

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Clapp W17624

Barbara Clapp

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State of North Carolina, Orange County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1840

On this the 27 day of May 1840, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, for the aforesaid County of Orange, now sitting George Albright of the aforesaid County, one of the heirs at law of the late Jacob Clapp Senior, of the County of Guilford in the State aforesaid deceased, aged __ years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain for himself and the other heirs of the aforesaid Jacob Clapp, Senior deceased, the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836:

That he is one of the heirs of the late Jacob Clapp aforesaid; and this Declarant further states upon his said Oath that he has reason to believe and does believe that in the War of the Revolution, the aforesaid Jacob Clapp was in the militia in the United States Service as herein after set forth:

1. This Declarant the said George Albright has reason to believe and does believe that in the spring of the year 1775 in consequence of hostilities threatened by the Cherokee Indians there was a call upon the militia to serve a five months tour of duty, that said tour as well as this Declarant can learn, commenced on or about the month of February of the said year, 1775, and rendezvoused at Martinsville (Guilford old Court House) that in this tour __ Whitesell [William Whitesell] was Captain and the aforesaid Jacob Clapp was Lieutenant, and in that capacity he served all of said five months tour in Captain Whitesell's company, this Tour this Declarant proves by George Neese,¹ whose affidavit is hereto annexed and marked A, the affiant Neese sets forth that in said tour he was Private in the aforesaid Company of Captain Whitesell.

that in this tour the Declarant has reason to believe and does believe that in the aforesaid tour, the said Jacob Clapp was a duly Commissioned Lieutenant and in a Corps legally organized and called into Service by Competent Authority,

that said Jacob Clapp died in January, 1832, that upon his death all his papers passed into the hands of his Executor Christian Clapp – who some few years ago removed to the State of Indiana and it is now not known what has become of his Revolutionary war papers.

this Declarant also has procured the evidence of Henry Albright² (Pensioner) of the aforesaid County, who states that he was acquainted with the aforesaid Jacob Clapp and that he went a tour after the Indians; -- but how long he was gone does not now remember – The affiant Albright further states that said Jacob Clapp was married to Barbara Foust, supposed to be in the year of 1792 or thereabout – the affidavit of said Albright is hereto annexed and marked B.

And the said George Albright, Declarant as aforesaid also furnishes the evidence of Frederick Soots³ of Guilford County (Pensioner) who setteth fourth in his affidavit hereto annexed, and marked C, that to his knowledge the said Jacob Clapp, served a tour after the Indian[s] of about five months.

And the said George Albright, Declarant has obtained has procured the evidence of Jacob Clapp

1 [George Neese \(Nease\) S7268](#)

2 [Henry Albright S6485](#)

3 [Frederick Soots W6153](#)

of Guilford aforesaid, that said Clapp was Lieutenant in the Cherokee expedition, but he is unable to state the length of time his deceased relative Served – but thinks that the Army went away and the Spring and not return till sometime in this fall of the same year – the witness Jacob Clapp's affidavit is hereto annexed and marked D.

2. And the said George Albright, Declarant as aforesaid states that he has reason to believe and does believe that in the year of __ the aforesaid Jacob Clapp, was appointed Captain of Company of Militia, in the said War of the Revolution, and that said Company was of Colonel Paisley's [John Paisley's] Regiment – that in this tour which was of three months duration, this Company was in the Service part of the time in the South.

This tour this Declarant proves by the affidavit Soots whose affidavit is hereto annexed and marked E.

From the best information this Declarant can procure he believes the aforesaid tour was in the fall and winter of 1780.

And the said Declarant also produces the affidavit of the witness Jacob Clapp of Guilford County who states, that the aforesaid Captain Jacob Clapp did serve a three months tour of duty in Captain Forbes Company in the spring fall of 1780.

see affidavit of said Joseph Clapp, hereto annexed marked F

And the said George Albright, The Declarant as aforesaid has reason to believe and does believe that the aforesaid Jacob Clapp, as Captain in the Militia as aforesaid did serve a tour of duty as is proven by the affiant Daniel Apple,⁴ in the said War of the Revolution – but whether this tour is the same with that mentioned by the affiant Soots, this Declarant is unable to say, but is under the impression it may be the Same, as Paisley was Colonel of the Regiment.

The affidavit of the said Apple is hereto annexed and marked G.

This Declarant, from the evidence furnished believes that they aforesaid Jacob Clapp did in the War of the revolution, serve the United States, in the Militia five months as Lieutenant in the year of 1775

2nd that as Captain of Militia, the said Jacob Clapp, in the War of the Revolution, did serve the United States two, or more tours of three months each believed to be in the years of 1780 & 81.

For which Service, this Declarant for himself and the other heirs of the aforesaid Captain Jacob Clapp deceased claims a pension.

And this Declarant further states upon his said oath that said Captain Clapp had a family record, in German Language and is hereto annexed. This record as far as this Declarant learns, does not set forth in the date of the marriage of the aforesaid Jacob Clapp and Barbara Foust , but has understood and believes that it was in the year 1772, as is set forth by the affiant Albright, whose affidavit is marked B.

the Declarant believes the following to be a true translation of the said family record,
to wit

Anna Catherine Clapp was born December 21, 1773

John Clapp was born January 22, 1775

Anna Barbara Clapp was born March 11, 1776

Jacob Clapp was born September 8, 1778

Jacob Clapp was born February 19, 1781

John George Clapp was born January 17th 1783.

John one week Clapp was born September 16, 1785

John Peter Clapp was born August 8, 1788

Anna Maria Clapp was born June 16, 1789

Jacob Clapp (Cap.) was born November 5, 1747

Barbara Clapp was born January 20, 1752

4 [Daniel Apple S6520](#)

Jacob Clapp died January 30, 1832

Barbara Clapp died (as appears from her Tombstone) April 1, 1837

The above family record (translation) together with the accompanying affidavits, this Declarant believes to be true & that said Jacob Clapp died as above stated January 30th 1832 Leaving a widow Barbara surviving him, that said Barbara did not afterwards married, but remained till her death the widow of the aforesaid Jacob Clapp.

This Declarant further states that of the above named children Anna Catherine, Jacob and John Peter, are dead and that they died previous to the 4th of July 1836.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court on this the 27th day of May 1840.

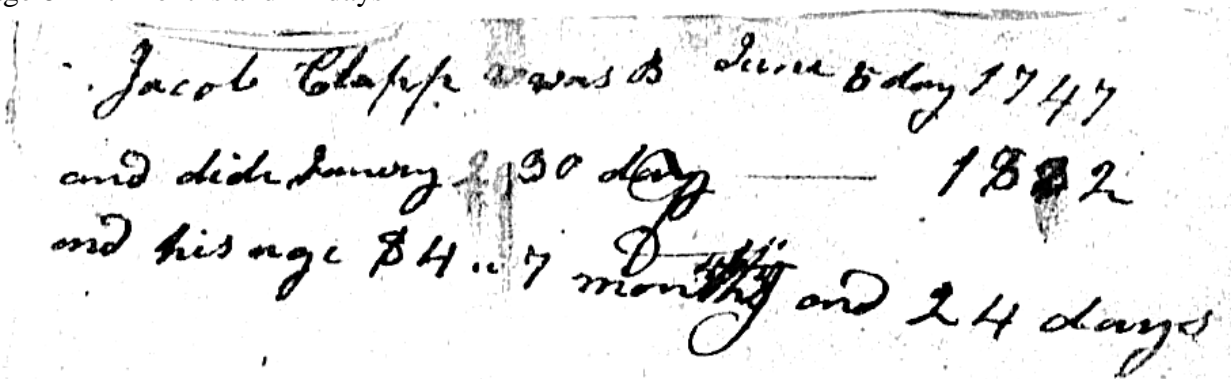
S/ George Albright



[p 7: Finding by the clerk of court that Anna Maria Clapp intermarried with George Albright, the declarant.]

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Jacob Clapp was B [born] June 5 [could be '6'] day 1747 and dide [died] January 30 day 1832 and his age 84 – 7 months and 24 days



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and dide January 30 day 1832
and his age 84 - 7 months and 24 days

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North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 14 day of December 1840 personally appeared before the undersigned acting Justice of the peace in and for the County above written Elizabeth Albright a resident of said County aged seventy years who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that she was acquainted with the late Jacob Clapp of the County of Guilford and she states that from circumstances that took place she is very confident that Jacob Clapp's house was burnt some short time after the revolutionary war was over and that all his papers and goods was destroyed in the fire, so she heard him say, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn and Subscribed before me the day and date above written.

S/ J. A. Whitsitt, JP

S/ Elizabeth Albright, X her mark

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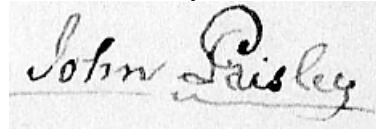
North Carolina, Guilford County

Appeared before the Subscribing Justice of the Peace for said County Mr. John Paisley who being duly sworn saith that the dwelling house of his Father (Colonel John Paisley) was consumed by Fire & all that it contained some eight or 10 years after the Revolutionary war.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th of December 1840.

S/ Jos. Gibson, JP

S/ John Paisley



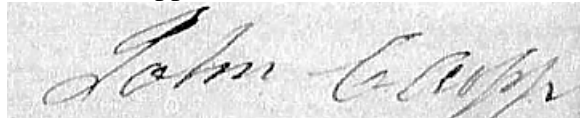
[p 17: Letter dated February 10, 1842 sent from Guilford County by Joseph Gibson in which he refers to Mrs. Paisley as his mother-in-law; he states that she related to him the fact that her house was burned; that the correspondent had a good deal of conversation with his neighbor Jacob Clapp a revolutionary soldier who showed the correspondent a wound on his wrist where he was wounded during the war; Jacob Clapp's house also burned.]

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State of North Carolina Guilford County

Thus came John Clapp Senior before me William Cobb one of the Justices of the peace in [&] for said [County] and made oath that he knew of Jacob Clapp's Snr, dwelling house being Burned after he became a cripple in his arm which was done during the Revolutionary War. Sworn to & subscribed this 9th day of December 1840

S/ John Clapp



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State of North Carolina, Guilford County

A

On this the 17th day of April 1840 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid George Neese a resident of said County aged ninety-six years, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the late Jacob Clapp of the aforesaid County, & that he served as a private under Captain Whitesell & the said Jacob Clapp in the Cherokee expedition for the space of five months & that during that expedition for said Jacob Clapp Served & acted as Lieutenant & further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before me the day and date above written.

S/ Jos. Gibson, JP

S/ George Neese, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Guilford County: November 21, 1839

This day appeared before me D. Thom an acting Justice of the peace John McBride⁵ a Revolutioner [sic] of said County aged about ninety-five years who being duly sworn according to law this Deponent saith that he knew Jacob Clapp Senior and that he went in service to the Indian nation under Captain ___ and that said Clapp served as Lieutenant under Captain Forbis [Arthur Forbis] the fall before the Guilford battle and that said Clapp was Lieutenant at the Guilford battle [March 15, 1781] at Martinvale under Colonel Paisley [John Paisley].

Sworn to before me the day and date aforesaid and subscribed.

S/ Daniel Thom, JP

S/ J. McBride



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B

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 25th of November 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Orange aforesaid Henry Albright a resident of the said County aged 80 years who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that he was acquainted with the late Jacob Clapp Senior of the Guilford County.

The deponent states that the said Clapp went a tour after the Indians how long he was gone he does not know he states also that the said Jacob Clapp was lawfully married to Barbara Foust supposed to be in 1772 or thereabouts.

And further this deponent saith &c

Sworn and Subscribed before me this day and date first above written.

S/ J. A. Whitsitt, JP

S/ Henry Albright, X his mark

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C & E

State of North Carolina, Guilford County

On this the 14th day of February A.D. 1840 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Guilford aforesaid Frederick Soots a resident of said County – aged 82 years who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that he was acquainted with the late Jacob Clapp of the aforesaid County.

The Witness Depoeth and saith that he and the said Clapp served one tour together three months towards the South and in the South and that he the said Jacob Clapp was Captain of the Company he further saith that Paisley was there Colonel.

He further states that he knows that the said Clapp served one tour after the Indians about five months and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & date above.

S/ J. A. Mack [?], JP

S/ Frederick Soots, X his mark

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D & F

State of North Carolina, Guilford County

On this 14th day of March 1840 personally appeared before the Subscribing Justice in & for the County aforesaid Captain Jacob Clapp age 73 years, who first being duly qualified according to law, maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the late Jacob Clapp Deceased of the County aforesaid, & that he well recollects that the said Jacob Clapp served in the Cherokee expedition, & as the said Jacob Clapp was Lieutenant, & acted as Such, this Declarant thinks that he Served as Lieutenant in said Indian war – but is unable to say how long he served, the Army went away in the Spring & returned some time in the fall of the year. This Declarant further saith that the said Jacob Clapp afterwards served three months in the revolutionary war as a Lieutenant as he was informed & believes the fall or year preceding the Guilford Battle, & further this Deponent saith not.

Kept sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above written.

S/ Jos Gibson, JP

S/ Jacob Clapp, X his mark

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G

State of North Carolina, Guilford County

On the 19th of November 1839 Personally appeared before the undersigned acting Justice of the peace for the County of Guilford aforesaid Daniel Apple Senior a resident of said County aged about

80 years, who being duly Sworn according to law, Maketh Oath that he knew the late Jacob Clapp, And that he knew him in the Revolutionary war, and that he served as Captain in the said war with him the said Apple about nine months. And the Deponent further saith that he does not recollect the dates, But recollects that it was the year of the Battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and further saith that he served under Colonel Paisley.

And further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date first above written.

S/ D. Thomas, JP

S/ Daniel Apple, X his mark

[pp 40: family record:

Handwritten family record in German, listing birth dates and names of children. The text is written in cursive and includes the following entries:

- 1770 Sonntag den 19 Juno 1770
ist der Jacob Altes zu seiner Eltern
geboren
- 1772 Sonntag den 12 ist mir ein Sohn geboren
Jacob Altes Hans Ziegen sind Christian Hans
und sein Altes
- 1775 Montag den 22 ist mir ein Sohn geboren
Johannes
- 1773 December 21 ist mir ein Tochter zu
geboren N. Anna Catharina
- 1776: 11 May ein Tochter zu
geboren Namen Anna Catharina
- 1785 Sonntag den 16 ist mir ein Sohn
zu geboren N. Joseph Altes
Joseph Altes
- Sonntag den 22 Juno 1788
ist mir ein Sohn zu geboren
N. Joseph Altes und ist geboren
Jan 8. Augustus Juno 1788

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Jacob Clapp was born Nov. 5th 1747.
Barbara Clapp was born January 20th 1752
January 17th 1753. John George Clapp was born
February 19th 1754. Jacob Clapp was born.
Jacob Clapp was born September 1st 1770
John Clapp was born January 22nd 1775
Anna Catharine Clapp was born December 21st 1775 ✓
Anna Barbara Clapp was born March 11th 1776
John Ludwig Clapp. was born Sept. 16th 1785
John Peter Clapp. was born August 8th 1788 ✓
Anna Maria Clapp was born June 16th 1789

[The veteran's widow's heirs were granted a pension of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and terminating April 1st, 1837 when she died. The pension was based on the service of the widows husband for 8 months in the North Carolina militia as a sergeant.]