

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Clark W6680

Ruth Clark

f92NC

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: SS

On this fifth day of October 1835 – Personally appeared before the Honorable Josiah J Evans one of the Associate Judges of the said State in the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for said District at Pickens Court House – William Clark resident in Pickens District State aforesaid, age seventy-eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States as a volunteer & did the following services under the following named officers viz.

In the year 1777 he was living in the part of North Carolina called Washington County, now in the State of Tennessee and was called on & turned out under Captain Thomas Price under Colonel John Sevier, and was stationed most of the time at Sevier support on Nole Chucky [Nolichucky] River in Washington County and was frequently out on duty against the Cherokee Indians was in no regular Battle with them, does not recollect if he got a discharge, what he did with it – He thinks he was dismissed in the spring of the year 1778. And afterwards in 1778 he reentered the service under Captain Valentine Sevier the Company rendezvoused at the Long Island on Holston River and went down in canoes to the Chickamauga towns, and took 40 or 50 horses 40 head cattle some deer skins the Indians fled & left what they could not carry – stayed two weeks in their towns & returned having been out about six weeks on this Tour; having taken one prisoner who broke and one of the Company shot & killed him. –

In the fall of the year 1780 He was called on to serve a tour of three months & was in the service under command of Captain __ Asher and was with him one of the Guard to the Commissioners & surveyors who ran the line between Virginia and North Carolina, beginning somewhere near Long Islands on Holston & went with them on a westerly course running the line which he now supposes divides Tennessee & Kentucky was out three months at least this time.

3. In the year 1781 Entered the service again in the fall of the year under Captain Williams in Colonel John Sevier's Regiment and joined General Marion's Army on Santee River near to Moncks Corner, and was stationed there took a Garrison of the British there of about 100 men as it was said – about the time we joined Marion's Army we heard of the defeat of Lord Cornwallis at York Town & the surrender of his Army –

In the year 1782, Captain Alexander Moore raised a company of volunteers & went under Colonel John Sevier to go against the Cherokee Indians who were troublesome and he was with him one month at the least.

He served in the	first tour	six months }	He cannot
	2 nd	1 13/30 }	at this time say

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4	3	}	did Serve 14
5	<u>1</u>	}	months & 13
	Months 14 & 13 days }		days but he
			Feels confident

He did serve not less than 14 months as he has above stated. He did do other service & was in some Battles with the Indians but cannot now recollect the times or officers & therefore does not specify them –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State – He does not know of any witnesses to prove his Services except his Brother George Clark¹ who lived with him in the same House & was with him and all the Service except against the Chickamauga what Towns six weeks & he went then to the Long Islands with us as he states – And Ferrell McGaha who was also with us in all these tours except the one running the line between North Carolina and Virginia as he also states in his affidavit –

He also states in answer to the Interrogatories which are required by the War Department to be put to Applicants²

1st Born in Shenandoah County Virginia 7th April 1757

2. He has a Record of his age in his Bible at his House near Waltons Ford in Pickens District which he took from his Father's Family Bible.
3. He lived in Washington County NC during the war in the year 1784 he came to Pendleton County & settled on the same place now in Pickens District where he has lived ever since.
4. He was a volunteer generally & believes he was a volunteer each time.
5. He was acquainted with Captain Shelby or Colonel Shelby General Marion, Colonel Maham, Major Jesse Walton was adjutant of Colonel Sevier's Regiment & Colonel Robinson & does not recollect being acquainted with others –
6. Does not recollect of getting any discharge if he did, it is lost long since.
7. He is acquainted with Colonel Joseph Grisham, Colonel Robert Anderson, Colonel John C Kilpatrick & he is willing for all the Citizens of the District to testify to his character for truth. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before

S/ William L Keith, CC

S/ Wm Clark



[Benjamin D DuPre, a clergyman, and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [George Clark S32179](#)

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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State of Illinois Wayne County

Before me Samuel Leech a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Personally appeared George Clark who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that sometime in the year 1777, Himself & William Clark were called on and served as a militia soldiers in the Revolutionary War in the State of Tennessee six months and the most of the time we were at Sevier's Station under the command of Captain Thomas Price and were attached to Colonel John Sevier's Regiment; and in the year 1778 the said William Clark was again called out & performed a tower [tour] of duty of six weeks against the Chickamauga what Indians, under the command of Captain Valentine Sevier; That the company rendezvoused at Long Island on the River Holston in the State of Tennessee, to which Place he the said George Clark went with the said William Clark & then returned – That he the said George Clark & the said William Clark were again called out in 1780 and served as revolutionary soldiers a tower of three months under the command of Captain __Asher at the time the line was run between North Carolina & Virginia, as he was compelled to have a guard at that time, We were then called on & I served as a militia soldier with the said William Clark a three months tower in the year 1781 under the command of Captain Williams in General Marion's Army in the State of South Carolina & we were present at the taking of the British Garrison near Charleston at Moncks Corner. Then in the year 1782 we were called on and I served one month with the said William Clark under the command of Captain Alexander Moore against the Cherokee Indians in the State of Tennessee, and at another time as well as I can recollect I served a short tower with the said William Clark against the Cherokee Indians but do not recollect the exact time nor the commanding officers' names. I was present in all the aforesaid towers of service (except the tower against the Chickamauga what Indians in 1778 with the said William Clark and he rendered the aforesaid services as a Revolutionary Soldier to the best of my recollection. The said William Clark & myself are Brothers and we served together as before stated.

S/ George Clark, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th July 1835

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State of South Carolina

Personally appeared Ferrell McGaha³ before me and made oath in due form of law That he was well acquainted with William Clark of Washington County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War – That in the year 1784 this the said McGaha and Clark moved into Pendleton County South Carolina and he has known him ever since – This deponent was with the said Clark in months service in the Revolutionary War the first Tour of six months under Captain Thomas Price of Colonel Sevier's Regiment was with him near two months against the Indians at Chickamauga towns as well as he recollects he thinks they were over six weeks out at that time – He was with the said Clark a tour of three months under Captain Williams went down into the State of South Carolina was at Moncks corner joined General Marion was with the said Clark under Captain A. Moore against the Cherokee Indians a month or more and was out with him at other times against the Cherokee Indians.

Sworn to fifth of October 1835 before me

S/ Joseph Grisham, NP JUQ

S/ Ferrell McGaha, X his mark

³ I could not find a federal pension application filed by a veteran of this or any similar name. Consequently, this may be the only record of this veteran service in the revolution.

[p 9: On April 2, 1844 in Hall County Georgia, Mrs. Ruth Clark, 77, on the 14th day of May next made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Clark 2nd, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that his pension benefit was transferred from South Carolina to the Georgia agency November 15, 1837; that her husband died June fourth 1843 in Hall County Georgia; that she married him February 14th 1792 in Franklin County Georgia and removed to Pickens District formerly Pendleton District South Carolina where they resided until 1837; that she knows of no one by whom she can prove her marriage other than Sally Wyley of Habersham County Georgia.]

[p 10: Mrs. Violet Reed gave testimony that she has been acquainted with William Clark 2nd and Ruth Clark, now his widow for the space of 55 years or more; that she is credibly informed that he married Ruth Goodwin; that she believes the marriage took place sometime in the year 1792.]

[p 13: Sarah Wyley, 61, of Habersham County gave testimony that she witnessed the marriage of William Clark to Ruth Gooden on February 14th, 1792 and Hall County Georgia.]

[pp. 16-17: family register]

William Clark was born April 7th 1757

Ruth Clark the wife of William Clark was born May 14th 1767

John Clark the son of William & Ruth Clark was born November 5th 1792

Oliver Clark was born October 9th 1794

Sevier Clark was born September 11th 1797

Sabra Clark was born March 3rd 1799

Births of the Negroes

Bob was born 1803

Dick was born 1805

Lisa was born 1809

Milla born on April the second 1810

Kingstin born eight March 1812

Roda born on the 30th of March 1814

Lella born the 11th of December 1815

Queen born the 20th of June 1817

Charity born 22 of June 1819

Ben born 28 March 1821

Lisa born in 1792

Fanny born 19 April 1809

Lona born May 4th 1811

Priscilla born 27 of May 1813

Amy born 15 of June 1817

Ally born 14th October 1819

Green [?] Born 4 of January 1821

Charles & Jinny born 26 of February 1824

Marjorie born July 14 1820

Lewis born 10th of April 1831

[p 97: On July 7, 1845, John Clark, 53 next November, resident of Hall County, Georgia gave testimony that he is the son of William and Ruth Clark; he verifies the family record as such.

John Clark

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]