

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Clark S39327

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State of Tennessee

At a court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the county of Bledsoe at the courthouse in
Pikeville on the second Monday of August 1820–

On this 17th day of August in the year aforesaid, being the 4th day of the term aforesaid, personally appeared in open Court, being Court of record so constituted by the Constitution of said State, and an act of the Legislature thereof, and having criminal jurisdiction to fine and imprison, Thomas Clark aged sixty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820: That he the said Thomas Clark enlisted for the term of five years, on or about the [blank] day of May in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Ashby [probably Stephen Ashby, company raised in Hampshire County] in the regiment commanded by Colonel [James] Neville in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment – that he continued to serve in said corps until the end of said five years when he was discharged from said service in Monk's corner [sic: Moncks Corner] in the State of South Carolina – that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] – and that he has no other evidences now in his power of his said services except the evidence of Col. Miles Vernon hereto annexed.

And the said Thomas Clark in pursuance of the Act of May 1st 1820 doth make also the following Oath and Schedule and subscribes the same, that is to say: I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – that is to say:

The corn and cotton growing on an acre and an fourth acre of land I am permitted to occupy gratuitously;

One sow and four shoats; and one loom – all of which are of the value of twenty dollars

And I the said Thomas Clark do further swear that I am by occupation a weaver; but that in consequence of the wound I received in the breast at the battle of Brandywine, the exposure and toil I encountered in the revolution army, the additional exposure and toil I encountered in a campaign in the late war with England [War of 1812] in General Colter's brigade of Tennessee militia, and in consequence of the infirmity and decrepitude of age am no longer able by my own labor to obtain a subsistence; that the family living with me are a wife named Sally of the age of sixty years who is unable to support herself, and a daughter named Jane of the age of eighteen who is only able to support herself by her labor and exertions – and that I have lost the certificate of my discharge from the revolution army.

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