

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Clark (Clarke)<sup>1</sup> W10627

Tamar Clark

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John Clark of the County of Martin & State of North Carolina being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Deposeth & saith as follows

I was born in the County of Hertford in this State and resided in said County during the Revolutionary War & until I was twenty-five years old. I then removed to the County of Martin & have resided here ever since. I am now about seventy-four or seventy-five years old. I have no record of my age. The circumstances attending my service in the Revolutionary War follow – I was in actual service in all twelve months & six weeks – I first volunteered for nine months service & was marched to Halifax North Carolina under the command of Captain Arthur Gatlin. Here I remained for six weeks at Quankey Bridge. I then received a furlough to go home: In a short time we were marched to Edenton in this State. We were marched from Edenton to Kingston [sic, Kinston] in this State. Here we remained a short time & from there we marched to Georgetown South Carolina & from there we marched near to Charleston South Carolina & from thence to Dorchester & from thence to a place I believe called Purrysburg [Purrysburg] on Savannah River. Here we remained some considerable time & marched from there to Augusta Georgia. From this place we returned into South Carolina & halted at Stono or Ashley River. At this place I was present at the battle with the English [June 20, 1779]. After this battle we shortly were marched down on the seaboard to a place called General Bull's place & here I was discharged. The officers that marched us from Edenton into South Carolina resigned in that State. We had no general officers until we arrived at headquarters that I recollect. I was first under command of Captain Gatlin & until he resigned. I was then placed under the command of Captain Porterfield. After we arrived at headquarters at Purrysburg the Army was under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & General Sumner [Jethro Sumner]. As to the particulars of the battle I was then I only recollect that it lasted about an hour & a quarter & we were compelled to retreat. The second tour was three months. In this tour I was a substitute for John Holloman of Hertford County North Carolina. I was marched to Pedee [River] in South Carolina under the command of Captain Hill & Adjutant Ivey. Those are all the officers I recollect. I can't recollect the name of the place but it was near Pedee River & here we remained until I was discharged. The last term of service I was drafted. I think it was for three months. I was placed under the command of Adjutant Burton & Colonel Wynns the names of the other officers I do not recollect. We were marched to Potty Carsey Bridge a few miles from Winton. We were discharged at the expiration of six weeks at which time I believe peace was proclaimed.

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I am not certain though of that fact. I received regular discharges but have either lost or mislaid them not setting any value on them after peace. I was a drummer throughout all the time I served. I know of several persons by whom I can prove my service but they are residing in Hertford County or so inconvenient that I cannot procure their testimony. I refer to the annexed affidavit for evidence of my character for veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me at the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County of Martin at the Court House in Williamston on the eighth day of October 1832.

S/ Thomas R Watts, Clerk

S/ John Clark, X his mark

[Alfred Moore, King Harrison & Henry Robeson, Junior, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: on April 27th, 1855 in Martin County North Carolina, Tamar Clarke, aged 97, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Clarke, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$49.12 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him November 2, 1828 at Abram Peals in Martin County; that they were married by Joseph Biggs a Baptist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Tamar Ward; that her husband John Clarke died May 1, 1845. P 16: on the same day she also filed for her bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49.12 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year one month and 12 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]