

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Clark (Clarke) W6679
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Sally Clark VA

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Alabama } on this 1st day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge
Jackson County } of said court aforesaid now sitting Lewis Clark a resident of Jackson and state
aforesaid aged seventy years 22nd day of last April who being duely 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 about the year 1779 he entered the service of the unites states as a private soldier under the
following officers and served as here in stated, he entered the service under General Pegram Capt John
Nicholas Major Lewis & Col Joseph Jones he dose not Recolect the day fo the year or month but beleives
it was in the fall of 1779 He resided in the county of Dinwiddie state of Virginia when he entered the
service He was drafted for the first campaign which lasted three months which time he served He
afterwards entered the service of the United States while living at the same place He dose not recollect
the exact time time when he was drafted but served eight months as a private soldier during which time
he served under Col. Joe Jones & Capt David Walker in which campaign he was in the engagement in
which Petersburg Virginia was captured by Lord Cornwallis [probably capture of Petersburg by Gen.
Benedict Arnold, Battle of Blandford Hill, 24 Apr 1781]. He volenteered under General Washington in the
year he believes of 1781 under Col Falkner [sic: Ralph Faulkner] & Capt Gillam Boothe [sic: Gilliam
Booth] He was in an engagement under the above named officers in 1781 when Cornwallis was captured
at Little York Virginia [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] in which he served six weeks & left the service. He was a
private in each campaign He has no documentary evedence to she his service

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that
my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

When and in what year were you born

I was born Dinwiddie County Virginia on the 22nd of April 1763

Have you any record of your age and if so what is it in – I had my age in my fathers Bible but by some
means a part of my name has been torn out – Where were you living when called into service – where
have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live – I was living in Dinwiddie County
Virginia when called in to service I lived in said county until March 1820 Thence I moved to Franklin
County Tennessee where I have resided untill about fours ago & moved to Jackson County Alabama
where I have lived ever since – How were you called in to service were you drafted or did you
volenteer I was twice drafted & once the last time volenteered

State the names of some of of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such
Continental & Malitia redgments as you can recolect & the general circumstances of your service Col
Falkner General Washington and ajudent Lewis I believe wer all the regular officers under whom I
served The balance were malitia officers. I believe that I have stated the general circumstances of my
service

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service If so by whom was it given and where is it & what has
became of it – I never received a written discharge My captain allways gave me a verbial discharge when
the service was over – State the names of persons in your present neighbourhood that can testify as to
your character for truth, good behavior your service in the revolution.

I am acquainted with Jesse McElyea Esqr Col Brantly Wright Thomas Rich Esqr William N. Callaway &
Adam M. Self whom I believe would be willing to the above [signed] Lewis Clark

NOTE: The file includes a receipt for the final pension payment to Sally Clarke up to the date of Clark's death, 12 Jan 1842. On 16 July 1853 Sally Clarke (as she signed), aged 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Lewis Clarke on 14 Sep 1800. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 11 Sep 1800 by Lewis Clarke (as he apparently signed) and George Booth for the marriage of Clarke to "Sally Rogers (Spinster)." Joseph S. Clarke stated that while of "tender years" he witnessed the marriage of his father, Lewis Clarke, to Sally Rogers in Dinwiddie County. John R. Clark of Benton County AL also stated that he had been present at the marriage, which took place at the home of the bride's father. On a 17 Aug 1855 application for bounty land Sally Clark (as she then signed) was said to be about 76.