

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Turner Clarke W3389

Elizabeth Clarke

VA

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At a monthly Sessions court held for Goochland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 20th day of July 1818

On this 20th day of July 1818 personally appeared in Court Turner Clarke aged sixty one years resident in the county of Goochland & State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Corporal 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" that he the said Turner Clarke voluntarily entered into the service of the United States in the county of Goochland & State of Virginia as a common soldier in the company commanded by Capt Anderson in the Regiment of Colo. Richard Parker or Colo. Burgess Ball in Feb'y. in the year 1778 for twelve months that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United states for the term of twelve months, when he was regularly discharged from service, at Middlebrook on the 19th of Feb'y. 1779, that he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, sworn to & declared before the county court of Goochland which is a court of record the day & year aforesaid, [court certification not transcribed]

Goochland County Ss.

This day appeared before me Alexander Fowler and after having been sworn upon the Holy Evangelist saith that Turner Clark of the County of Goochland enlisted in the Continental service in the year 1778 with himself under Capt. Nath'l. Morris [Nathaniel Morris] at Goochland Court House from thence we marched and joined the Northern Army under the command of Gen'l. Geo. Washington and faithfully served for twelve months when we were both discharged. This affiant further saith that he is well acquainted with s'd Clarke and that he is old and in very indigent circumstance.

Given from under my hand (one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the County afores'd. this 15th Aug't. 1818

George S Smith

At a court of monthly sessions held for Goochland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 16th day of October 1820.

On this 16th day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a court of record for the said County of Goochland Turner Clarke aged 63 years resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he the said Turner Clarke voluntarily entered into the service of the United States in the county of Goochland & state of Virginia as a common soldier in the Company commanded by Capt. Anderson in the Regiment of Colo. Richard Parker or Colo. Burgess Ball in Feb'y. in the year 1778 for twelve months, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United states for the term of twelve months when he was regularly discharged from service at Middlebrook on the 19th of Feb'y. 1779, that he was in the battle of Monmouth, that he made a declaration to this effect before this court on the 20th day of July 1818 & in consequence thereof received a certificate for a pension dated 30th day of March 1819 & marked 7603 & 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.

A schedule of the estate of Turner Clarke a revolutionary soldier & pensioner
27 acres of land at \$3 per acre..... \$81.00
1 Table 75c. 4 chairs 100. 2 dishes 50c. 10 plates 25c. . . 2.50
6 Knives & 6 forks 25c. 12 head of hogs \$15. 15.25
2 pots \$1. 6 cups & 6 saucers 25c. 8 spoons 50c. 1.75
\$100.50

Family four to Wit, Turner Clarke aged 63 years, his occupation a farmer, unable to do much, Eliz'a. Clarke his wife aged 58 years a midwife & very infirm, Sally Clarke his daughter aged 18 years, follows house business & able as common to pursue it, a free negro girl bound to me aged about four years named Louisa Cousins consequently unable to do anything. This is all of my family.

[signed] Turner Clarke

NOTE: On 15 April 1839 Elizabeth Clarke, age 74 since the previous 24 August, applied for a pension stating that she married Turner Clarke on 18 March 1789, and he died on 8 May 1828. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 18 March 1789 by Turner Clarke, Jr. and Isham Clarke for the marriage of the former to Eliz'a. Ann Cragwall. There is also a certificate of the death of Turner Clarke on 8 May 1828.