

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Clark W8608

Ruth Clark

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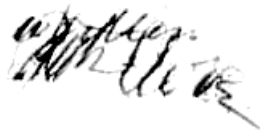
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State of Tennessee Giles County

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1838 personally appeared before me J. M. Patrick an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mrs. Ruth Clark a resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Giles aged Sixty-nine years in April last, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July the 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows. I Ruth Clark widow of Joseph Clark to the best of my knowledge, believe that my husband Joseph Clark was a private in the Army of the Revolution and into the service as a volunteer or Regular in what was called the Six months State troops of South Carolina, that he volunteered or enlisted in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina and entered the service during the Spring of 1781 – he was under the command of Capt. William Alexander and Andrew Alexander was his 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. and he belonged to the Regiment under the command of Col. Wade Hampton and attached to the Brigade of General Thomas Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] that he was engaged in several minor scrimmages among which was the taking of Orangeburg [May 11, 1781] in the possession of the British and Tories, was at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and served in that occasion in the horse service under Col. William Washington. When he entered the service he was marched into South Carolina under the officers first mentioned and he marched through different portions of the State and also some parts of Georgia and the latter part of his service was under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & Major Moore & Habersham [John Habersham] and that at the time for which he had volunteered or enlisted expired he was on the Altamaha River in the State of Georgia and was marched from thence to the Congaree River in the State of South Carolina and was there discharged serving in the whole Ten months but his discharge is not to be found having been lost or mislaid: the said Mrs. Ruth Clark further deposes that she knows of no documentary evidence to prove the above described Services, but relies on the evidence of Mr. Hugh King for proof of the above stated facts. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Clark on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1789 and that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Clark died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 1826 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place as aforesaid previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above.

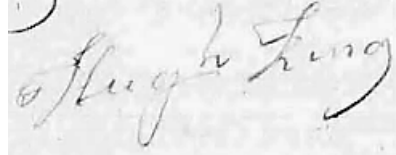
S/ Ruth Clark



State of Tennessee Giles County

Be it known that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1838 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Hugh King and made oath in due form of law that he was intimately acquainted with the before mentioned Joseph Clark both before he entered the Service of the United States and afterwards he having served with the said Clark under the same Officers and that he knows of his own knowledge that the said Joseph Clark performed the services set forth by his widow Ruth Clark and all the facts set forth in her declaration are true and that he served the full term of Ten months in the Army of the Revolution and that he himself is a pensioner under the act of Congress of 1832 and that he receives his pension at the Pension office in Polasky. Subscribed and Sworn to before me the day and year above mentioned

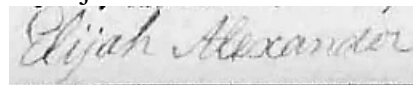
S/ Hugh King<sup>1</sup>



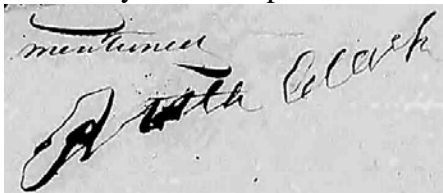
State of Tennessee Giles County

Be it known that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1834 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared Elijah Alexander and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Joseph Clark and Elizabeth Clark and that he was present at the marriage of the said Joseph Clark & Ruth Alexander nee Ruth Clark the widow of the said Joseph Clark and that they were married by the Rev. Robert Archibald in Mecklenburg County, state of North Carolina on the day and year set forth in the [above] declaration and that he knows of no record in existence of the same and that she is the widow of the said Joseph Clark and that she has never been married [sic, remarried]

S/ Elijah Alexander



[p 21: by affidavit dated January 21, 1839 filed in Giles County Tennessee, the widow submitted her family record in proof of her marriage to Joseph Clark.



[p 7: family record:

Births

Rebecca S Clark daughter of Joseph & Ruth Clark was Born the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1790

Mary Clark daughter of Joseph & Ruth Clark was Born the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1792

William A. Clark son of Joseph & Ruth Clark was Born the 25 May 1794

Susannah Clark daughter of Joseph & Ruth Clark was Born the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1797

Margaret Clark daughter of Joseph & Ruth Clark was Born the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1800

James A. Clark son of Joseph & Ruth Clark was Born the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 1802

Josiah G. Clark son of Joseph and Ruth Clark was Born the 1 May 1805

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<sup>1</sup> [Hugh King S32365](#)

Elijah C. Clark son of Joseph & Ruth Clark was Born the 20 August 1808  
Joseph H Clark son of Joseph & Mary Clark was Born the 20 May 1810

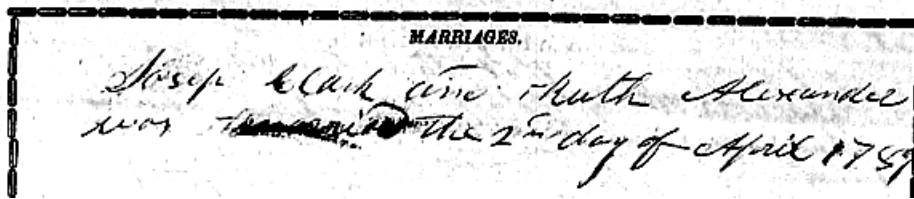
Deaths

Mary Clark died the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1795  
Josiah G Clark died the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1805  
Joseph Clark died the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1826  
Elijah C Clark died 2 of September 1837

Marriages

Joseph Clark and Ruth Alexander was married the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1789]

FAMILY RECORD.	
BIRTHS.	DEATHS.
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Mary Clark daughter of Joseph & Ruth Clark was born the 26 <sup>th</sup> of December 1792	Josiah G. Clark died the 5 <sup>th</sup> of August 1805
William A. Clark son of Joseph & Ruth Clark was born the 25 <sup>th</sup> of May 1794	Joseph Clark died the 21 <sup>st</sup> of Sept 1826
Pussamah Clark daughter of Joseph & Ruth Clark was born the 8 <sup>th</sup> of April 1791	Elijah C. Clark died the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Sept 1837
Margaret Clark daughter of Joseph & Ruth Clark was born the 11 <sup>th</sup> of October 1800	
James A. Clark son of Joseph & Ruth Clark was born the 18 <sup>th</sup> of Decem 1802	
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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$41.67 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the Cavalry in the service of South Carolina and North Carolina.]

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Another version

Pension Application of Joseph Clark, Natl Archives Microseries M805, Roll \_\_, Application #W8608

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Giles County, Tennessee, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1835, Mrs. Ruth Clark, aged 79 years in April last: "I, Ruth Clark, widow of Joseph Clark to the best of my knowledge and belief, that my husband, Joseph Clark was a private in the Army of the Revolution and entered the service as a volunteer or regular in what was called the 10-months State Troops of South Carolina. That he volunteered or enlisted in Mecklenburg County, NC and entered the service during the spring of 1781. He was under the command of Captain William Alexander and Andrew Alexander was his 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant and belonged to the regiment under the command of Colonel Wade Hampton and attached to the brigade of General Thomas Sumter."

"That he was engaged in several minor 'scrimmages' [*skirmishes?*] during which was the taking of Orangeburg \_\_\_\_\_ of the British and Tories, was at the Siege of Ninety-Six and serving in that occasion in the horse services under Colonel William Washington. When he entered the service he was marched into South Carolina under the officers first mentioned, and he marched through different portions of the state and also some parts of Georgia, and the latter part of his service was under General Wayne, \_\_\_\_\_ and Habersham, and that as the time for which he had volunteered or enlisted expired, he was on the ?Altamaha River in the state of Georgia and was marched from thence to the Congaree River in the state of South Carolina, and was there discharged, serving in the whole, 10 months."

"His discharge is not to be found, having been lost or mislaid. The said Mrs. Ruth Clark further declares that she knows of no documentary evidence to prove the above \_\_\_\_\_ services, but relies on the evidence of Mr. Hugh King for proof of the above stated facts. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Clark on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1789, and that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Clark, died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1826..."

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to Joseph Clark  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1266

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<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 9: Printed form of indent No. 2126 Book K dated January 21st, 1787 “delivered to Mr. Joseph Clark this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of twenty-four pounds nineteen Shillings and six pence Sterling (Special Bounty) and arrears of Cloathing, service in Sumter’s Brigade per certificate from Commissioners for Adjusting Claims of said Brigade.”]

[p 10: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by William Alexander, James Thayer and Edward Blake. The documents in the file does not indicate how these individuals acquired an interest in the Indent.]