

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Dennis Clark S2127

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The State of Ohio }
Hamilton County } Ss

On this 18th day of Aug't. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honourable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within & for the said County now setting Dennis Clark a resident of Cincinnati in the County and State aforesaid aged 77 years who being 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 7, 1832 that he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated Captain James Buck ___ Clugage Lieut the name of Ensign he does not recollect & Col John Piper in Bedford County Pennsylvania and was marched from thence to Juniatta [sic: Juniata now in Philadelphia] where he remained until he was discharged having served three months – this was in the year 1775 And again volunteered in the said County in the latter part of the fall of 1775 [sic] under the above named officers and was marched from thence to Philadelphia and from thence was marched to Princeton N. J. and was engaged in the battle at that place [3 Jan 1777] and from thence to Morristown where he was discharged having served three months And again volunteered at Winchester about the yr 1781 in Virginia under the following named officers Thomas Gilkison [sic: Thomas Gilkerson] Captain Samuel Neil Lieutenant Major James Scott & Col William Dark – and was marched from thence to Bowling green Va. and persued the British Army under Lord Cornwallis to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and remained there under the orders of Gen'l. Anthony Wayne until Gen'l Washington with the main body of the American army came up and then marched down within one mile of Yorktown and was engaged for some time in assisting the french forces to land and afterwards was engaged in the battle of York town [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and the taking of Cornwallis. the General of his brigade was Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] and soon after the battle marched with the Prisoners to Frederic [sic: Frederick] County Va. near where he lived and was honourably discharged having served this term three months and immediately volunteered for three months to guard the Prisoners at Winchester Barricks and to march them to Maryland where they were given up to the Maryland militia, having served all this time while in the service as an orderley sergeant that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribe the day & yr afs'd. Dennis Clark [see endnote]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant

1 Where & in what year were you born

Ans In the year 1756 in Frederick County Maryland

2 Have you any Record of yr age if so were is it

Ans. None that I know of

3 where were you liveing when called in to service where have you lived since the Revoly war and where do you now live

Ans my declaration states where I resided at the several times when called in to the service since the Revolutionary war I have resided in the States of Virginia Ohio and Indiana and resided in the last named state nineteen years and then moved back to this County last fall where I have resided since

4 How were you called in to the service where you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom

Ans. As a volunteer

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of yr service

Ans Gen'l Wayne Gen'l Stephens Maj'r Scott Gen'l Lafayette Gen'l Washington the general circumstances of my service or contained in my declaration

6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given

Ans. I received A discharge from my several officers which has long since been destroyed

7 State the Names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your chacter for varacity and their beleif of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans Gen'l James Findlay – Judge Burnet Griffin Yeateman Dennis hisXmark Clark

NOTE: The duties of an Orderly Sergeant included writing each day's orders into an orderly book, so it is expected that Clark would have signed his full name if physically able.