

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Ezekiel Cloud W6920¹

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State of Georgia, County of Henry

On this 18th day of December 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County, now sitting, Ezekiel Cloud a resident of the County of Henry and State of Georgia – aged 70 years the 14th day of March last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain 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, & served as herein stated – Viz. -- Colonel John Dooly, Elijah Clarke, Lieutenant Colonel, Beverly Smith Major, Daniel Gunnells Captain George Barber first Lieutenant (Second Lieutenant or Ensign not recollected) – all of the State of Georgia & County of Wilkes --

His service commenced about the year 1778 & served in tours until the latter part of the year 1779 to the amount of eight months. That he commenced again in September 1780 under Col. Elijah Clarke & Micajah Williams Lieutenant Colonel John Cunningham Major, Daniel Gunnells Captain – George Barber first Lieutenant (Second Lieutenant, or Ensign not recollected) & was in the Battle of the first Siege of Augusta, under the last named officers in September 1780 – That he retreated under the Command of the last named officers, through Georgia & the upper parts of South Carolina, into the Settlements of Holston (now East Tennessee – where we refreshed our horses about 25 days). We then marched through the edge of North Carolina into South Carolina, where we scouted for the British & Tories during the (or [indecipherable word] so) of the month of November of 1780. About the first or middle of December 1780 we joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in South Carolina & marched down Broad River, & had a Skirmish with the enemy at a Ferry on said River (The name of the Ferry not recollected).² From this place General Sumter marched his forces to Blackstock's on Tiger River [sic, Tyger River] in South Carolina – where the enemy pursued us, & we had a severe engagement & General Sumter was dangerously wounded. Others killed & wounded we however carried General Sumter on a horse litter to Wolfords Iron Works [sic, Wofford's Iron Works] on Pacolet River together with the other wounded, where we left them. There Cols. Clarke & Williamson Commanded of which this applicant was a private Volunteer. The Commanding Captain was here changed from Captain Gunnells to George Walton. They then marched during the month of December 1780, & until the 17th of January 1781, or thereabouts, through the upper part of South Carolina skirmishing the British & Tories. After this General Morgan called on Col. Clarke for assistance to take charge of his prisoners which he had taken at the Battle of the Cowpens. Major Samuel Taylor of South Carolina & Major John Cunningham of Georgia & Captain George Walton of Georgia, & his Company with others were Deputed to take charge of & marched the prisoners through the upper part of North Carolina – Crossing the Catawba River high up & marched down on the East Side to the place where General Morgan appointed to meet & take charge of them again. This was about the last of January 1781. We then returned back to Colonel Clarke & scouted through North, & South Carolina until about the first of April 1781. Shortly after this we attacked Major Dunlap on Little River in South Carolina – took him & about 30 prisoners, & marched them on to Gilford Town [sic, Gilbertown or Gilbert Town] in North Carolina, & delivered them to a Command Stationed there. We then recruited a few days, & marched & scouted through the upper part of South Carolina back to Wilkes County Georgia. Shortly after this this applicant joined Captain Joseph Nail's Volunteer Horse Company, & scouted the frontiers of Wilkes County Georgia to suppress the Tories who had taken refuge among the

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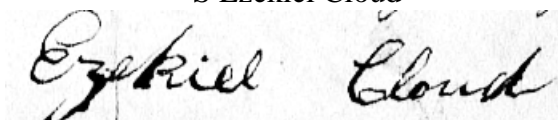
² Applicant is thought to be referring to the engagement at Shirer's Ferry. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/shirersfy.htm> about November 18, 1780.

Creek & Cherokee Indians, & continued in Captain Nail's Company till he died. He then joined Captain Daniel Gunnells' Horse Company again & remained with him till after the Second Siege of Augusta in 1781 (the month not recollected). After this we scouted the frontier of Georgia again, under the Command of Lieutenant George Barber until May 1782 – during which time we had a Battle with the Creek Indians on the frontier of Wilkes County, Georgia. And this affiant can't [sic] further state that he remained in the Service of his Country scouting against the British & Tories until the War finally Closed. The whole of which was served as a private Volunteer.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the Present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S Ezekiel Cloud

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ezekiel Cloud". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 89: James Gamble, a clergyman, and James S. Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Newton County: Personally appeared before me Benjamin Penn an acting justice of the peace for said County John Webb³ and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with Ezekiel Cloud formerly of Wilkes County but now lives in Henry County and that he was personally acquainted with the said Cloud in the time of the Revolutionary war and that he was a true Whig & fought in the defense of the United States between the year 1778 & 1781 that said Cloud served a tour of Duty under Colonel Elijah Clark but the length of time he does not recollect.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 4th day of October 1832

S/ Benjamin Penn, JP

S/ John Webb, X his mark

State of Georgia Walton County Personally came before me Austin Webb⁴ and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with Ezekiel Cloud formerly of Wilkes County now living in Henry County and that he served with said Ezekiel Cloud in the first siege of Augusta under Colonel Elijah Clark against the British 1780 also he served with the said Cloud in Captain Joseph Nails' horse volunteer Company in 1781 in the last siege of Augusta the time of service not recollected. Sworn to before me this the 30th of October 1832.

S/ Georgia Willingham, JP

S/ Auston Webb, x his mark [sic]

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Georgia Baldwin County: Before me personally came John Hatcher Senior⁵ who being duly sworn saith that he deponent served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and that Ezekiel Cloud also served as a soldier in said war and was at the first siege of Augusta under the command of Colonel Elijah Clark in the year 1780 and at the second siege of same in 1781 and in a skirmish at Shirer's ferry on Broad River and *[a sheet of paper was laid over a portion of this affidavit and covers, I think, about*

³ [John Webb S32055](#)

⁴ [Austin Webb S3902](#)

⁵ I don't find any federal pensioner by this name nor is he listed in Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011. Consequently, this may be the only record of the service by this affiant. If anyone finds the full text of his affidavit, please send it to us and let us amend this transcription to include it. This John Hatcher may also be the same man who gave supporting affidavits in connection with the applications of [S31887 Nathaniel Offutt](#) and [R2470 John Crawford](#).

two lines of text] time which was from September 1780 until late in the year of 1781. The said Cloud always manifested the greatest anxiety for the cause of freedom.

S/ John Hatcher Senr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hatcher Senr." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to before me this 12th of November 1832

S/ Wm W. Carnes, JIC

[fn p. 11: On Januray 7, 1851, in Henry County, Ga., Elizabeth Cloud,66, filed for a widow's pension stating that she was the widow of Ezekiel Cloud having married him and Oglethorpe County Georgia on November 15, 1798; and she states that her husband died in Henry County on the 30th of May 1850.][He was born March 14, 1762, place not stated]

[fn p. 8: On March 24, 1855 in Henry County, Georgia, Elizabeth Cloud, 71, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Ezekiel Cloud; she states that her maiden name was Elizabeth Jones.]

[facts in file: The following children of Ezekiel and Elizabeth Cloud are shown: the first child, born February one, 1800, and died soon afterward, her mother stated that she died before being named but her brother, Levi stated that her name was Sarah; Levi, born July 3, 1802, married Lucinda, maiden name not given, and she was living in McDonough, Georgia, in 1877; Mary E., who married ___ Stokes, his given name not stated, and she was living in McDonough, Georgia in 1877; Nancy; Aaron; Milly; Jackson; Caroline; and Martha.]

[Austin Webb⁶ of Walton County, Georgia gave an affidavit in support of Ezekiel's claim.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 24 months service as a private in the Georgia militia.]

6 [Austin Webb S3902](#)