

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Blake R911

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State of Indiana Ss }

Jefferson County }

On this tenth day of November 1834 personally appeared in open court before the court of Probate for the county of Jefferson and State aforesaid George Blake a resident of the County aforesaid State aforesaid aged 83 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 act of Congress passed June 7 1832

That he entered the service of the United under the following named officers and served as herein stated: entered service in the year 1776 lived at the time in Augusta County Virginia. was Drafted for 3 months. Marched from Stanton [sic: Staunton] in said county toward the North [northwest] to a place called Tygers Valley [sic: Tygart Valley] in the Monongahela Country where He served out the term of 3 months and was legally discharged. Was under the command of Captain Matthew Robertson & Lieutenant George Givens, being discharged he returned home. was soon after in the year 1777 pressed as baggage waggoner under the command of Captain Lewis who commanded company of regulars. Started from the Warm Springs in County aforesaid and drove to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Va. where and in its vicinity I served fifteen months, for which service I received no compensation whatever, was discharged and returned home – Was in the year 1778 again drafted from Stanton, Augusta County Va. and marched under the command of Captain McCreary [probably McCreery] to Richmond served six months & was discharged

Was again in the year 1779 drafted from Stanton aforesaid and was marched from thence to Richmond under the command of Captain Cartmill where He served six months & was discharged. served always as a private. Has a record of his age Was born in Chester County Pennsylvania in the year 1751 and when a boy moved to Augusta County Va. where he resided at the time of his service. In the year 1816 moved to Indiana where he has since resided

Has no documentary evidence whatever of his service. Did not preserve his paper

Knows of no living witness or witnesses whose testimony he can procure to prove his service

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn & subscribed in open court Nov. 10 1834

George hisXmark Blake

George Blake being duly sworn says that by reason of his extreme old age and consequent loss of memory cannot recollect with precision dates & services: But from the best of his recollection served as is stated in his foregoing declaration. And that he can not possibly state with more precision than he has the particulars of his service

Sworn and subscribed to in open court November 10 1834

George hisXmark Blake

Personally appears before me the undersigned justice of the peace in and for said county George Blake who being first duly sworn says that his statement as set forth in his declaration is true as he verily believes that he is strongly impressed with the belief and cannot call to mind any circumstance to refute that impression and belief that two tours of six months each were served out, as he states, and that he believes he was drafted for that length of time, says however that he may be mistaken, That it is possible he was drafted but for 3 month tours, and that each tour lasted for six months; that they did so last he is certain, but whether he was drafted for that length of time he is not so certain, He declares it impossible to give further explanation, That he has no papers or means of refreshing his memory, which is greatly

impaired by old age being 84 years of age, That if the usual militia tours in Virginia were for 3 months only and none longer, he must be mistaken and must abandon 3 months of each tour contrary to his impression and belief, He knows that tours of six months were served about the time of his service by others, whether they were drafted for that length of time or not.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 20 day of Dec. 1834

George hisXmark Blake