

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Clontz (Clounce) W4924 Chloe fn49NC
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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January Sessions A.D. 1833 –

On this 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of this Court now sitting George Clontz (alias) Clounce, a resident of the County of Burke in State of North Carolina aged about 73 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, and served as herein after stated: he enlisted about the first of May 1778 for the term of 9 months in the North Carolina State Troops (he thinks they were called) in the Service of the United States at George File's muster ground in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina under a recruiting officer [word written off the page] he was called Captain Pliler [sic, Plyler?] & marched & joined the troops on their march to the North: the Troops were commanded by General Davidson & there was an officer who Davidson called Armstrong but he cannot recollect the names of his company officers: the Troops & he with them marched to a place called Moons Creek near the Virginia line where hearing of the battle of Monmouth he for one amongst others was furloughed til called on. He was not called on until November 1778 and was then rendezvoused at Charlotte North Carolina and marched about the 5th November commanded by Captain Jack under Colonel Lytle to within a few miles of Charleston South Carolina where we got our arms then to Purrysburg where we lay four months. I was placed in Captain Gooden's [Christopher Goodin's?] Company of Regulars who was attached to Colonel Malmedy's Light infantry Joseph Graham (now General Graham of Lincoln) was first our orderly Sergeant & then quarter master Sergeant to the Regiment. I was in the battle of Stono. General Lincoln commanded in the summer of 1779 he was taken sick at Bacons Bridge and hauled to Camden with the rest of the sick. Our time was out 5th August 1779 & being left at Camden sic my father came before me & carried me home to Mecklenburg North Carolina. I was never regularly discharged being left very sick & my time being out my father took me home & saved my life: for there was no care taken of us at Camden, for our officers went off & left no one to take care of us. I have had to crawl to a well to get a little water for there was no one to take care of us. I can procure no

further testimony of my services except the affidavit of General Joseph Graham¹ hereunto attached marked A. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a claim or a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to the 29th January 1833

S/ George Clontz, X his mark

S/ J. Emory, Clk

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Mecklenburg now Cabarrus North Carolina in May 1760. I have no record of my age this is only what they tell me.

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

In Mecklenburg North Carolina (now Cabarrus) where I enlisted, after the war I lived there till about 1802 & then moved to this County & have lived here ever since

How were you called into service?

I enlisted for nine months

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

In consequence of the failure of memory I can state but little about my service but this I know that when we marched first I was under General Davidson until I was furloughed that there were no continentals they are for we were not then called continentals: that after I was furloughed (which furlough I have lost) I returned home & there stayed about three months when called on again – rendezvoused at Charlotte North Carolina about the 5th of November 1778 & marched under Captain Jack to the South: that when at Purrysburg as before stated I was attached to Captain Goodens Company of regulars which was shortly after placed in Colonel Malmedy's light infantry: had several little skirmishes with the British before the battle of Stono was in that Battle the Americans were commanded by General Lincoln. We were forced to retreat for we were only a small party of the Army there were many men killed. I recollect one French Lieutenant under Colonel Malmedy was shot through the arm close to the body and died the next day at the Black Swamp: we then moved up to Bacon's Bridge which was said to be about 60 miles above Charleston we had no more fighting. We lay at Bacons Bridge two or three weeks. I was then taken sick, the sick & I amongst them were hauled to Camden & there left in a sufferings state from which my father carried me home after my time had expired so that I was never discharged but left by my officers.

Sworn to the 29th January 1833

S/ George Clontz, X his mark

S/ J. Emory, Clk

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: A

On the Request of George Claunce a Revolutionary Soldier General Joseph Graham a Resident of this County came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith as follows that this declarant entered the Continental service early in the month of May 1778 Rendezvoused in Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina that on the first day's march was joined by

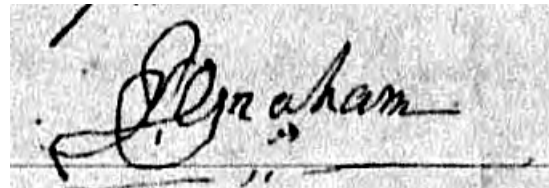
¹ [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

George Claunce and others from the Eastern part of said County in what is now called Cabarrus (the County being since divided). The term of their enlistment was to serve nine months after they arrived at their place of Rendezvous which it was stated to be at Bladensburg in the State of Maryland, marched by slow movements in order that Recruits from the other Counties might join until arrived near the Virginia line in Caswell County encamped at a place called Moons Creek where hearing of the Battle of Monmouth understood our services were not wanted to the North remained there stationary until the men became uneasy that their time was not going on a meeting took place which was suppressed with difficulty shortly after it was proposed to the Troops that such as chose it might have furloughs until the fall and that from the time they were called on their term of service would commence George Claunce and most others from Mecklenburg accepted the Furloughs and returned home in August about three months after they set out and was again called on Rendezvoused at Charlotte on the 5 day of November 1778 and marched under Colonel Archibald Lytle to within 10 miles of Charleston there drew arms & camp equipage & marched thence to Purrysburg on Savony River [sic, Savannah River] the North Carolina Recruits organized into a Brigade under General Sumner & the regiments under Colonels Lytle and Armstrong the Company to which George Claunce was attached commanded by Captain Gooden which shortly after was placed in the Light Infantry under Colonel Malmedy (a Frenchman) and Major John Nelson of the North Carolina line this deponent having acted first as orderly Sergeant to Captain Gooden's Company and afterwards Quarter master Sergeant to the Regiment has a distinct recollection of the services of George Claunce, the whole Campaign and that he was reported an orderly soldier, who never failed to do his duty agreeably to the direction of his superiors as this deponent took the fever a few days before the term of service expired on the 5th of August 1779 he has no knowledge of his being discharged or by whom but remembers he was in camp a week or two before at Bacons bridge near Dorchester in the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of January 1833

S/ Maxwell Nelson, JP

S/ J. Graham

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Graham", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from a Book of Settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that George Claunce a private Soldier of said line was allowed for his services the sum of thirty-nine pounds eight shillings and six pence (£39.8.6) by a Board of Commissioners which sat at Warrenton in 1786.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1844

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 11: on April 2, 1844 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Cloe Clontz, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Clontz, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$45 per annum for his services in the revolution as a

Sergeant; that she married him in Mecklenburg County in the summer of 1783 about the close of the Revolution; that her husband died in Buncombe County North Carolina October 20, 1838; that she has no family record of her marriage or the births of her children; that they were married by a Minister of the gospel in a church in accordance with the practice of the time.]

[fn p. 13: Francis Lingle, 85, of Buncombe County North Carolina gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife prior to their marriage; that her name prior to her marriage was Chloe Cline; that he never heard it doubted that they were legally married in Mecklenburg County North Carolina in the summer of 1783 which he recalls by the fact that he was married one year earlier in 1782.]

[fn p. 16: on January 29, 1845 in McDowell County North Carolina, Catharine Claunce gave testimony that she is the oldest child of George & Chloe Claunce; that she was born the first of February 1785 according to her best knowledge and belief that she has no record of her age and is not aware of there being any record of the ages of the children of her parents.]

[facts in the file: the veterans widow died March one, 1847.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina State Troops.]