

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Coleman Clayton ¹ W6692

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North Carolina, Person County

On this 19th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County (sic, Court) of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County of Person now sitting Coleman Clayton a resident of the County of Person and State of North Carolina aged about seventy two 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 stated, viz: In the year 177[date disappears off sheet] and (as he thinks) in the month of April he volunteered to serve a term of three months in the Militia of North Carolina and was placed under the command of Capt. Berry Turner [Berryman Turner]; that at the time of his entering the service, he was a citizen of Caswell County, North Carolina; that his company marched from Caswell under Col. Moore [William Moore] and when they reached Guilford County they joined other troops under Genl. Butler [John Butler] who thereupon took command of the whole; they then marched to Salisbury, thence to Charlotte, thence to Augusta, thence to Bacon's bridge on Ashley River to Stono River where they encamped; that they remained at Stono under the command of Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] until the battle of Stono with the British was fought [June 20, 1779], and thereafter until the term of service of this declarant expired when he was discharged and returned home.

In the year 1780 this declarant took the place of one Richard Coleman his uncle who had been drafted for a term of three months in the militia of North Carolina and marched to Caswell County where his uncle had been drafted under the following company officers: viz: John Douglass, Capt., Thomas Neeley, Lieut. & John Barnett, ensign, the regiment to which he was attached being under the command of Col. James Williams. They proceeded to Salisbury thence over the Catawba River, and thence by the Cowpens to King's Mountain where a battle was fought [October 7, 1780] with the enemy after which they returned with the prisoners taken at King's Mountain to Salem in North Carolina where they remained and this declarant was discharged; at the time this declarant entered upon the term of Service just mentioned it was expressly stipulated that

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those of the militia who should provide themselves with a horse and gun should be discharged after serving two months but should be entitled to three months pay, and this declarant avers that he did so provide himself with horse & gun. In the year 1781 this declarant again took the place of the aforesaid Richard Coleman who had been drafted for another term of three months; that he was mustered under Capt. Harden and Lieut. Barnett and the company to which he belonged was marched from Paine's [also spelled Payne's] tavern in Caswell County to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River in N. Carolina to guard the public stores of provisions there collected and remained at said mill until this declarant was discharged. While this declarant remained at Ramsay's mill, a Draft was had in Caswell County for twelve months' tour and among the number drafted was this declarant ; that after returning home from Ramsay's Mill he proceeded to Granville Court house where he joined his company under Capt. Dixon [Tilghman Dixon] & Lieut. Dixon; the officers of the regiment to which his company belonged were Col. Dixon [Henry Dixon] & Major Blount [Reading Blount] and all the militia then assembled were under the command of Genl. Sumner [Jethro Sumner]; from Granville court house they marched to Hillsboro, thence to Salisbury and thence to the Highs Hills of Santee where they joined other troops under Genl. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] who thereupon took the command in chief, from the high hills of Santee they proceeded across the Congaree & Wateree [Rivers] near Thompson's Fort where the British lay, and thence they marched to the Eutaw Springs and then immediately engaged in battle with the enemy whom they pursued until they were near a place called Monck's Corner where learning that the enemy had been reinforced they retreated to the High Hills of Santee; there they remained some time and then marched to a place called round O and thence to Bacon's Bridge where after remaining some considerable time they returned to Salisbury where this declarant was discharged. This declarant further states that he was born in the county of Warren in North Carolina in the year 1760 as he has understood from the tradition of his family, the record of his birth having been consumed many years since; when called into service he resided in Caswell County and after the close of the war continued to reside in said county until it was divided and the County of Person erected out of a part of said county of Caswell since which time he has resided in Person County up to the present time. That on the expiration of the first term of service he received a discharge from Captain Turner; on the expiration of his second term he received a discharge from Capt. Douglass; on the expiration of the third term, he received a discharge from Lieut. Barnett; and on the expiration of his fourth term he received a discharge from Capt. Dixon, all of which he has either lost or mislaid not supposing that they would ever be of any use to him. That there is no one now living, known to this declarant, by whom he can prove his first term of service; that the facts herein before set forth with regard to his second term of service he expects to establish by the affidavit of Jacob Vanhook;² that the facts in relation to this third term of service he expects to prove by John Clayton; and the facts in relation to this last or twelve months tour he expects to be able to prove by George Duncan. That John Bumpass Esqr. & William Hicks reside in the neighborhood of this declarant by whom he expects to establish his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

² [Jacob Vanhook S9509](#)

Coleman Clayton, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Dickens, Clerk

[John Bumpass, Esquire, and William Hicks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Person County: On this 19th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County John Clayton³ of said County aged 74 years who being duly sworn maketh oath that in the year 1781 this affiant was drafted in Caswell County North Carolina to serve three months in the militia, that he was placed under the command of Captain Harden & Lieutenant Barnett and marched to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River in North Carolina to guard the public stores of provisions at that place against the Tories; that he remained at Ramsay's Mill until his term of service expired and then returned home; that this affiant is well acquainted with Coleman Clayton of Person County and that he well knows that said Coleman was attached to the aforesaid company and performed the like service as this affiant.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/Jesse Dickens, Clerk

S/ John Clayton, O his Mark

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North Carolina Person County: This day personally appeared before me John Bumpass an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Jacob Van hook who maketh oath that in the year 1780 he knew Coleman Clayton who was in the company commanded by John Douglas Captain, Thomas Neilly Lieutenant & John Barnett Ensign, which company was raised to serve two months with the understanding this service should avail as a tour of three months provided each man should furnish his own horse & gun; That said Clayton had a horse & gun which he had himself procured, as this affiant knew, having lived previously in the same neighborhood – this affiant was a Soldier in said Company – that said Company marched from Caswell County North Carolina under Colonel Williams [James Williams] through Salisbury crossing the Yadkin & Catawba rivers, the three forks of Broad River to Cowpens in South Carolina, thence to Kings Mountain & was in the battle fought at that place when Colonel Ferguson the British Commander was killed – the company thence came on to Salem North Carolina, when they were discharged – this affiant knows that Coleman Clayton was in the whole of this Service.

S/ Jacob Vanhook



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State of North Carolina Pearson County: On this 19th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County of Person now sitting George Duncan⁴ aged 75 years who being

³ [John Clayton S9183](#)

⁴ [George Duncan S41513](#)

duly sworn, maketh oath that in the year 1781 he entered the service of the United States in the militia of North Carolina for a term of 12 months, that he marched from Granville County North Carolina, through Salisbury into South Carolina, that he was at different times at the High Hills of Santee, at a place called round O, at another place called Pon Pons, and that Bacon's Bridge all of which places were in the State of South Carolina; That the General commanding the troops to which this affiant was attached while in the State of South Carolina was General Greene, that this affiant was not in the Battle at Eutaw Springs having been detailed for other services at that time which he does not now remember, that this affiant well knows Coleman Clayton now of Person County and that he well remembers that said Clayton was in the 12 months service aforesaid, and that said Clayton was with this affiant at the several places above mentioned which the Army at different times either passed through or encamped at.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Dickens, Clerk

S/ George Duncan, X his mark

[p 9: On January 26, 1843 in Person County North Carolina, Jane Clayton, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Coleman Clayton a pensioner of the revolution at the rate of \$70 per annum; that she married her husband October 14, 1793; that her husband died September 1, 1829 [sic, 1839?]

[p 13: on April 23 [1855], Mrs. Jane Clayton filed in Person County North Carolina for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Coleman Clayton.]

[p 16: copy of the marriage bond issued in Franklin County North Carolina, to Coleman Clayton & William Saterfield on October 20, 1793 to secure the marriage of Coleman Clayton to Jane Layton.]

[p 45: certificate dated February 7th, 1856 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to a Coleman Clayton for services in the military during the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months service in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]