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Pension Application of Thomas Clark W18910

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Thomas Clark of Essex County State of Virginia, aged about sixty one years, deposeseth & sayeth that he enlisted in January or 1st Feb'y 1776 with Capt. John Webb in the 7th Virginia Regiment, on Continental establishment as a private for two years, and that he afterwards was appointed and acted as a Corporal in same Regiment. The deponent served out his term of two years and was honorably discharged by General [William] Woodford at the Valley forge. The deponent further states that his discharge has been either lost or mislaid for many years, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support. given under my hand this 13th day of June 1818

Essex County to Wit

On this 20th day of December 1818, before me the subscriber, the presiding Justice of the peace of the County Court of Essex now in session personally appeared Thomas Clark aged sixty three years, resident in Essex County, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Thomas Clark enlisted in the 7th Virginia Regiment in the state of Virginia, on the [blank] day of Jan'y or about 1st Feb'y 1776 in the company commanded by Captain John Webb of the said State, for the term of two years; that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States until the completion of his said term of service, when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] German Town [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Paroli [sic: Paoli, 21 Sep 1777] and others and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services having lost his discharge.

Middlesex County and State of Virginia Sct.

On this 27th day of June 1820 personally appeared, in open Court being a Court of record for the aforesaid County Thomas Clark aged Sixty four years, resident in the said County of Middlesex, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. In the seventh Virginia Regiment in General Woodfords Brigade and Virginia line Date of Certificate 11th day of April 1820 and received pension to the 4th of September 1819 Certificate No. 16,683 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. One small pot \$0.75 1 Dutch Oven 87½ cts one old frying pan 17. 1 pair flat irons 37½ 1 spining wheel 18. 1 sett Cups Saucers and bowls 1.00 1 Coffee pot 25/100, 4 old Chairs 75. ½ dozen plates 32. 1 old Cupboard 1.00 ½ dozen Jugs and bottles 75. 2 small fat pots 50. one old case 15/100. 1 pair coarse cards 25. one working hoe & two old hoes 25. 1 pair small steelyards 42. 1 Iron pot rack and three old pair pot hooks 104¢. Occupation a Farmer and not able to pursue the same; my wife Lucy aged sixty one years.

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On the 28th day of February 1838 personally appeared before Lewis B. Montague & Zachariah Street justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Lucy Clarke a resident of the said county and state aged 77 years on the 26th of January last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Thomas Clarke, who was a corporal in the army of the united states in the war of the revolution that he entered the said service some time in the year 1776 or in the early part of the ensuing year and continued therein until the [blank] day of [blank] 1779 about two years when he was discharged from the same

That he served under Capt John Webb 1st Lieut Henry Young 2nd Lieut Griffin Fauntleroy. That she does not remember the names of his field or general officers but believes that while at the north he was under the immediate command of General Washington. That he was engaged in the battle at Brandywine and several others the names of which she can not now recollect; she believes he was also in the battle of German Town. That after his return from the first tour of duty he was again called into service and continued therein until after the battle at York Town [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] in which he was also engaged. that he resided in the county of Essex & state of Virginia at the time he entered the service and after his discharge continued to reside there until the 1st January 1820 about two years before his death at which time he removed to the said county of Middlesex where he continued until the time of his death.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Clarke on the 24th December 1779 that her husband the said Thomas Clarke died on the 26th February 1822 and that she has remained his widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. she further states that her

[Lucy Clark made a similar deposition on 13 June 1838, with the only significant new detail being a statement that Thomas Clark was drafted into his second service and entered the company of Capt. Thomas Evans, and that Parson Daniel Carter performed her marriage ceremony.]

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse VA includes the following: Thomas Clark, age 21, height 5' 7³/₄" , black hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion, farmer, born and residing in Essex County where he enlisted as a substitute on 10 Apr 1781 for 18 months.

John Clark (pension application W10625) of King and Queen County VA, age 79 on 16 Sep 1838, declared that he had served with Thomas Clark and was present at his wedding.

George Gardner (pension application S2228), age 77 on 5 Aug 1837, stated that he had lived within a few miles of Thomas Clark, who married Lucy Tate before the siege of Yorktown. In the file is a copy of a bond signed in Essex County on 21 Dec 1778 by Thomas Clark and Richard Phillips for the married of Clark to Lucy Tate.

A document in the file states that Lucy Clark died on 27 Sep 1838 without having drawn her pension, leaving one child, William Clark, and three grandchildren: Elizabeth Ware, Thomas Jones, and Lucy Jones.