

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Blair R910

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State of Tennessee Davidson County: SS

On this 1st day of August 1836 personally appeared before the Justices of the County & State aforesaid; Samuel Blair, a resident of Davidson County and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. – That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, as a drafted man, in the year 1779 to the best of his recollection, with Captain Peoples, Colonel Martin and General Rutherford All of the State of North Carolina when applicant enlisted he was about 17 years of age, had been raised in Guilford County, North Carolina: Captain Pierce of Guilford County superintended the drafts for men, and when all the drawings had been made, those who had been drafted, with the volunteers were mustered into service by Captain Pierce, who at the Court-house of Guilford delivered over all of the men under his command to the officers whose names have been recorded above. Applicant has no recollection how long the soldiers remained at Guilford but can draw upon his memory for the following facts, that when they left, that is, the Regiment of General Rutherford, left at Guilford, they marched towards Charleston South Carolina, through rank swamps, of excessive depths, in pursuit of a Tory Captain (Fanning) [sic, Colonel David Fanning] & his men: they were not successful in coming to an engagement with the Tories, and when about 40 miles from Charleston applicants term of enlistment, three months, had expired and Captain Peebles, gave him a written discharge: What has become of it, applicant is not aware: this inadvertence or negligence, it has been lost: indeed, he never for one moment entertained any idea that it would profit him a single farthing: and was consequently at no pains to preserve it: Before applicant was dismissed, news reached the camp of the evacuation of Charleston by the British; which occasioned much rejoicing in the camp: when applicant was discharged, he went back to Guilford; where he was drafted; –

The evidence of his sister, Peggy Blair, wife of John Blair of Robertson County, Tennessee, and James Cummins of Lebanon, Wilson County, will attend this declaration in support of the same: this as it regards the evidence of the latter, he cannot count [indecipherable word or words] upon it, until he has seen and conversed with him, by which applicant can then know the extent of his testimony: he, Charles Cummins being very young at the beginning of these events, and it may be, the same [several words obliterated and written over and illegible],

escaped his memory –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Since drawing this Declaration, applicant has procured the certificate of John Blair, of Robertson County – which substantiates his services – his sister Peggy Blair spoken of above, cannot give evidence, by reason of the infirm state of health, memory not serving her.

Sworn before me this day & year above

S/ Saml Blair

S/ Smith Criddle, Clk

[Peter Fuqua, a clergyman, and Eli Cherry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County: I John Blair Brother-in-law to Samuel Blair of Davidson County applicant for a pension under an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 do hereby certify I well remember my brother-in-law Samuel Blair was drafted as a militia private in the revolution War in Gilford [Guilford] County North Carolina under Captain Pirce [Pierce] who then commanded the company he belonged to and then marched in the Army under Captain Peoples and commanded by General Rutherford 3 months. Given under my hand and seal the 1st day of July 1836

S/ John Blair, X his mark

- State of Tennessee Robertson County: Personally appeared before me James Sprouse, one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County John Blair and made oath in due form of law that Samuel Blair of the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina now a resident of Davis County Tennessee about seventy-five years old did serve a three months tour in the Revolutionary war [with] Great Britain against the United States of America as a private in a company of militia commanded by Captain Nathaniel Peoples and that the said Samuel Blair was drafted under the command of George Pirce [sic, George Pierce] in Guilford County North Carolina not long before the close of the war and was then marched under the command of said Captain Nathaniel Peoples to South Carolina where he the said Samuel Blair served the tower of duty under the command of General Rutherford and the said John Blair further states that the above mentioned Samuel Blair is the identical man who served the above mentioned tower of service.

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S/ John Blair, X his mark