

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Clayton S9183

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State of North Carolina }

Person County } On this 17th day of Dec'r, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Person County, now sitting John Clayton a resident of the County aforesaid aged about seventy four 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. That in the year 1780 he was drafted for three months in the militia of North Carolina; that at the time of his being drafted he was a resident of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina; that he was placed under the command of Captain [David] McFarland and Lieutenant Parks and marched from Caswell Court House by Hillsborough to Salisbury and thence to Camden in South Carolina where he joined the American troops under General [Horatio] Gates; that not long after his arrival at Camden the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] was fought between the American & British forces which resulted in the defeat of the American Army under Genl Gates; that the regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Col. William Moon and the brigade by General [John] Butler; that after the battle of Camden, the regiment to which he was attached retreated to Hillsborough where he obtained a furlough until orders should be received for further service; That he came home and remained about three weeks when he was again called out and the company to which he belonged convened at Col. Moon's in Caswell County and marched from thence under Capt. [George] Oldham and crossed the Yadkin river at the Shallow ford near which place he joined other troops under Genl. Butler and remained there three or four weeks, when this declarant was sent together with several others who were drafted at the same time with him under Ensign Thomas Miles to the Catawba river and then joined General [William Lee] Davidson's Command; at the last named place he remained until his term of service expired and was discharged. In the year 1780 this declarant was again drafted in Caswell county for three months service; was placed under the command of Capt. Frederick Dubois and marched from Caswell Court House to Hillsborough where he was stationed as a guard and remained there until he was regularly discharged. In the year 1781 this declarant was again drafted in Caswell County and put under the command of Capt. Hardin & Lieutenant Thomas Barnett; he was marched from Caswell Court House to Ramsay's Mill [sic: Ramsey's Mill] on Deep River where Genl Butler commanded; he remained there three months to guard the public stores of provision there collected at the expiration of which time he was discharged. Again in the year 1781 this declarant volunteered for a term of three months to collect provisions for the use of the American Army; that he served in that capacity for three months & performed all the duties required of him as a collector of [one or two illegible words] for the public use. That he was born in Warren County North Carolina in the year 1758; that he has no record of his age, the bible containing the record of his age having been burnt a short time since; That when first called into service, he resided in Caswell County North Carolina and continued to reside in said County until its division into Caswell & Person Counties [in 1792] since which time he has resided in Person County; that he received discharges but has not preserved them, believing that they would never be of any service to him. 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.

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