

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Clark W4155

Sarah Clark

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State of Georgia Camden County: Inferior Court August Term 1826

On this 8th day of August 1826 personally appeared before the Judges of the Inferior Court of said County Jacob Clark resident in said County and seventy-nine years or thereabouts according to the best of his knowledge and belief who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath maketh the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Jacob Clark enlisted according to the best of his recollection and belief for the Term of the war in the Continental Army in the early part of the year 1777 at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina in the Company then commanded by Captain John Walker and afterwards by Captain Brown of the first Regiment of North Carolina commanded by Colonel Poke [sic, Thomas Polk] in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Court until the capture of Charleston by the British who then and there made him a prisoner and carried him to St. Augustine in East Florida where he remained a prisoner until after the close of the war and treaty of peace and was by then dismissed but never after saw his said officers or any of his fellow soldiers of said company to the best of his recollection excepting John Barco who has been dead for many years deponent thinks and believes that ten years otherwise he would have called him as a witness to the truth of this declaration. That he was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown that at the time of the battle of Monmouth he was sick at Valley Forge which prevented him from being present and engaged in said battle. This deponent further saith that after he was released at St. Augustine as aforesaid he came to Camden County in the State of Georgia where he has ever since remained and in consequence has never been able to procure any regular discharge from his officers not knowing where they resided. This deponent further saith that he is an illiterate man and never has had the advantages of a trade that ever since the said war he hath been in indigent circumstances but hath from his industry by performing small jobs of carpenter's work and other little jobs on boats been able to support himself without application to his Country until he applied for his pension. But having advanced to old age and being a cripple in both arms he is now unable to support himself without such application, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Roll of any State that he knows of. That it is seven years last March since he has been attempting to procure said pension but has failed for want of information and from informality in the applications which he trust will be a sufficient reason for his application particularly as he was unable to pay for to obtain professional aid. And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. he was ignorant of his rights and the

form of obtaining them.

And in pursuance of the act of the first 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" 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. Since the 18 March 1818 no changes in his property has taken place only that this deponent's occupation has been for subsistence making a little provisions for himself and family on other peoples' land from place to place and at other times making canoe boats and selling and making and mending shoes which now from age and infirmity he is unable to pursue. That his wife is still living and is old and decrepit that he has even children alive three of which live with him that their names are Richard aged about 18 years Polly aged about 14 years and David aged about nine years who are unable to contribute much to the comfort & support of their parents that this deponent further saith from his indigent circumstances he has never been able to give any of his children either trade or education. That since the 18 day of March 1818 no changes have been made in his property excepting as before mentioned and that for the support of himself and family as the same failed you from time to time the amount or number of which articles this deponent cannot enumerate or name as he never kept any account of the same neither does his memory serves in relation to the same. That how to obtain the next months provision this deponent does not know.

Sworn to in open court this eighth of August 1826

S/ William Gibson, JIC CC

S/ Jacob Clark, J his mark

S/ L. Clarke, JIC CC

S/ P J Delony, JIC CC

Schedule of Property now in possession of the applicant Jacob Clark and annexed to the foregoing application and subscribed by him this 8th day of August 1826 according to the Acts of Congress

One Bed valued at	\$3.00
One Mattress	2.00
4 Common sheets	4.00
1 Blanket	1.50
1 bed cover	3.00
1 Iron Pot	1.50
1 do	2.00
1 Pine Table	2.00
1 Tea pot	.50
Plates dished spoon knives & forks	5.00
Working tools	8.00
Wearing apparel	15.00
Two hives of bees	4.00
Eight or ten Hogs	12.00
1 Gun	6.00
Some old cast Irons valued at	10.00

One ?? ??	1.50
Provisions for 1 week	1.50
1 Spinning Wheel	<u>1.50</u>
	\$81.00
The debts due you to me not exceeding	10.00
debts due by me	5.00
a small crop of corn, peas & potatoes probably worth \$15-\$20	
	S/ Jacob Clark, J his mark

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jacob Clark a private Soldier in Captain Brown's Company of the first Regiment, enlisted in 1777 for the War or 3 1/2 years, that nothing more is said of him in said Rolls. It is therefore believed that his Declaration is true.

Given under my hand at Raleigh 28th August 1826

S/ Wm Hill

[p 11: On October 16, 1838 in Camden County Georgia, Sarah Clark, 68 or 9 years made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Clark; that she married him on the __ day of __ in the year 1783; that her husband died Me six, 1837 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 53: Mrs. Priscilla Thomas (a widow) testified in Camden County Georgia that she was well acquainted with Sarah Clark and her husband Jacob; that Jacob served as overseer and manager of the plantation of her uncle Wilson Williams and that was regarded as the legal wife of Jacob Clark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing August 8th, 1826, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line for six years.]