

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Garret Clawson W3776 Kezia Clawson VA
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Fayette County Ss

Fourteenth Judicial district of Pennsylvania.

On the fourth day of March AD. 1822 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record now in Session for said County Garret Clawson aged sixty two years resident in Greene County in Dunkard Township who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted or was drafted and place in the regular service in the year 1778 for the twelve months in the Company under command of Captain [Thomas] Moore under the Command of Col. Bell under Gen'l. [Lachlan] McIntosh in the [blank] Regiment in the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment [see endnote]. That he was in the battles of [blank] and several skermishes. That he has now in his possession no other testimony than what he offers of his services.

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.

Garret Clawson

List of my property

One bed & Bedding. \$30 —
2 or 3 Dutch ovens. 5.00
Some Kitchen furniture. 15.00

Debts due me

Philip Victor. \$6.00
A claim Carlisle & Hartzell. . . \$800.20

Debts due by me

Jesse Evans, Judgment. \$200
William Lyons, Judg't. 30
William Gance, Judg't. 40
Giden Way Note. 30

That I am by occupation a farmer but by reason of age and decrepitude and disease am unable to follow it for some time since. My Wife Keziah aged forty seven years lives with me. my sons Thomas aged 19 years, James 18 years, Isaac 15 years, Garret 13 years, they render me no assistance. That I am partly dependant on the Community for assistance being unable to render myself much support.

Garret Clawson

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Pennsylvania }

Be it remembered that on the 6th day of December 18[??] Before me the subscriber one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace personally came Major Uriah Springer [pension application R10017] and on his solemn Oath on the holy Evangelists of Amighty God deposeth & saith that Garret Closson in the month of May in the year One thousand seven hundred & seventy Eight was drafted & served as a common soldier, & served for one whole year in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line in the

revolutionary army of the United States and further saith that he this deponent was then a Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Moore's Company in said Regiment, and that the said Garret Closson served part of his said time in the same Company and that the said Garret Closson was afterwards on or about the first day of June 1779 honourably discharged & further saith not. Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written
[signed] Uriah Springer

NOTES:

Clawson apparently enlisted in southwestern Pennsylvania, which was then claimed by Virginia. His service was in the 13th Virginia Regiment of Foot.

On 6 Nov 1838 Kezia Clawson, 64, applied for a pension stating that she married Garret Clawson on 29 July 1790, and he died 14 April 1830. Her sister, Mary Fields, stated that she had been present at the marriage, which was officiated by David Loughborough, pastor of the Georges Creek Baptist congregation, in Woodbridge town in Springhill Township, Fayette County PA. The file includes the family record transcribed below, certified by John P. Sturges as having been taken from a Bible that had belonged to Garret Clawson. On 19 May 1848 Kezia Clawson applied to have her pension transferred to Virginia, having moved to Wood County where her only daughter resided, because "being much advanced in age she was no longer able to keep house and take care of her self." This statement was certified by Leah Griffin.

Garret Clawson was born December ye 25th 1759 and died April the 14th 1830 age 70y 3m 20d

Kezia Clawson was born April ye 27 Anno Domini 1774

Childrens Ages

Leah Clawson was born April ye 3^d 1791

John Clawson was born April ye 8th 1793

Mary Clawson was born March ye 23^d 1795

Phineas Clawson was born August ye 10th 1797

Loton[?] Clawson was born July ye 11th 1799

Thomas Clawson was born August ye 22^d 1801

James Clawson was born September ye 20th 1803

Isaac Sturgis Clawson was born November 20th 1805

Garret Clawson Junr was born July 18th 1808

Kezia Clawson was born September 12th 181[?] & Died July 27th 1819

Abia Clawson Was born January 13th 1813 Died July 15th 1819

Josih Clawson Was born August 29th 181[?] and Died 16th 1819