

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Clark W8606 ¹

Sarah Clark

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of South Carolina York District

On this 16th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before me, William D Martin, a Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas, now sitting – William Clark, of the State and district aforesaid aged 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 US in the year 1778, then a resident of this district and where he has continued to reside and was employed as one of a scouting party under the command of Capt. Robert Thompson [Robert Thomson] and remained in service about three weeks – ranging in that time the districts of York and Chester – was a volunteer –

In the year '79 he was at the taking of Friday's Fort [Fort Granby, May 2-'s 15, 1781] – The detachment being commanded by General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] and Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], that as well as he recollects he was in service on this occasion as a volunteer soldier about six weeks –

In the same year he served three months at Orangeburg under the command of Col. Moffit [probably John Moffett] and Capt. John Henderson, on this occasion he was a volunteer –

In 1781 he served a three months tour in the forks of Edisto [River], South Carolina under the command of Capt. Henderson, the plantation of Mr. Young being Head Quarters, and was employed in procuring cattle for General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army – he was now also a volunteer.

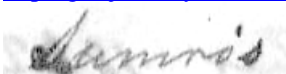
The next service was for three months – he March from York – passed Sherer's ferry [Shirer's Ferry]² on Broad River – opposite Winnsboro and went to [indecipherable word]³ mill in Newberry – under the command of Sumter and Capt. John Cunningham. During this time there was a slight engagement with a scouting party of the British at the fish dam Ford [November 9, 1780] – afterwards another skirmish at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] Newberry district with the British where General Sumter was wounded – was a volunteer –

He further states that he was born in North Carolina – was born in March 25th 1760 – as shown by a record in his possession furnished by his father – never received a written discharge – and refers for his character to Gassaway Wilson and George Davis.

He further relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and states his name is not on the pension roll of any state.

¹ BLWt30697-160-55

² <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/shirersfy.htm>

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Sworn & subscribed the day and year above in open Court.

S/ William Clark



[p 54: George Davis and Gassaway Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina York District

Personally appeared William Clark within declaration before me and made oath that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For 11 months as a private militia soldier viz. and 1778 for three weeks under command of Capt. Robert Thompson, in 1779 for six weeks under the command of General Sumter & Col. Lee, the last mentioned year three months under the command of Col. Moffett and Capt. John Henderson, In 1781 three months under the command of Capt. Anderson at Edisto & in 1780 for three months under General Sumter & Capt. John Cunningham and in this last mentioned service was in the battle at the Fish Dam Ford and at Blackstocks – that he has no documentary evidence of any of his service nor can he prove it by any living witnesses except by the affidavits hereto attached & that he could not produce in court a clergyman to testify there being none present acquainted with him.

Sworn to before me June 14th, 1833

S/ J. M. Ross, QU

S/ William Clark

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State of South Carolina York District

Personally appeared before me Edward Steedman [sic]⁴ and being duly sworn saith that he was a soldier of the Revolution and well recollects William Clark as such that they did duty together about 3 months under General Sumter – passed from York to Sumrs' [?] Mill in Newberry, and they were discharged finally in York

S/ Edward Steedman, X his mark

[June 14, 1833] acknowledged

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State of South Carolina York District

Personally appeared before me David Patton⁵ and being duly sworn saith that in the year 1781 he served a three months tour in the forks of Edisto in the State of South Carolina under the command of Capt. Henderson and that the plantation of a Mr. Young as Head Quarters, and that he was employed in procuring cattle for General Greene's Army – and that during the above. Of service, William Clark was engaged as a soldier with him in the same service.

Sworn to before me June 14th 1833

S/ J. M. Ross QU

S/ David Patton



⁴ [Edward Steedman \(Steadman\) W9676](#)

⁵ [David Patton S18151](#)

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State of South Carolina York District

Personally appeared William Carson⁶ and made Oath that in the year 1779 he was a Soldier in Company with William Clark under the Command of Col. Moffett and Capt. John Henderson at Orangeburg State of South Carolina in this Tour he the said Clark served as a volunteer three months.

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th day of November 1833 before me

S/ J. M. Martin, QU Ex. Officio

S/ William Carson, X his mark

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State of South Carolina York District

Personally came William Clark and made oath that where he states in his declaration that he served about three months and in another place about six weeks that the tours served at each time was not less than is therein stated. Sworn to & subscribed November 15th, 1833

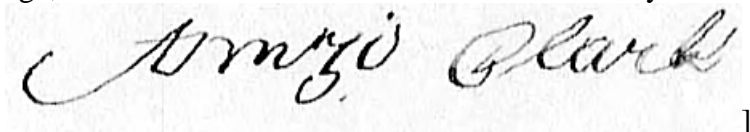
S/ J. M. Martin, QU Ex Officio

S/ William Clark

[p 8: On April 13, 1848 in York District South Carolina, Sarah Clarke, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Clarke, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him in the month of October in 1792 the precise day of the month not recollected but their 1st child was born July 4th, 1793; that her husband died December 18, 1844; that she has a record of her marriage contained in a family Bible. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On April 13, 1848 in York District South Carolina, Margret Tomlinson made oath that she was well acquainted with Sarah Clarke whose name was Sarah Boyles previous to her marriage to William Clark; that affiant was an attendant of said Sarah on that occasion at which time affiant was about 20 years of age; that affiant has a record of her age showing she was born June 27, 1772. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 10: On April 17, 1848 in York district South Carolina, Amzi Clarke gave testimony that he is the son of William Clarke and Sarah his widow; that the oldest child of his parents is now about 55 years of age; that affiant was there 4th child and will be 48 years old the latter part of the year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amzi Clarke". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first name "Amzi" is written in a large, flowing script, and "Clarke" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact cursive style. The signature is positioned above a closing bracket "]" in the text.

[p 12: On June 23rd, 1855 in York district South Carolina, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; in this document she states that she was married October 10, 1792 to William Clark in York district South Carolina by Malcomb Henry Esq.; that her husband died at his residence on December 18, 1844; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Boyls [sic]. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 15: family record:

Joseph Clark born the 5 of June 1793

Thomas Clark was born 15 of October 1795

Benjamin Clark born 28th of May 179? [last digit illegible]

Amzi Clark born the 6th of November 1799

⁶ [William Carson S9305](#)

Mary D. Clark born the 12 of July 1802
Eliezer Clark born the 22 of May 1805
Willi Clark born the 4 of May 1808
John Franklin Clark born the 10 of October
Francis Clark born the 5 of June 18??
James Clark born the 8th of July

A handwritten list of names and birth dates, likely from a pension application. The text is written in cursive and includes the following entries:
Joseph Clark born the 5th of June 1793
Thomas Clark born 15 of October 1795
Benjamin Clark born 28 of May 1791
Abnize Clark born ^{the} 6 of November 1789
Mary D Clark born the 12 of July 1802
Eliezer Clark born the 22 of May 1805
Willi Clark born the 4 of May 1808
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 3 days in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

Another Version

Pension Application of William Clark, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll ____, Application #W8606

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

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"In the year 1779, he was at the taking of Friday's Fort, the detachment being commanded by

General Sumter and Colonel Lee. As well as he recollects, he was in service this occasion as a volunteer soldier about 6 weeks.”

“In the same year he served 3 months at Orangeburg under the command of Colonel Moffett and Captain John Henderson. On this occasion he was a volunteer.”

“In 1781 he served a 3 months tour in the Forks of Edisto, SC under the command of Captain Henderson, the plantation of Mr. Young being headquarters, and was employed in procuring cattle for General Greene’s army. He was now also a volunteer.”

“The next service was for 3 months. Marched from York; passed Sherer’s Ferry, Broad River opposite Winnsboro and next to ?Sumner’s Mill in Newberry under the command of Sumter and Captain John Cunningham. During this time there was a slight engagement with a scouting party of the British at the Fish Dam Ford; afterwards another skirmish at Blackstock’s, Newberry District, with the British, where General Sumter was wounded. Was a volunteer”

“He further states that he was born in North Carolina. Was born March 25th, 1760 as shown by a record in his possession furnished by his father...”

His children’s births, according to the Bible page:

Joseph	June 5, 1793
Thomas	October 15 th , 1795
Benjamin	May 28, 1797
?Amzi	November 6, 1799
Mary D.	July 12, 1802
Eliezer	May 22, 1805
Willi	May 4, 1808
John Franklin	October 10, 18__ [paper edge crumbled to dust]
Francis	June 5, 18__
James	July 8, 18__

Sarah Clark married William Clark October 1792. Her maiden name was Boyles. William Clark died December 18, 1844.