

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

Pension Application of Thomas Clopton S9318

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State of Virginia;    }  
New Kent County } Ss.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r 1833, personally appeared in open court, before Wm H. Macon, Wm Chamberlayne, Ph C. Jones, Jno. S. Lacy and Wm Slaton – justices of the Court of said County, now sitting, Thomas Clopton, aged 71 years & upwards, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his corporal oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June the 7<sup>th</sup>. 1831 [sic: 1832].

That he was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1762, in the County of New Kent, and resided there until after the close of the revolutionary war; that, sometime afterwards, he removed to Matthews [sic: Mathews] County in said state, & lived there about seven years, after which he removed to Henrico County near Richmond, and lived with his brother David Clopton until 1812; and then he went back to New Kent County, and lived with his sister Massie, a widow lady, until 1820; and afterwards, and until now, he has resided in Henrico County. There was a register of his age in an old family Bible; but where that Bible now is he does not know. The reason why he makes this declaration in New Kent & not in Henrico is because persons acquainted with his services, reside there, and whose testimony he cannot get in Henrico, (if at all,) without much trouble & expense, which he is unable to defray; & because he is much better known in New Kent than in Henrico.

He entered the service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, as a substitute about Nov. 1777 for a man\* His name is not recollected, who was a member of a Militia Company from Louisa County in the s'd. state, commanded by Capt'n [blank] (whose name he does not now recollect, & from the length of time has forgotten); & marched over to the south of James river, and served a tour of duty of 3 months at Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] & Smithfield. He served during this period with many regulars and militia; but the officers names he cannot with any sort of precision state – afterwards he served, being drafted in the Militia, a tour of three months under his brother Capt'n. Waldegrove Clopton of New Kent. During this tour he was stationed at the Capitol in Williamsburg. He next served a tour of duty of three months, or more, under either Capt'n. Hockaday or Capt'n. Taylor\*, (of the militia), he is not certain which, at Hampton & Hampton halfway house [halfway to Yorktown]. He afterward served a tour of three months under Capt'n. (name not recollected) in Col. Hickman's [probably John Hickman's] regiment, at Ruffins ferry on the Pamunkey river [near Sweet Hall] & at Dudley's ferry in King & Queen [King and Queen County], & also a part of the time he served in Middlesex. He then served again under his brother Capt'n. Waldegrove Clopton a tour of three months or more, in Col. Innis's [sic: James Innes's] regiment, at Yorktown & below on York river, and about Hampton halfway house, where he was taken sick, & obtained a furlough from Col. Innis. He served next a three months tour under Capt'n. Ball (he thinks) at the Mobbin Hills on James river [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond]. He then served a tour of three months under one, either Capt'n. Hockaday or Taylor\* at Holt's Ford on Chickahominy river; and at Cha's. City Courthouse. (\*he means to say that he served on tour under Capt'n. Hockaday & one under Capt'n. Taylor). During this tour of duty, Tarlton's troop of Cavalry [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] came from about Westover below on James river, and cut and slayed out troops considerably at Charles City Court house. The next tour he served was at Yorktown, and its neighborhood, of a duration of 3 months or upward, and he thinks under several different officers, he cant say who they were; he thinks in the regiment commanded by Col. Innis. He remained at York town until the capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], & guarded the prisoners on their way to Winchester, as far as Hanover town. During all his services he was a private, and never was

in any regular battle; nor indeed any (except that at York town). He served many short tours of duty than those above mentioned. He was almost always on some duty or other of a military character. He was in company with regular troops during several of his tours, but for short periods, to wit, at Williamsburg, at Cabin point & at York town. He does not recollect particularly the officers, who commanded them. He can but recollect that at York town, General Washington was there, as also Gen'l. Lafayette. He marched during his various services through the lower Country of Virginia in the counties, where he states he was stationed, and in those adjoining. He has no documentary evidence of his services, (other than that annexed to & accompanying this declaration) – all his discharges were verbal, he never had one in writing – nor did he ever receive one cent of pay in any shape, or form whatsoever, to the best of his recollection. He now asks a pension.

Richard Dobson [pension application S9386] & Sam'l. Moss [Samuel Moss S8988] of New Kent County have testified to his services, see their affidavits annexed [not found]. He is also known to Sam'l. Komingham and Wm. H. Mason of said county who can testify to the general belief, respecting his services & as to his character for veracity.

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 of any state whatever. He knows no preacher of the gospel in his neighborhood or in New Kent, who can testify as to the belief &c. of his services.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court, by the said Thos. Clopton, the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] Tho. Clopton