

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Clark (Clarke) S18351
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State of Virginia Chesterfield county towit;

On this twelfth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the county court of Chesterfield county now sitting James Clarke a resident of the said county of Chesterfield and state of Virginia, aged eighty 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, entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution."

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated:

That he was born in the said county of Chesterfield in the year 1750, and was first called out in the year '79 or '80 as a malitiaman, under the command of Benj'n. Branch [Benjamin Branch] Capt'n. Arch'd. Bass [Archibald Bass] Lieutenant – the names of the field and other officers he does not recollect, that he remained at Hampton (the place where he first served) as well as he remembers, about two months, that during this tour, he did not engage in any battle – he was then discharged.

That he was again called out early in '81 – marched to Petersburg under George Markham Capt'n James Moody Lie't'n. and Colo. Francis Goode Commandant of the Regiment, that he marched from Chesterfield Courthouse (the place where he first commenced during this tour) to Petersburg but did not engage in the battle there [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] – from thence by the Courthouse from whence he started, to Richmond – that in this tour which was three months he did not engage in any batle.

That sometime in '81 (the time of the year, he does not recollect) he was summoned to meet at Chesterfield Courthouse – marched from thence under the command of James Scott Capt'n, the Lieft'n. not recollected – Colo. Robt. Goode [Robert Goode] Commandant of the Regmt. to Wilton [in Richmond], from thence to Sudbury [3 mi NW of Chesterfield], where they were dispersed by the enemy [23 May 1781] – he narrowly excaped being taken prisoner, and that he served in this tour (being taken sick) two months.

That he served as a powder guard, at Thomas Baker's – the time he does not recollect, nor the names of the officers does he remember.

That he was also at Hoods fort, and engaged in a slight skirmish at that place, and that his detachment was commanded by Capt'n. John Hill. That he served at Hood's fort [on James River in Prince George County] and as powder guard before the battle at Sudsbury, and that after the battle at Sudsbury, he never more enlisted in the army.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity 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 herein first written.
James hisXmark Clarke

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in the county of Chesterfield in the state of Virginia, James Clarke, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service as a powder Guard at Hood's Fort and Thomas Bakers, but, as a malitiaman, according to the best of his recollection he served not less that the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades
"For two months in the year '79 or '80 I served as a malitiaman. For three months in the year '81 I served as a malitiaman: and in the same year, '81, for 2 months, I served as a malitiaman; and for such service I

claim a pension. For my service at Hood's Fort & Thomas Baker's I claim no pension." He further states that he was born in the said County of Chesterfield and has resided here until 1814 when he removed to Amelia where he has resided ever since.

Given under my hand and seals this twenty fifth day of September anno Domini 1833.

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the children of James Clark received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 9 Feb 1840.