

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Clay W6690 <sup>1</sup>  
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Eva Clay f80NC  
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State of Georgia Tattnall County

On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1850 before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Henry Holland<sup>2</sup> aged about 98 years a resident of said County who after being duly sworn according to law states that he is a Pensioner of the United States on the Georgia roll at the rate of \$50 per annum. That he is acquainted with Mrs. Eve Clay of Wilkinson County in this State widow of David Clay who was reported and believed to have been a true Whig and a Soldier in the Revolutionary War by his neighbors and acquaintances in North Carolina, where he was acquainted with the said David Clay, That he, the said Henry Holland was present at the marriage of David Clay and Eve his wife, and that they were married in Warren County near the Shoals of Ogeechee [River] by a Justice of the Peace named John Hatcher. He cannot remember the date, but knows it to be more than 58 years past from the age of his own son John who was a suckling infant at the time of David's marriage, and is now over Sixty years of age, David Clay served through the whole war and was in several battles with said Henry, and was discharged at the close of the war near Charleston by General Green [Nathanael Greene].

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1850

S/ G W Collins

S/ Henry Holland, X his mark

S/ Joseph Cox, JP

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State of Georgia, Wilkinson County

On this Seventeenth day of August A.D. 1853 Personally appeared before the Inferior Court of Said County at Chambers here, Eva Clay a resident of Wilkinson County and State aforesaid, aged \_\_\_ years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth in her oath make this owing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of David Clay deceased who was a private in the army of the United States (here she only states from the best of her recollection) in the company commanded by Capt. Hall<sup>3</sup> in the Regiment commanded by General Green [Nathanael

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt5001-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [Henry Holland S31759](#)

<sup>3</sup> J. D. Lewis in his monumental opus listing all the NC veterans he could find records for, says that David Clay served under Capt. Thomas Evans for about 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line commencing in 1782.

J. D. Lewis. *NC Patriots 1775-1783: Their Own Words*

Vol. 1—The NC Continental Line

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Greene] in the Revolutionary war that her said husband enlisted from Duplin County North Carolina on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ A.D. for the term of five years or during the war, and continued in service for the term of seven years, was at Wilmington (where he had the measles) was at Charleston & Beach Island, was discharged \_\_\_ at Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina, received a written certificate of discharge, which has been destroyed, he was discharged at the close of the war. She further declares that she was married to the said David Clay on the Twenty Sixth day September A.D. 1792 by one John Hatcher a Justice of the Peace in Warren County Georgia, that her said husband the aforesaid David Clay died in Wilkinson County State of Georgia on or about the \_\_\_ day of August A.D. 1818. That she has not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four. Viz. at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made application for a Pension except through Mr. J. S. Morrell of Savannah.

S/ Eve Clay, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before us in open court the day and year above written and we hereby certify that the aforesaid Eve Clay is very old and her recollection considerably impaired.

Attest:

S/ Sam Beall J.I.C.

S/ J. N. Beall, Clk

S/ Wm. O. Beall J.I.C

S/ Leroy Fleetwood J.I.C.

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State of Georgia, Wilkinson County

On this 15th day August A.D. 1853 Personally came before me, Mary Johns, a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged Eighty-three years who being duly sworn, says that she was well acquainted with David Clay deceased and his widow Eva. That they came into the neighborhood of her father's soon after they were married, that she waited on Mrs. Clay with her first three children, before she married herself, which was in May 1796 and knew them to live together as man & wife until the death of David Clay. I first knew David Clay & his widow Eva in Washington County & afterwards we all moved into this County where he lived until his death. She further declares that to the best of her recollection, it was about five years before she was married that she became acquainted with David Clay & his widow that the names of her first three children were Robert, Pearse and Sarah.

S/ Mary Johns, X her mark

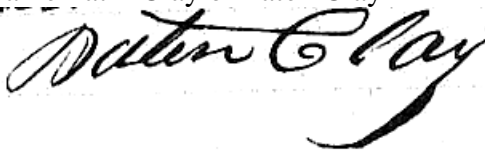
Attest

S/ William S. John

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day of year above written and I hereby certify that the said Mary Johns is creditable and disinterested, and that she is of the age above stated.

S/ Leroy Fleetwod J.I.C.

[p 73: On August 17, 1853 in Wilkinson County Georgia, Peyton Clay, son of David Clay and Eva his widow, gave me that he is about 50 years of age and a resident of Wilkinson County; that there is no record of the marriage of his parents in the clerks office nor is there any record of the births of the children of his parents of which the affiant has knowledge; that his father could not write. Signed his name Patin Clay or Paten Clay



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State of Georgia, Wilkinson County

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1855 Personally appeared before me the subscribers a justice of the Inferior Court within and for the County aforesaid, duly authorized by law to administer oaths. Eva Clay aged, about 83 years a resident of said County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of David Clay deceased who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Kornegay in the War of the Revolution. That she does not know the precise date of her husband entering the service, nor time of discharge but refers to certificates of pension granted to her by R. M. William Secretary of the Interior, dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 1855, numbered 11,747, 9,595 and 6,325. Recorded in the Pension office in Books D Vol. 10<sup>th</sup>, Page 327, Book H. Vol. 2nd page 173 and Page 208 Vol. 3rd, for further proof of service, marriage, death of her husband & she further states that she was married to the said David Clay in the County of Warren & State of Georgia, in or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day September by one John Hatcher a justice of the Peace, that her name before her marriage was Eva Hardin, that her said husband died in Wilkinson County State of Georgia on the \_\_\_ day of August 1818 & that she is still a widower. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855, never having received bounty land under this or any other act; nor made any other application for bounty land except the present

S/ Eva Clay, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1851

I William J Clarke Comptroller of public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in said office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons on account of military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Book No. 10 "Payments in 1782 218 months drafts David Clay \$76.60"

Also in Book No. 26 page 89 D. Clay £9 specie.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the day and year above written

S/ William J Clarke, Comptroller

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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 the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that David Clay a private Soldier in Capt. Evans's Company of the tenth Regiment entered the service on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1782, for the term of eighteen months.

Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1851

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1851

I William J Clarke Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that since issuing my certificate of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant in the case of David Clay, I have found among the original Indents or Army Certificates, one issued by the Army Commissioners of Wilmington District, dated December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1781 allowing David Clay the sum of Nine pounds specie for his services in the Militia as returned in Pay Roll No. 350.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the day and year above written

S/ William J Clarke Comptroller

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I George W Brooks Comptroller of the Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military service in the Revolutionary War as follows

Viz. David Clay, a private

Book 26 Page 81 £9 - specie by certificate which was returned to the Public Treasury by Sheff Sampson Co.

Book W1 Page 3 Entry 201 £9 - specie, allowed by auditors Wilmington District

Book 10 No. Certificate 90999 \$76.60 allowed in 1782 to 18 months draft receipted for by C. Ivey

I further certify that Pay Roll 220 shows that said David Clay belonged to Capt. Jacob Kornegay's Company also that Henry Holland belonged to the same company as per said Pay Roll

As witness whereof I hereunto subscribed my name this 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1855 and upon my seal of office.

S/ George W Brooks, Comptroller

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$23.53 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for service by her husband as a private in the North Carolina militia.]