

Pension Application for Elias Clark

S.12479 Sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Jackson of the Regiment commanded by Col. Drake in the N. York Line.

At a court of Common Pleas held at the Court house in the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York, the same being a court of record because it is so declared by the Constitution and laws of the said state, and having a seal and clerk commencing on the first Tuesday of September 1832. Present Hon. Grant B. Baldwin, Judge. Elijah Shoemaker, Joseph S. Darling, John D. Drake, Esqs.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of common Pleas now sitting in the village of Elmira in the said County. Elias Clark a resident of the town of Catharines in the said County of Tioga and state aforesaid aged 77 years, who first 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—who first 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 hereinafter mentioned.

He entered the service under Capt. Jackson in the Regt then commanded by Col. Drake under Major Hetfield in the month of May in the year 1776, in the town of Walkill in the County of Orange in the State of New York.

At the time he entered the service he resided in the town of Minisink in in the County of Orange & State aforesaid. That he was in the battle of Long Island in the same year in the latter part of summer and from his best recollection thinks it was the month of August. That Genl Sullivan had command at that place and recollects that Genl Sullivan was taken prisoner by the British. That he retreated with the Americans from Long Island to New York in boats—he was in New York when captured by the British.

That the American marched to a place called Kings Bridge where the Americans threw up a breast work & fortified at Kings Bridge or near there, Major Hetfield was taken prisoner.

That during the same month or the forepart of the month of September following the Americans marched to White Plains and that he was in the battle fought at that place. He then marched to Fishkill in Dutchess County under the same officers—from there to Kings ferry near Haverstraw in Jersey he then left the Regt & went home remained at home about one week this was in the month of December 1776.

He was then called out again under Captain Rosecrants, the Maj's name he cannot recollect, then marched to Tappan near Haverstraw in the Neighborhood of the English, and remained there one month and a half during the time he was under Capt. Rosencrants he acted as Sargeant, then he returned home.

In May following 2777, he was again called out and marched to the American Army who lay at that time near the Crossroads, leading from Walkill & from Kingsferry was there one month he then returned home. During this time he enlisted for 3 years, but from his present recollections he was not conscious as being bound as he was called to repel an attack of the Indians and thinks notwithstanding he served during the war that from the insufficient number of men raised under that enlistment that it was not considered binding.

That he then marched to the Jerseys in the month of August—he recollects from the fact that it was soon after harvest. Under Lieut Middaugh as the Capt. being sick remained at home under Major [Brucker?] Regt commanded by Col. Martin.

The Regt then marched to Trenton in Jersey, crossed the river and marched to a place called the [trass?] there the Regt under Col. Martin joined the main body of American one day or two before the battle of Germanstown as he thinks. That he was in the battle at that place which took place in the fall

of the year 1777, and from his best recollections thinks it was in the latter part of the month of September or the first of the month of October. He then retreated with the Americans after the battle Germanstown, his regt to Susses Court house there is Regt under Col. Martin returned home in the latter part of the month of October 1777 as near as he can now recollect—not long after he returned home he was marched to Minisink under Capt. Chambers and under Capt. Westbrook from the frequent change of officers he cannot now recollect and therefore is unable to tell the names at this time, that he was at Minisink at different times, as his class was called out (as at this time he was classed) about nine months in the whole.

That during the residue of the time and until the close of the war he was frequently called out at various times & places and was at all times ready at a minutes warning to repel the Indians and Tories and continued so until the close of the war during which time he was in several skirmishes.

That he entered the service for 5½ months as a volunteer, that after the expiration of that period—he enlisted for 3 years that from some circumstances which he now thinks was the insufficient number of men and from an unexpected attack of the Indians said enlistment was not considered [?] this is his present opinion as far as he able to speak on that subject that after he enlisted he still continue to serve until the close of the war.

That he has no evidence of his services except the evidence now on file in the Pension officer in Washington – that since the making of the same one of the witness to wit Joshua Smith has died.

That he lived in the Town of Minisink at the time he entered the service and continued to reside there until he removed to Milton now Lansing in the County of Cayuga now Tompkins County where he resided 34 years. He then removed to Bath in Steuben County N.Y. where he remained one year. Since that time he has resided in Catherines in the County of Tioga and State of New York now resides there.

That he was born in the year 1755.

Has no record of his age except in the bible owned by his brother & was in the family of his brother the last he knew of it that from this circumstance he has been informed and believes that his age was correctly stated in the family Bible—that he is unable to read or write.

That he would refer to Simeon R. Jones Clergy man and the Hon. Joseph S. Darling as to his character and reputation.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the state or agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Elias Clark

Sworn & subscribed this 4th day of Sept. 1832. Greenell Tuthill, Clk.