

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cliborne (Clibourn) W10620 Sarah Clibourn VA
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Virginia, to wit:

On this 29th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax, William Clibourn a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 66 years who being, duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following, declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 This applicant states that he was a substitute for his father in the fourteenth year of his age he believes in the year 1780 and was commanded by Colo Francis Goode & Capt David Patterson and marched to Dinwiddie Courthouse, and from thence to Petersburg, and there was discharged, after a tour of three months service. That a second time, he again, was a substitute for his father and rendezvoused, at Randolph's Mills near Petersburg, pursued Cornwallis and Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] under the Command of Demorques Delifate [sic: the Marquis de Lafayette] and Captain Creed Haskins retreated to Chesterfield Courthouse, and from thence crossing James River and towards the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper], and round through Richmond to Bottom's bridges and was stationed there some time, and from there to Wiltown [sic: Wilton in present Richmond] on James River and there was attached to Infantry under the command of Capt [James] Scott and Colo Robert Goode and was stationed at Sudberry's [sic: Sudbury's 3 mi NW of Chesterfield] & Horner's, and was surprised by Tarlton and his Corse [sic: Tarleton's Legion, 23 May 1781] and was taken nearly all prisoners, the remnant with himself that was not taken, joined the army and seved until that tour of service elapsed.

The third tour he served under Capt Branch in the Lower Part of Virginia three months more. That the fourth tour he was a substitute for Nicholas Robertson in the County of Chesterfield and marched under Capt George Markine [George Markham] from Chesterfield Courthouse, and from thence to Williamsburg, and from thence to Little York and after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] was sent on under Gen'l [Robert] Lawson to Winchester and served his Last tour making in the whole of his service twelve months in the Revolutionary War. That he served as a substitute in the Militia three tours in his fathers stead & one for Nicholas Roberson. that he has no documentary evidence of his services, that he was born in Chesterfield County & State of Virginia in the year 1766 Sept 23rd by his father's Register – that he was a resident of Chesterfield County during the Revolutionary War and after the close of the War he removed to Halifax County and do now live in the same. he hereby relinquishes every claim Swhatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

William hisXmark Clibourn

State of North Carolina }

Person County } This day personly appeared before me Green D. Satterfield one of the acting Justices of the peace in said County – John Garrott, who being first duly sworn according to law who made the following declaration

That he was well acqunted with William Clibourn, in the time of revolutionary war. That although his mind is much impaired by his advanced age, He recollects well when William Clibourn entered the servis of the united states in the State of Virginia Chesterfield County.

That he served two or three towers with him, That he is of the opinion that he served upards of six months – That he recollects well when he recved his discharge at Petersburge – and at _____. That he was commed, as well as himself by Colo. Frances Goode & Capt Creed Haskins & Capt –

in testimony whereof he the said Garrott set his hand this 6th day of Octob 1832.

[signed] John Garrott

NOTE: On 26 May 1853 Sarah Cliborne, 63, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that as Sarah Hite she was married by Parson Tucker to William Cliborne on or about 24 Aug 1831, and her husband died on or about 12 March 1845. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 4 Aug 1831 by William Cliborn and John H. Edmundson for the marriage of Cliborn to Sarah Hite. On 21 Dec 1857 the date of marriage was said to be 4 Aug 1831. This document was witnessed by James L. Cliborne (as he signed) and Walther J. Rice, who stated that William Cliborne had lived at one time in Caswell County NC. On 18 Oct 1866 Sarah Clibourn, 74, applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War. Her 16 March 1867 application for an increase in pension was witnessed by E. P. Hite and William Boyd, and her mail address was given as Hyco in Halifax County.