

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cleaveland W2999

Elizabeth Cleaveland

VA

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State of Kentucky

Harrison county Sct

On this 28 day of July 1832 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said county John Cleaveland to me well known & who is unable from an old wound in the leg & from other bodily disease & infirmity to appear in court, living in said county & state aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. – Before making his statement, he wishes to say that he is now low in health & feeble in mind & his recollection very bad. He recollects that he served three years in the Regular Service in Virginia, with Capt John Bell & Col George Gibson [sic: John Gibson] of the 13th Virginia regiment & about one & half or two years afterwards in the Indian Wars. He was a good while at Williamsburg.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John hisXmark Cleavland

I George Cleveland State on oath that my two brothers, Viz the above named John and his younger brother William served several years in the Revolutionary war as soldier I think from three to five years. John was wounded in the ancle & William was killed. The said wound is still a running sore & has a dreadful appearance & the said John cannot live but a short time longer & he is surprised that with such a wound he has lived so long – July 28 1832

George markXhis Cleavland

Pirsonly appeered before me [Joel Fraizer] one of the Commonwealth justisis of the piece of harrison County james Robbertson of boulin [Boubon?] county also john Robbertson of the same county first being duly sworn stats as follows that they ware well acquainted with the above applicant j Cleaveland for something like Sixty years and believe him to be a man of undouted varasity and we believe thare is no douts remaining in the minds of any person respecting his servises and Love of cuntry upon our best recollection he entred the servis seventeen hundred and seventy six or seventy sevven and continued three years his plase of residence when he entered the army was Shanadoh county State of virginnia [sic: Shenandoah County VA] some years after moved to kentucky and thare resided ever sence till his death which was the 1st of august 1832 the widdow and heirs still claming the benifit of the above act june 7^t 1832 we have oftime heard him spek of being at fort pit & for Mcintosh [sic: Fort Pitt at present Pittsburg and Fort McIntosh at present Beaver PA] whare his brother was shot down in his hearing and further these deponents sayeth Non givin under our hands this 23t of october 1833

[signed] James Robertson

[signed] John Robertson

appeered before me one of the justisis of the piece of harrison county and state of kentucky Roland McDonnel after being duly sworne stats as follows that he has been intimately acquainted with the above john Cleavelon for upwards of thirty years and believe him to be aman Exceled by few if any with all whome he was Convenient[?] for truth and respectibility i have often heard hin set and talk for ours of his feteegs how he got his sore Leg the deth of his brother the colds and heets and many other possags[?] two tedious to mention as it respects his being a old revolutiones i never heard a dout but that he was this 23th of october 1833

[signed] Rowland McDanel

[Joel Frazier in his own behalf made a statement similar to the preceding.]

[The following is among the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#). The online file also includes a mostly illegible receipt for pay and clothing signed "John Cleaveland."]

John Cleaveland Soldier in the ninth Virginia Reg't being Enlisted the 1st Day of October 1776 for the Term of three years, which time he haveing Serv'd as a good and faithfull Soldier is hereby Honorably Discharg'd. the Service of the United States, Given under my hand at Fort Pit this 1st June 1780

To all Concern'd.

Jno. Gibson Col.

Copy teste Tho Jones [one or two illegible words]

NOTE: In Feb 1834 James Robinson certified that his sister, Elizabeth Cleaveland, was the widow of John Cleaveland, who died on 5 Aug 1832 while an applicant for a pension. On 14 May 1840 Elizabeth Cleaveland, 85, applied for a pension stating that she married John Cleaveland in Frederick County VA in 1782, and that their son William Cleaveland was born in Aug 1785. Her statement was certified by John Thompson and William Cleaveland. George Cleaveland certified the marriage of his brother to Elizabeth Cleaveland. On 26 April 1841 Jane A Hand of Pendleton County KY stated that her sister, Elizabeth Cleaveland, was married in the Feb or March following the surrender of Cornwallis on 19 Oct 1781, and that their son William, about 55, was born afterward. Abigail Robertson (or Robinson) of Scott County KY, sister of John Cleaveland, stated that she herself was married in 1787, about two years after the birth of William in 1785. She further stated that John and Elizabeth Cleaveland moved from Virginia in 1796 when their son William was about 11. On 19 Oct 1848 Elizabeth Cleaveland was said to be 94.