

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Clarke W6687                      Hannah Clarke                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 12 Dec 2018.

Culpeper County towit                      September Court 1812

William Clarke came into Court and made oath that during the whole of the Revolutionary War with Great Britain he was a Soldier in the armies of the United States in the Virginia line particularly he enlisted with Thomas Wells a Captain in the 15 Virginia Regiment then under the Command of Colo Mason [David Mason VAS506] for three years which time he faithfully served out and received a discharge accordingly which discharge he gave in keeping to Colo John Jameson [R15404] now deceased and that the said discharge has not (on search) been found among Colo Jamesons papers or any of his representatives that after his said term of three years had expired he continued in the said Service without interruption untill the end of the War that he was in the quality of a Soldier Servant under Lieut. Colo Wallace [Gustavus B. Wallace BLWt2422-450] when the troops went to the succour of Charles Town [Charleston SC] but that some short time before the Surrender of that place [12 May 1780] he was sent by Colo William Heath [sic: William Heth BLWt1064-500] express to Virginia by which means he escaped being captured there, but that he still continued in the service, for on his way back from Virginia he met Colo John Jameson at Wilmington in North Carolina where he became his Soldier Servant and in that capacity waited on him to the state of Connecticut there to take command of a Regiment of Horse or he was a Lieutenant Colonel Commandant to a Regiment of Horse and continued with him in that capacity and drew pay as a Soldier to the end of the War. But now through the will of providence it so happened that there is not any officer or Soldier now alive within his knowledge and reach that can prove these facts and having lost his discharge as above stated and having neglected to obtain any discharge from Colo John Jameson for his latter part he is left destitute of any possible proof but his own oath. And it was further proved to the Court by Colo David Jameson [S5607] that he hath frequently heard his brother Colo John Jameson above mentioned speak of the Services of the said Clarke during the revolutionary War and that he spoke of him in very high terms and that he verily believes from what he has heard and seen that he continued in Service to the end of the War

State of Virginia

Culpeper County towit

On this sixth day of April 1818. before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court for the state aforesaid personally appears William Clarke aged Seventy years resident in the County of Culpeper in the state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said William Clarke enlisted in 1775 or 1776 in the Continental line in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Wells of the said State and 15<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regiment Colo [David] Mason. that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the unites states until the close of the war, when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia state of Pennsylvania. That he was in the Battles of German Town [Germantown 4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the transcript from the record and proceedings of the County Court of Culpeper.

Virginia to Wit

This day Peter Triplett personally appeared before me Hugh Holmes one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia made oath that William Clarke served under Colo John Jameson in the Revolutionary war for upwards of nine months Given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818

State of Virginia

Culpeper County towit

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record established by an act of the general assembly of Virginia for the said county William Clarke aged about sixty four years resident in the said County who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that is to say, he was enlisted under Captain Thomas Wells of [blank] of the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on the continental line commanded first by Colo James and afterwards by Colo. Edwards and remained in service three years and more and in the course of his service was in thee Battles of Monmouth and Germantown. That he hath heretofore made a declaration in conformity with the law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that his name is inscribed as a private in the Army of the Revolution on the pension list of the Virginia agency at the rate of eight Dollars per month to commence on the 6<sup>th</sup> day [blank] 1818. as will more fully appear by his pension certificate bearing date the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1818. and signed by J C Calhoun Secretary of War with the Seal of state thereto affixed the number of which said certificate appears to be 4792 payable semiannually on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March at the branch Bank of the united states at Richmond Virginia. and the said William Clarke further solemnly swore that he was a resident citizen of the united states on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he hath not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of the 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818. and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him signed.

Schedule

I William Clarke on the oath that I have taken do hereby declare the following to be a true list of my property towit

1 Horse 25 years old – \$5.50      one old [illegible word] plough \$20

1 Hilling hoe 2/-1      Grubbing Hoe 2/      1 axe 6/

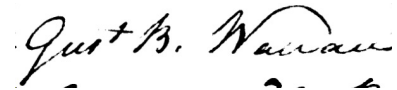
And I do further declare that I am a common labourer only, rather infirm and badly able to work – that my family consists of a wife two Daughters and a Grand daughter – that my two Daughters are above the ages of 21 years and at liberty to do as they please and that my Grand daughter is about three years old. And I do further declare that I am in indigent circumstances and stand in need of assistance public or private.

Wm hisXmark Clarke

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to certifie that william Clarke served in the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regt as Soldier for the term of three years and is entitled to land accordingly. Jan'y the 7 1784

Gust B. Wallace  
Lt. Colo 2<sup>nd</sup> V. R.



Sir, Please deliver to Mr Fontaine Maury my Land warrant and oblige

John Harvie Esq're/ Richmond

William Clarke

Soldier [undeciphered] Reg't

I do hereby Certify that Wm Clarke was [undeciphered word] as waiter to Colo Gustavus B Wallace of the Virginia Line [undeciphered] Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary war, and I am confident his engagement was for three years or during the war as at that time none were engaged for any other term. I am much impressed with an opinion that he compleated his term of Service. I had it from Colo Wallace that he was a soldier & [illegible] well as a servant he was much esteemed by him. Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1812

W B Wallace [William B Wallace S42612] late Lieut  
1<sup>st</sup> Reg Artily Revolutionary Army

Culpeper October 2<sup>d</sup> 1815

Having assigned my claim to George R Strother the Governor and council will deliver the warrant for the land to which I may be entitled for the within mentioned services to George R Strother given under my hand the day & year aforesaid William his Xmark Clarke  
Teste/ Wm Triplett

NOTE: In the 1820 federal census of Culpeper County William Clarke is enumerated as head of a household of "Free Colored Persons." On 18 Aug 1838 Hannah Clarke, about 80, applied for a pension stating that she married William Clarke 19 Mar 1785, and he died 8 Dec 1827. In the federal pension file is a copy of a bond dated 19 Mar 1785 in Stafford County VA signed by William Clarke and William Peters for the marriage of Clarke to Hannah Peters.