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Virginia Pension Claim of Samuel Blair VAS1212

Florence Blair

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[From [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some online images are illegible.]

At a Court held for Botetourt County the 10th Day of April 1788 On the motion of Florence Blair who proved by the oath of Captain Henry Bowyer in court, that her Husband Samuel Blair was inlisted into the Continental service by Captain Thomas Bowyer in the year 1777 for the Term of three years or during the War, and that he served as a Sergeant in the 12th Virginia Regiment from the time of his inlistment till some time in the year 1778 when he died, and further made it appear by satisfactory Testimony that she has since been and still is a Widow, supports a good character and has three Helpless Children by her said Husband in Indigent circumstances. The same is ordered to be certified, and that it is the opinion of the Court that she is an object worthy of Becoming a Pensioner and ought to receive the sum of Ten pounds per annum from the time of her said Husbands decease

A copy Teste H Bowyer C.B.C.

Sir Pay the within to Patrick Lockhard & oblige your Hble Serv't.

[several illegible words]

Florence herXmark Blair


Witness/ James Lockhart

I do with advice of Council hereby certify that Florence Blair widow of Samuel Blair who was a sergeant in the Twelfth Virginia Regiment and died in the service of the United States is continued on the list of Pensioners with an allowance of eight pounds yearly commencing the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond in the absence of the Governor this 10th day of December 1795.

Sam. Coleman

James Wood



Know all men by these presents that I Florence Blair late of Botetourt County & State of Virginia, but at present of Jefferson County & State of Tennessee for divers good services & considerations, do hereby constitute & appoint Maj'r. Mathew Harvey of the first mentioned County & State for me & in my name to demand and receive a pension due to me from said last mentioned state for three years commencing the first day of January 1804 & ending the first day of January 1807 and to grant [illegible signature] acquittances or discharges for the same in my name & do & perform any thing that is or may be necessary to obtain said pension, hereby binding myself & my heirs to ratify & confirm whatever my said atn'y. may lawfully do & perform in the premises.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 20th day of January in the year 1807.

Witness/ James Carmichael Jun'r

Florence herXmark Blair

[The file contains several documents similar to the above, the last dated 21 Sep 1830. The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I do hereby Certify that the within Samuel Blair was a Sergeant in the 12th Virginia Regiment on

Continental Establishment, that he enlisted Early in the year 1777, and that he was reported, & I believe was mentioned on the Muster Rolls of the Regiment, as having died in service, but at what time I do not recollect.

Given under my hand this 14th December 1808.

James Wood formerly B. Gen'l Cont'l. Army

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

A warrant appears to have issued to Samuel Blair the 10th day of May 1785 for 100 acres of land, the proportion allowed a private of the Continental line for 3 years service, which is the only warrant that appears to have issued in his name.

Edw'd C Davis Reg'r

Land Off/ 15 Dec'r. 1808

It appears that the above warrant for 100 acres iss'd to Samuel Blair in person, and it is presumable was drawn by himself from the office

C Blagrove

This is to Certifie that Samuel Blair Sergeant was Inlisted in the Continental Army for three years by me and that he died in the service after the Battle of Jermantown [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] leaving behind him a wife & Three Children and that no one for them his applied for his Pay or land warrent Given under my hand the 18th day of August 1783

Del'd Maj'r Lockhard

Thos. Bowyer Cap'n