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Virginia document pertaining to Benjamin Blackburn VAS1209

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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Augusta County indexed as Blackburne, Benjamin]

To the Hon^l the Speaker and Gentlemen of The House of Delegates

The Petition of Benjamin Blackburn humbly sheweth, that in or about the Month of August 1774, he enter'd into the Service of this Commonwealth in the capacity of First Sergeant in Captain Andrew Lockridge's Company of Rifle Men, in the Battalion commanded by Colo. Charles Lewis.

That on the 10th of October in the year 1774 your Petitioner was wounded in action against the Shawnee Indians, in the Battle of Point Pleasant in his Capacity of Sergeant in the Company and Battalion as aforesaid.

That in the year 1775 (as well as your Petitioner now recollects) Commissioners were appointed to examine the wounded of that Campaign; and to ascertain such Invalids as were thought proper objects to receive Pensions.

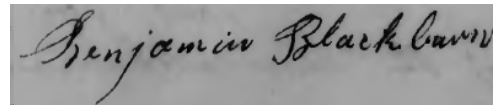
That your Petitioner being one of the Pensioners thus return'd, was enter'd on the Pension List accordingly; and under the Laws of this Commonwealth was allow'd the sum of Twenty Pounds pr annum for Life.

That your Petitioner in consequence of the said allowance, receiv'd Payment of the the said Twenty Pounds pr Annum until the commencement of the year 1786.

That your Petitioner having remov'd from his former Residence in the County of Augusta and being since that Time prevented from regular attendance thro' indisposition and necessary domestic occupations, hath fail'd to notice and comply with an application to the Auditor of public accounts which is renderd necessary by an Act of Assembly passed in the year 1786, entitled "an act to amend the Act, intituled and Act to amend the act concerning Pensioners;" and hath been accordingly omitted on the Pension List aforesaid.

Wherefore! in tender consideration that your Petitioners non attendance hath been unavoidable; that being wholly ignorant of the Laws, or any alteration on this subject: attending only to matters in private life, and the honest acquirement of a comfortable subsistence for himself & Family in a remote part of the Country; your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honourable House will take his Case into consideration and grant him such relief in the Premises as he may justly merit, and to your Honourable House may seem equitable and convenient.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.



to Claims Oct 16th 1792
reasonable £15 pr An.

Being particularly requested by Benjamin Blackburn to view & Examine certain wounds which he says he received in the year 1774 at the Battle of Point Pleasant with the Indians; find that two Balls appear to have passed thro' the right arm above the Elbow; that the Bone appears to have been Broken & that Exfoliations have taen place; that there is some Contraction, as well as an evident withering of that Limb; & also a Ball appears to have entered the left wrist but without any great Injury at present That the forefinger of the left Hand has also been much Injured and said to be by a Ball.

The Disability of this Person is evident & his suffering must have been great & do not conceive he could support himself by hard Labour only.

[signed] John Cringan

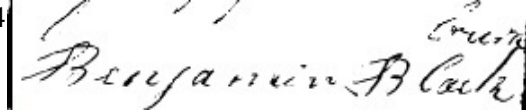
[signed] W. Foushee/ 24 Oct'r. 1792

[From [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Benjamin Blackburne.]

Territory of the United States of America South of the River Ohio
Knox County [TN]

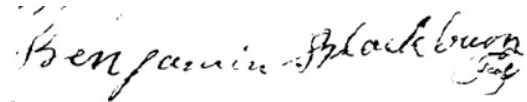
We James Cosby and John Lusk of said County do certify on oath that we have Vewed the wounds of the said Bengeman Blackburn and we Consider him unable to obtain his Livelyhood by Labour annuly [manually?] by sarten wounds rec'd in his Left hand and arm and in right arm, being much broke and wasted by wound rec'd at Point Pleasant Otober Seventy four in witness whare of we have Set our hands the 13 of August 1792 [signed] James Cosby [signed] John Lusk

Reced from the Auditor a Warrant for four hundred Dollars for Increase of Pension from 1 Jan'y 1786 to 1 January 1794 25 Jan '94

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Blackburn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the date "25 Jan '94".

I Benjamin Blackburn of the S Western Territory Knox County do make constitute & appoint Robert Gamble of the City of Richmond my true & Lawful attorney for me & in my name to receive from [illegible: Jaquelin] Ambler Esq'r. Treasurer for the State of Virginia my annual pension allowed me by the State afforesaid, for the sum of Fifteen pounds yearly, commencing the first day of January last and to do all lawfull acts requested for effecting the premise hereby rattifying and confirming all that my said attorney shall do therein by virtue hereof

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25th day of June one thousand seven hundred & Ninety four 1794
done In presence of [two illegible names]

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In Council 30th May 1799.

It is advised that the Auditor of Public accounts Issue to Benjamin Blackburne a Warrant on the Treasurer for the Arrearages of his pension to the 23rd Day of January 1799, that being the day on which he was by an act of the General Assembly discontinued

And the Governor orders accordingly.

Teste A. Blair C.C

Rec'd a warrant for \$52.84/ Ro Gamble

NOTE: The Battle of Point Pleasant occurred on 10 Oct 1774, before the start of the Revolutionary War (19 Apr 1775).