

Pension Application for James R. Clark

W.17636 (Widow: Hannah) Married August 21, 1780, by Hannah's father, Rev. James Benedict in Warwick, NY. James died December 3, 1834.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting James R. Clark of Warwick in said county and state, aged seventy seven years, who 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 herein stated. Deponent saith that he was born in the town of Warwick, aforesaid, in the year 1755, as he believes from his father's family record, which he has often seen, but which is not in his possession at this time.

That in the spring of the year 1776, deponent then living in said town of Warwick, was ordered with the Militia company to which he belonged to Fort Montgomery, at which station, he served as a private soldier, full two weeks. Saith that soon after he served two weeks or more at Ramapo and as he believes, under Captain John Minthorn. Saith that in July of the same year (1776), he, deponent volunteered for, and served, as a private, five months, in Captain William Blain's Company of Militia in Colonel John Hathorn's Regiment was marched from Warwick aforesaid with his company to King's Bridge on the East side [of] the Hudson above New York at which place said company joined Colonel Isaac Nichol's Regiment in Gen. Clinton's Brigade. From Kings Bridge was marched to White Plains, where said company was engaged in the battle at this place on the 28th of October of that year. Soon after which were ordered to Peekskill and was then discharge about the 23d of December.

Deponent further saith that in the year following (viz 1777) he served under Captain Minthorn and Major Poppinno, at least two months at Forts Montgomery and Clinton as a private, and also, about one month at Paramus, in New Jersey under Captain Peter Bertholf. Deponent saith that he was stationed at different periods in the years 1778 and 1799 on the Minisink frontier under Captains Andrew Miller, Peter Bertholf, and John Minthorn and was in the service, that that station, at the time of the Indian Battles. Saith that during the whole period of the war he never failed to obey every call when required to march against the enemy – and further saith that he rendered full one year's service to his country during that period as a faithful soldier.

That he cannot recollect all the precise periods of his many services nor the field officers in command. Nor that he at any time received a written discharge from his officers.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the states.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) James R. Clark

Asa L. Dunning, Clerk