Augusta and State of Virginia in the month of September 1780 under Captain Samuel McCutchen Lieutenant John McCamey [John McKeamy] and the Ensign not recollected. the Company under the command of the Samuel McCutchen marched from the said County of Augusta and State of Virginia in the said month of September 1780 through the counties of Albemarle Fluvanna & Goochland to the City of Richmond in the said State of Virginia in Company with Captain John Dickey Francis Long & Thomas Smiths companies and anther company whose officers he cannot now recollect, and the said five companies were stationed near and below the City of Richmond and were called the Augusta troops or militia & continued in that service at that station for the space of three months, when he and the rest of the troops at that place were discharged and that he marched back with the same troops he went with, that his discharge if he got one, which he does not recollect, is now lost and he has no other evidence whatever of the said service now in his power to produce, that he knows of no one now living who saw him enter the service or who was in it, or at his return: that those five companies which were stationed as aforesaid had no engagement and consequently he was in none during that time. That he was drafted to serve a tour of three months, in the month of January 1781 from the said County of Augusta, that he marched under Captain James Trimble from the said County of Augusta early in the said month of January 1781 through the counties of Albemarle Orange & Spotsylvania to Fredericksburg thence through the counties of Caroline King William James City, and crossed James river at Sandy Point, thence through the Counties of Surry, Isle of Wight & Nansemond within about twenty miles of Portsmouth in the County of Norfolk, where the British were then encamped. The company to which he belonged marched to this station as aforesaid with the companies commanded by Capt. John Cuninghame [sic: John Cunningham] Charles Camaron [probably Charles Cameron, pension application W6624] Joseph Patterson & [Thomas] Hicklin (the latter Captain was cashiered at the said Station for cowardice) The militia companies that were stationed there were commanded by Col Sampson Matthews [Sampson Mathews] Lieutenant Col William Bowyer and Maj'r. Alexander Robertson General Mughlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] of the United States Army occasionally visited this station and seemed to have the command of it. the Rockbridge militia under the command of Col John Bowyer were stationed within some few miles of our station and the Bedford Militia within view of it, but he does not now recollect who commanded them, that a Capt. or Maj'r. Wm. Long of the United States Army visited this station sometimes for the purpose of disciplining the troops that during the time he was at this station he with the other men under command of Captain John Cunningham had a skirmish with the British in which Captain Cunningham was wounded; that he was discharged in the month of April 1781: In the month of May 1781 he volunteered his service as a substitute in the room of John McCutchen a relative of his, who was drafted for a tour of three months & who from the situation of his family could not with safety to them leave home; that his Captains name was Patrick Buckhannon [Patrick Buchanan], his Lieutenant John Boyd, & his Ensign not recollected; that he marched in the said month of May 1781 in company with Captain John Campbell & Captain Charles Baskins, the other company officers not recollected, Field Officers Col Thomas Huggart [sic: Thomas Hugart] Lieutenant Col John McCrery [sic: John McCreery] & Maj'r. [John] Wilson; he marched through the Counties of Albemarle Fluvanna Goochland Henrico New

Kent and James City, in which latter County the said companies of Buckhannon, Campbell & Baskins joined a detachment of the Army under the command of Generals Anthony Wayne & La Fayette [sic: Lafayette], that some short time after joining said detachment of regulars & Militia within about five miles of Williamsburg a foraging party of the British was discovered, & three companies sent to drive them back towit Captain Buckhannons, one from Rockbridge and one from Rockingham under the command of Maj'r. Willis, which detachment was defeated by the Brittish, that then the whole detachment under Generals Wayne & La Fayette marched to James Town [sic: Jamestown Island] where an engagement took place with the enemy [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] in which engagement he was wounded in the head by the sword of a brittish Horseman, and Col Wm Bowyer was taken prisoner and the Regulars & militia commanded as aforesaid by Generals Wayne & La Fayette were defeated he was then taken to the hospital on Pamoukey [sic: Pamunkey] River where he remained until discharged in the month of August 1781. He was then drafted to serve a tour of three months duty and was commanded by Captain Francis Long and March'd from the county of Augusta in company with Capt. [James] Trimble Capt. John Dickey and Capt. Patrick Buckhannons companies through the counties of Albemarle Fluvanna Goochland Henrico New Kent James City to York Town and there remained in service until after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1718] and then he was discharged, which discharge he has lost & has no other evidence now in his power of said service he recollects to have seen Generals Washington LaFayette Wayne & others at that seige. That in April 1782 He volunteered to perform a tour of duty of three months against the Indians on the Ohio & Monongahalia [sic: Monongahela] Rivers that he was marched under the command of Capt. John McKittrick [John McKittrick] to the west fork of the monongahalia and was stationed in Tygarts Valley, that he served his three months in the office of a spy after which time he was discharged and returned to the County of Augusta aforesaid. He have no documentary whatever of any of the said service & knows of no one except Berryman Jones [pension application S5632] who now lives in the county of Greenbrier, who can testify to said services, the said Berryman Jones served one two or three Tours with him that he remained in the said County of Augusta until the month of March 1786 when he removed to the county of Greenbrier & settled in that part of said County which is now the county of Monroe where he has resided ever since, that he was born in the County of Augusta aforesaid the 18th day of April 1764 as he has been informed by his mother in her life time, his father having died when he was very young & not having seen any record of his age. The above statements are made agreeably to the best of his recollection & he verily believes them to be correct.

He hereby relinquishes his 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 of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Sam'l Clark

NOTE: On 7 Sep 1835 Samuel Clark filed another deposition, which adds no new detail. On 11 Apr 1855 Clark applied for bounty land. A document in the file states that he died 27 Jan 1857.