

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Clarkson W9794

Pheby Clarkson

VA

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On this 19th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared before me John P. Gaines a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Boone and State of Kentucky David Clarkson aged seventy two years last June and a resident of said county of Boone & state of Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the united states in the summer of 1778 [sic] in the County of Louisa & state of Virginia where he then lived as a private militia man in a company commanded by capt. John Martin to serve a tour of Two months as a substitute for Mr. Hill in whose place he was recieved & did serve said tour of two months duty at the Albemarle barracks in guarding the British prisoners [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781], while in the service he was under Col. James Taylor [sic: Francis Taylor] – soon after his return home from said tour he joined a company of captain Pleasant Martin as a private Militia Man & as a substitute for a Mr. Johnson & was received as such to perform another tour of Two months duty & served it by being marched down below Richmond to a place called Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point 15 mi SE of Richmond] at which place the british had been but had left it just before we arrived. after serving the tour he return'd home. – and some time in the Spring of 1779 [sic] he was drafted to serve a tour of Two months as a private militia man under a Captn. George Loumsdale [sic: George Lumsden] and served the Tour by being marched against the British who were invading the country about Richmond [probably Gen. Benedict Arnold, Jan 1781]. after serving which Tour he returned home – and in the summer or fall of the same year he was again called on to serve another tour of Two months as a private militia man under a Captain Henry Garrett and served said tour by being marched down James River about Richmond and in guarding the Country against the British invaders during this year he was one of the minute men and to be called upon & to go whenever an alarm was given or occasion required – & served without being joined to the command of any general or field officer

In the summer of 1780 He was called upon and joined a company under Capt James Winston to serve a special tour of six months as a private militia man against the British and when the company Rendezvoused to march & join Genl [Horatio] Gates the affiant attended but was unable to march with them being much afflicted with Rheumatick pains – he was permitted by the Capt to remain not being able to march with them the company went on & joined Gen'l Gates & was in the defeat a Camden [16 Aug 1780] & returned home before him this affiant was able to march or join them – the Capt. however considered that he this affiant had discharged his duty in relation to his said undertaking to perform said tour as he was confined during the time by illness and deprived from doing any kind of business –

After which in March or April 1781 he was called upon to serve a tour of Two months as a private militia man under a Capt James Watson & performed said tour of Two months duty by being marched to Richmond & had a small engagement with the British across the river near Richmond & they retreated down they followed us to near Petersburg [sic: Petersburg]. we were under Col. Ch. Dabney [Charles Dabney] & Gen'l. Lafayette had command a part of the time & Gen'l. Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and others were along a part of the time.

after serving said tour he went home & remained about two weeks when he was again called on & joined a company of Capt. Wm. Harriss [sic: William Harris] to serve another tour of two months as a private militia man and served it by going back down James River and were marched across through Gloucester to a point opposite York Town and was there untill a few days before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] on this tour he was under Col. Jno Taylor [John Taylor] Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne was also along with

them a part of the time which ended his services in the War of the Revolution

that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. [signed] David Clarkson Sr
[Certified by M. B. Clarkson and Lewis Conner.]

NOTE: On 8 March 1839 Pheby Clarkson (as she signed), 65, of Pendleton County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married David Clarkson on 14 July 1790, and he died 15 Nov 1833. On 1 Feb 1845 she was said to be 70 and had lived in Greene County MO since Oct 1841, "when her son, with whom she lives, removed from Kentucky to Missouri." Her statement was certified by her sons, James J. Clarkson and David S. Clarkson. On 9 June 1848 Pheby Clarkson was said to be 74. At the time she applied for bounty land on 10 May 1855, she was living in Dade County MO and stated that she was married to David Clarkson in Bourbon County KY by Armbus (Ambross) Dudley, a Baptist minister, and that her name before the marriage was "Phebe Smith." The file contains the following excerpt copied from the family register: "David Clarkson & Phebe Smith Married July 14th 1790."