

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Oath of Enlistment by James Bladwell NC30

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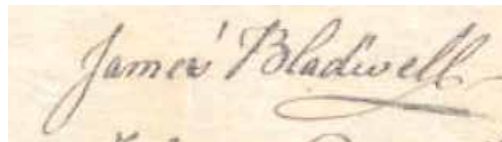
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State of North Carolina

I James Bladwell of the County of Surry and State aforesaid twenty Seven years old five feet two inches High with Dark Hair Gray Eyes joiner to [sic, by] trade Have Voluntarily Enlisted myself a Continental Soldier for the term of three years or During the War with Great Britain to Serve in one of the Regiments of this State, and Have Received of William Lytle five Hundred Dollars Bounty and Swear on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that I will be true and faithful to the United States and be Obedient to the orders of all the officers put over me and in causes Behave Myself as a Good and faithful Soldier Agreeable to the articles of War made for Government of the Continental Army and I do further Swear that I am Healthy and clear of any Ulcers or Sores on my Legs or other part of my Body and that I am no Seaman or foreigner and that I was a Sittisen [sic, citizen] of this State.

S/ James Bladwell

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "James Bladwell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, aged paper background.

Before [me] the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of June 1780  
S/ John Nichols, JP