

Pension Application for Richard Clark

S.12509

State of New York

County of Orange

Personally appeared before me James Wood a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Orange Richard Clark to me personally well known and after being duly sworn according to Law depose as follows by way of amending or amending his former oath or declaration in order to obtain a pension. That his first tour of duty to Fort Montgomery was not less than two weeks. In the second service mentioned he cannot say with certainty that he was out more than once under Cap. John Sayre was on duty a little rising two weeks. Third tour to Kingsbridge and Fort Washington not less and he believes more than two weeks.

In December of the year 1776 was drafted under Capt. John Sayre was marched by Ramapo and lay at Tappan and [Closter?] was on duty one month which last service was not mentioned in his former declaration.

That in the winter of 1777 he thinks in Feb. and first part of March he served as before stated at Ramapo and New City [sic] one month.

That he served in the summer and fall following as a class man one quarter of the time making not less than two months.

That in the three following years he served as a class man and was out on duty under different Captains of Hathorn's regiment at the different places stated in his former affidavit one quarter of the time excepting in the hard winter of 79 & 80 making not less than seven months service.

That the general allarms [alarms] were frequent and that he was often called out on them immediately after returning from his class duty. He distinctly recollects one in which he went under Cap Rich's Baley to Cap. Hoppers in New Jersey and was kept out two weeks. He verily believes he served at least one month on alarm duty besides his class duties in each year for five years namely 1777-9-9, 1780 and 82 making five months.

That he has now stated as near as his recollection will serve him the services he rendered as a private in the militia during the Revolutionary War. That he has now stated as near as his recollection will serve him the services he rendered as a private in the militia during the the [sic] Revolutionary war. That he served all above stated he is sure and perhaps may have served other tours than are now forgotten.

That he was born as he has allways [always] been informed in the year seventeen hundred & fifty on the 4th day of April.

That he has no record of his age.

That he never had any written discharge.

That he answered to Judge Seward all the interrogatories he was pleased to put to this deponent.

That this deponent is blind and otherwise very infirm and that he was therefor excused by the said Judge attending Court. That said Judge is now out of commission and has gone to Europe as this deponent is informed and believes. (Signed with his mark) Richard Clark

Sworn and subscribed before me the 14th day of Augt 1833. Sworn and subscribed before me the 14th day of Augt 1833. James Wood, Justice of Peace

Letter in file dated September 3, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Richard Clark, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.12509, based upon his military service in that war.

Richard Clark was born April 4, 1750, in Goshen, Orange County, New York. The names of his parents are not stated.

While a resident of Orange County, New York, he enlisted, and served at various times in 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, and 1781, about eighteen months in all, as private in Captains John Sayres', Richard Bailey's and Minthorn's Companies, Colonels John Hathorn's, Nicoll's and Beardsley's New York Regiments.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 1, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Warwick, Orange County, New York, in which county he had always lived.

There are no family data.