

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sterling Clack W240

Mary Clack

VA NC

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee County of Sumner S.S On the 12th day of February 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Sterling Clack resident in said County in the 71st year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. that in the Spring of 1776 to the best of my recollection in the State of Virginia in the Company of Captain James Lucas [company raised in Brunswick County] in the 4th Virginia Regiment Commanded mostly & lastly by Col. Robert Lawson [sic: until 17 Dec 1777] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve until some time in May 1778 when he was discharged from the service in the town of Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatsoever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia he made application in October 1818 &c &c. and in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 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 as well as I recollect them is not much difference in the value of my property in 1818 and the present time I had no real estate at that time neither have I at present to the best of my recollection I had one mare worth about 50 or 60 dollars a few cattle & hogs as I have not been able to support but a small stock of any kind – I have traded to a small amount nothing more than for the conveniency of supporting my family – My occupation is that of a farmer my family consists of myself & wife who is old and decripid my youngest son is within a few days of being 22 years old and has been acting & doing for himself going on three years the ballance of my children are all married I am also at times much afflicted I am not able to labour for my living neither have I any person to labour for me — A Schedule of Sterling Clacks property One Mare & Colt \$50.00 One Cow & Calf \$5.50. One Cow & yearling \$6.00. One Sow & pigs \$3.00. One Shoat 62½ Cents one small writing desk \$2.75. One table \$2.50. four Chairs \$1.50 two pewter basons two dishes six plates \$2.00. three knives & six forks 25 cents One oven & Skillet cracked \$1.00. one pair of Gears \$1.00. One ax one hoe & one plow inferior quality \$2.00. Making in all \$78.12½ Cents

Sterling Clack

[On 21 March 1839 Mary Clack, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Sterling Clack in Warren County NC on 17 Aug 1780, and he died 6 Nov 1837. She also made the following statement of Sterling Clack's militia service, which he may not have mentioned because under the acts of 1818 and 1820 only service in the Continental army counted toward a pension.]

State of Tennessee }

Sumner County }

On this day personally appeared Mary Clack before me Jesse P Adams one of the acting Justices of the Peace and made oath in due form of law that after she was married her husband entered the service of the United States and was elected Captain of a company of drafted militia men from Warren County, it was about one month after the they had been married as stated in her forgoing declaration They marched toward South Carolina and under Colonel [Henry] Dixon as she believes but she will not say particularly who was the colonel it might have been

Marrion [sic: Gen. Francis Marion] the only battle they were in was with the tories who were strengthened by the British and tories were too numerous the watch word in the battle was "Davy" Sworn to and subscribed this 21st day of March 1839 Mary herXmark Clack

NOTES:

A document dated 8 April 1837 states that Sterling Clack had been unable to collect his pension for the previous year "owing to a fall from his horse last Sumner [sic] by which he was so much disabled that he could not attend to any business."

As proof of marriage, Mary Clack submitted the record removed from the family Bible, said to be in the handwriting of Sterling Clack, transcribed below. On 17 Oct 1839 John Baynes (or Banes, pension application R644 A) certified that Sterling Clack married Marry (Polly) Wood, daughter or Bennet Wood of Warren County. He also stated that "John Wood brother to Sterling Clack's wife's father married a sister of this affiant [Baynes]." On 25 May 1849 Mary Clack applied for an increase in pension from \$80 to \$96 per year.

Sterling Clack was Born November 17 1759

Mary Clack Wife of above. Born November 22 1766

Married August 17th Day 1780

Nancy born Novem[page torn here and at places marked *] the 5th day 17[*]

Eldridge B[*] the 3^d day[*]

Eldridge Died the 7th of or 5th of Febru[*]

William Born the 19th of Februa[*]

Bennett Born Augu[*]

John Twitty Born[*]

James Caller Born.

Bennett Dec'd. the 28th of October 1795 [last digit possibly 8]

[The following two partial entries written down the margin:]

[*] took Eclipse 29 Ap

[*] took Norval 1st May.

[The following two lines in margin on other side of the above:]

Ben. Waller. Virginia

Clk. H. C. Chan[*]