

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Clowney (Clowny) W9391 Elizabeth Clowney f29SC

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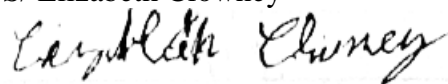
The State of South Carolina Union District

On this the 20th day of December 1838 personally appeared before me Mrs. Elizabeth Clowney a resident of Union District South Carolina aged 76 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of Samuel Clowney of South Carolina Union District who was a private in the war of the Revolution. The deponent believes he volunteered in Captain Matthew Patton's Company and served she thinks throughout the war as a private. She cannot depose with certainty to days & dates but believes he was in most of the principal engagements in the upper part of the State of South Carolina particularly the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and Blackstocks [November 20, 1780], for further details of his service she refers to the affidavits of Christopher Brandon,¹ Major Thomas Young² and Major Joseph McJunkin³ who were with him in the service and whose Evidence is here unto attached. She declares that she was married to the said Samuel Clowney on the first day of January 1792 or 3 and that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Clowney died on or about the 19th day of September 1824. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service – but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above stated.

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge

S/ Elizabeth Clowney



[p 18: Certificate dated March 6, 1839 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office showing an indent issued to Samuel Clowney for 449 days service in the militia in Colonel Brandon's Regiment in 1779 and after; 120 days of which was as a horseman under Captain Farris [sic, Captain Robert Faris] from February 72 June 6 1779; 80 days of which for service under Captain Matthew Patton in 1779 & 1780; 192 days service under Captain Hugh Mean [Hugh Means] from June 8, 2 December 17, 1780; and 57 days service under Captain Robert Farris from December 18 1780 to 4 May 1781.]

¹ [Christopher Brandon S9288](#)

² [Thomas Young S10309](#)

³ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

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Personally appeared before me Major Joseph McJunkin a soldier of the Revolution who being duly sworn upon the application of Mrs. Elizabeth Clowney the widow of Samuel Clowney who was a private in the war of the Revolution for a pension under the law of the United States of the 7th of July 1838 –

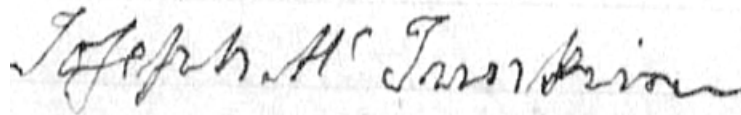
This deponent states that in the year 1775 under Colonel John Thomas "Spartanburg Regiment" This deponent together with Samuel Clowney were in active service and continued together under Colonel Thomas' command until they joined General Richardson [Richard Richardson] at the Congaree [River] same year attacking the Tories under Cunningham [Patrick Cunningham or Robert Cunningham] at Reedy River on Christmas day – Samuel Clowney was then discharged, in the next place that this deponent knows of his serving in the war was at Stono [Stono ferry, June 20, 1779] (this he knows only from report at the time and he believes the report true). The deponent states that in the year 1776 on the 28th day of June, the Indians made an attack upon the whites at a place called the Indian line, and massacred many of them, when this deponent & the said Samuel Clowney, with others under the command of Captain Farris repaired to the scene of slaughter and buried the slain. The deponent states that he knew the said Samuel Clowney in all the most remarkable engagements in South Carolina from the year 1775 to the close of the war 1783. That knows from his own observation and the character he sustained among the friends of liberty that none were sure or more devoted to the cause of freedom that he was. That he was always at his post and where duty called him.

The said deponent believes that the applicant Mrs. Elizabeth Clowney to be the widow of the said Samuel Clowney deceased. That they have lived together as such and always been so reputed in the neighborhood, that they have raised a large & respectable family of children, and there can be no doubt of their being legally married.

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of December 1838

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge

S/ Joseph McJunkin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph McJunkin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the late 18th or early 19th century.

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Personally appeared Christopher Brandon the Soldier of the Revolution who being sworn upon Mrs. Elizabeth Clowney's application for a pension under the law of the United States of 7th of July 1838 –

The declarant states that he knew and was well acquainted with Samuel Clowney during the revolutionary war. That he believes Samuel Clowney was in the service previous to the fall of Charleston March 1780 and after that time he knows he was regularly in the service till the close of the war whenever there was a call or it was necessary. The deponent was with him at the Battle of the Cowpens where was engaged on the Picket Guard and made a very narrow escape from the enemy (17 of January 1781). The deponent thinks Samuel Clowney was at the battle of Blackstocks. It was reported at the time in the deponent does verily believe that the said Samuel Clowney succeeded in capturing alone and detaining as prisoners five Tories until his friends who were at some distance came to his assistance displaying on that occasion much of that heroism which distinguished citizens and soldiers of South Carolina and her struggles with the

Tories & British in the war of the revolution. This deponent is known to Samuel and Elizabeth Clowney as man and wife from about the year 1791 or 1792 until Samuel Clowney's death which happened about 13 or 14 years ago. That she Elizabeth Clowney is his widow and has never married to any other person.

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th December 1838

S/ J J Pratt, Judge

S/ Christopher Brandon, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Union District

Personally appeared before me Major Thomas Young who being duly sworn upon the application of Mrs. Elizabeth Clowney (the widow of Samuel Clowney who was a private in the war of the Revolution) for a Pension under the law of the United States passed 7th of July 1838 –

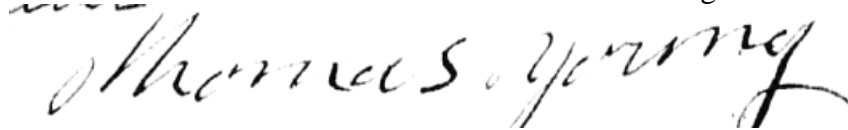
The deponent states that he was in the service with Samuel Clowney in Colonel Brandon's Regiment in the year 1781. That he Samuel Clowney was with this deponent in the battle of the Cowpens on the 17th day of January of that year. That he the deponent further says that the said Samuel Clowney was distinguished for his determined bravery and soldier like conduct, through the whole of troubles that characterize the revolutionary war in the South. That he was a staunch Whig & true patriot.

This Deponent states that the present Mrs. Elizabeth Clowney the Applicant is the widow of the said Samuel Clowney deceased. They lived together as man & wife from about the year 1793 and raised a large and highly respectable family. That he has for many years resided within about 12 miles of them and has no doubt that they were legally married about the time above mentioned and lived together amicably until Mister Clowney's death which occurred about 14 years ago.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 12th day of December 1838.

S/ JJ Pratt, Judge

S/ Thomas Young



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$61.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Samuel Clouney [sic]

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1308

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[No.] 74

[Book] X [No.] 738 26 September 85 [1785]

Mr. Samuel Clouney for riding express in February 1779 Charged £325 per depn [depreciation?]

Amount to Currency [old South Carolina currency] £39.1.3

Stg. [Sterling] £5.11.7 ¼

⁴ 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.

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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	No. 118	
No. 3007		
Lib. [Book] X	29 April 1786	
Samuel Clowney for 449 days duty as a horseman from 7 January 1779 to 4 May 1781 in Captain James Patton's and Means Company of Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment		
Charged	£490	
deduct less on 2 charge for ? in extension	41	
Currency	£449	
Add more on 3 rd ditto 1 day	<u>1</u>	
	<u>£450</u>	
Sterling	£64.5.8 ½	

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina	to Samuel Clowney	Dr.
for 120 days Duty as a Private horseman in Capt. Faris's Company from 7 February to 6 th June 1779 both days included at 20/ [20 shillings per day, pay as a horseman]		£120
80 days Do as do in Mathew Pattons Company in 1779 & 1780 alternately		121
192 days Do as Do and Captain Hugh Means Company from 8 June to 17 th December 1780 both days Included 20/		192
57 days Do as Do in Captain Robert Faris's Company from 18 December 1780 to 4 May 1781 alternately at 20/		<u>57</u>
		£490
Deduct less on £Charge for error in extension		<u>41</u>
		£490
Add more on 3 rd do 1 day		<u>1</u>
	Currency	<u>£450</u>
	Stg.	£64.5.8 ½
The above in Colonel Brandon Regiment and taken from Pay Bills		

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Received full satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 3007 – X
S/ Samuel Clouney

Samuel Clouney