

Pension Application for Isaac Clarke

S.9317

State of New York

West Chester County SS

On this fifteenth appeared before Ezra Lockwood Esq. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of West Chester and State of New York, Isaac Clarke of the Town of North Salem in the County aforesaid aged eighty 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as therein stated.

That on or about the 1st December 1775 he enlisted as a Sarjeant [Sergeant] in a Company of Volunteers of the Militia under the command of Captain Ely Seely in Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment the Regiment was immediately formed and marched to New York through the County of West Chester and served in a Winter Campaign that the Regiment was employed in Building Horns Hook Fort near [Hard Gate?] six miles from new York City that this declarant served in the Company & Regiment aforesaid from the time of his enlistment aforesaid for three months when he was verbally discharged. At this time he resided in Bedford in the County of West Chester.

And Declarant further states that on the first day of July 1776 he was a Sargent in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Peter Flemming in Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment that he was then first Sarjeant and was ordered out to do guard duty in the lines in West Chester County that he marched with said company to Tarry Town on the North River and from thence thro' the Town, in the lower part of the County of West Chester that he served with the said company for five months where he was dismissed but ordered to hold himself in readiness for service properly armed and equipped at a moment's notice.

And the declarant further states that after the service last mentioned and in the same year he served as a substitute for his brother Stephen Clarke one month in Captain Elijah Hunter's company of Militia in Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment the duty performed was guarding the lines marching from one town to another watching the movement of the enemy and the Tories and Cow Boys.

And this declarant further states that in the year 1777 he still continued a Sarjeant in the said company of Militia commanded by Capt Peter Flemming in Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment that he was called into actual service in the said company the first of April in that year that he served with various detachments of the said Regiment in several of the Towns in the lower part of the County of West Chester and elsewhere in said county to wit, Rye, East Chester, White Plains and North Castle that he continued in service at this time three months to wit until the 1st July 1777.

He further states that on the first day of August 1777 he was again called out as a Sarjeant in Captain Peter Flemming's company to perform guard duty and as a Ranger, below the line, that he did perform duty for the period of three months from the said first day of August in the year last aforesaid.

And this declarant further states that in the year 1778 he still continued to reside in the Town of Bedford aforesaid and was attached to the said company of Militia under the command of Captain Peter Flemming as a Sarjeant that he was ordered in duty as a guard in the Town of Bedford and in the lines in the County of West Chester that he continued in actual service during third year four months.

In the year 1779 the British Cavalry were most of the time in motion passing thro' several towns in the upper and central Twos of the County of West Chester that they came into Bedford and burned the Presbyterian Meeting House and several dwelling houses in the said Town that Declarant then resided in the said Town of Bedford and was a Sarjeant in Captain Peter Flemming's company of Militia that he was under arms and performing actual duty during this year four months.

In 1780 declarant still was [?] to reside in Bedford aforesaid and was attached as a Sarjeant to the said company of Capt. Peter Flemming that he was ordered out in a detachment of the said company under the command of Lieutenant Benjamin Ambler of the same company that Declarant performed duty as a guard and on the lines under Lieutenant Ambler for the term of three months when he was verbally discharged.

And the deponent further states that he received a commission as first Lieutenant of Captain Moses St. John's Company of Militia in Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment bearing date 29th September 1780 & signed by George Clinton Governor of the State of New York by virtue of and under which said commission this declarant served in the Company of Captain Moses St. John during the remainder of the War of the Revolution.

His service performed after he received his commission and took the oath of office was as follows to wit.

On the 1st November 1780 he was ordered out and performed duty as a guard on the lines and in the lower Towns in the County from that time until the 1st day of December then next he was there dismissed with orders to be ready to turn out at a moment's notice.

In the year 1781 the hostile operations of the Enemy's Cavalry and Light troops still continuing in the County of West Chester the Militia of the upper Town, was most of the time kept under arms. The Company of Capt. St. John to which Declarant was attached as first Lieutenant were constantly on duty as guards, on the lines and as stationed guards in the Town of Bedford that this declarant as first Lieutenant as aforesaid was on duty in various service in Bedford aforesaid & on the lines for the period of four months during this year the duty her performed was as an officer in command of detachments of men stationed as guard, in the Town of Bedford and on the lines & taking command in several instances when alarms were given.

And this declarant further states that in the year 1782 he still continued in service as first Lieutenant of the company under command of Capt. St. John that as such first Lieutenant he was in service during this year for the period of three months he has a distinct revolution of his service it consisted in taking command of detachments of men stationed on the lines as guard, for the protection of the inhabitants and the command of varying parties, he acted under his commission as first Lieutenant as aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes ever claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare, that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state that he has no documentary evidence except his commission of First Lieutenant which is hereunto annexed and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

And the Declarant further states that during the time in which his service was performed as above set forth he was not employed in any civil pursuit. (Signed with his mark) Isaac Clark

Sworn & subscribed to this 15th day of June 1833 before me. Ezra Lockwood, one of the Judges in aforesaid County.

Letter in folder dated July 16, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.9317, it appears that Isaac Clark was born March 6, 1749, (old style), in Bedford, New York.

While residing in said Bedford, he enlisted and served with the New York Troops as follows:

From December 1, 1775, three months as a sergeant in Captain Eli Seely's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment; from in July, 1776, four months as first sergeant in Captain Peter Fleming's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment' in 1776, one month as a substitute for his brother, Stephen Clarke, in Captain Elijah Hunter's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; from April 1, 1777, three months as sergeant in Captain Peter Fleming's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; from August 1, 1777, three months as sergeant in Captain Peter Fleming's Company, Colonel

Thomas Thomas' Regiment; in 1778; four months as sergeant in Captain Peter Fleming's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; in 1779, four months as sergeant in Captain Peter Fleming's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; in 1780, three months as sergeant in Captain Peter Fleming's company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment.

He was commissioned October 5, 1780, First Lieutenant and served as such First Lieutenant from November 1, 1780, one month in Captain Moses St. John's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment, and in 1781 and 1782, four months and three months respectively, as First Lieutenant in the same company and regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 15, 1833, at which time he was a resident of North Salem, Westchester County, New York.

He died November 19, 1836, leaving children, their names not given.