

Pension Application for James Clark

W.16907 (Widow: Deborah) Married June 19, 1779. James died December 1814.

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

On this 23rd day of November 1839 personally appeared before me George G. Scott one of the Judges of the Court of the County of Saratoga State of New York aforesaid Deborah Clark a resident of the town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of James Clark deceased who was a first or orderly Sergeant and served as such in the war of the Revolution in a Company of Infantry of the militia or State Troops of the State of New York which company was commanded by Captain Samuel Clark brother of the said James Clark aforesaid.

That she is informed and verally [verily] believes that he husband the said James Clark aforesaid, served as first or orderly sergeant from the commencement of the Revolution until the close of the same at all times when commanded so to do yet the length of time he served as also the history of his services she cannot set forth from her own knowledge.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Clark at the house of General Clinton in New Windsor by the Rev'd John Close on the nineteenth day of June seventeen hundred and seventy nine and that Katherine English now a resident of Ballston Saratoga County New York was present at said marriage. That her husband the aforesaid James Clark died at the City of New York in December 1814 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. (Signed) Deborah Clark
Geo. G. Scott Judge of Saratoga Co. Courts

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I Katherine English of the town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged eighty one years on oath depose and say. That in the Winter or Spring of 1776 my brother Samuel Clark now deceased raised a company of New York State troops for the term of one year at and in the vicinity of Newburgh Orange County State of New York. That another brother of mine James Clark enlisted in said company at its organization and was promoted to orderly or first Sergeant and served as such during his term of enlistment as I was then informed and believe.

That said company left Newburgh about the first of April 1776 as near as I can recollect, said to be destined for Long Island State of New York. That at the Battle of Long Island in which both of my brother's afore named were engaged as I was then informed the company of Captain Clark with the rest of the army retreated to York Island from there to Kings Bridge that whilst stationed at Kings Bridge aforesaid I visited them in company with my sister in law Captain Clark's wife. That whilst on our visit as aforesaid the British attacker Fort Washington I heard the firing and our brothers advised us to leave for home which we did. That after leaving Kings Bridge the company marched to White Plains where they were engaged in the battle at that place as I was then informed and believe. That after that engagement my brother James Clark aforesaid was taken ill of a bilious fever was conveyed home to my father's house where he remained sick a short time and in which illness I nursed him. That on his recovery he again returned to camp where after a short time the company came to a place called Elisis Woods where they were were [sic] quartered for winter and were engaged in building Shevdu de friezes [chevaus-de-frise] this encampment was about three miles from my father's residence during their

encampment my brothers afore named were frequently at home to visit us and were discharged in the spring of 1777 after the tour of service of our year had expired.

That from and after that date my brothers afore named were engaged in the service of their country that is were absent from home and said to be in the army more or less every year during the war of the Revolution. Yet I could not recollect any particulars so as to be definite.

And I further depose and say that I was present at the house of General Clinton in New Windsor in June 1779 when my brother the aforesaid James Clark was married to Deborah Denton now his lawful widow him surviving that the marriage ceremony was performed in my presence by the Rev'd John Close of the Presbyterian Society. That my brother the said James Clark died at the City of New York in December 1813 leaving the said Deborah his widow him surviving now residing in the town of Ballston Saratoga County State of New York who has never intermarried but still remains his lawful widow & further said not. (Signed with her mark) Katharine English

Taken sworn & subscribed this 24th day of Oct. 1839 before me Seth W. Higgins, Justice Peace

Letter in folder dated February 14, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to James Clark of Orange County, New York, War of the Revolution. A copy of a letter from the Office of the Adjutant General of the state of New Jersey, also copy of data relative to James Clark of Orange County, New York, which were enclosed with your letter, are returned herewith.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.18907, based upon the service of James Clark during the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of James Clark are not found in the claim, nor are the names of his parents shown. His father was living during the Revolution in the vicinity of Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

While residing in Newburgh, New York, James Clark enlisted in the spring of 1776, served one year as orderly sergeant in Captain Samuel Clark's company, Colonel Pawling's New York regiment, and was in the battles of Long Island, Harlem Heights, and White Plains. He enlisted in the fall of 1779, served three months as sergeant in Captain Stephen Case's company, Colonel Hathorn's New York regiment.

James Clark married, June 20, 1779 Deborah Denton, they were both then of Newburgh, New York. They were married at the house of General Clinton in New Windsor, New York.

The soldier, James Clark, died in December 1814 in the city of New York. His widow, Deborah Clark, was allowed pension on her application executed November 23, 1839, at which time she was aged seventy-seven years and living in Ballston, Saratoga County, New York. The place of her birth and name of her parents are not given.

The Captain Samuel Clark under whom James Clark served was his brother, and Katharine English, their sister, was living in 1839 in Ballston, New York.

Jehiel Clark, son of this Captain Samuel Clark, was living in 1840 in Cayuga County, New York.

There is no reference to children of the soldier, James Clark and wife, Deborah.