

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Blakey R918

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State of Alabama } S Barbour County Court
Barbour County } July Term 1839

On this 9th day of July personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Barbour County now sitting William Blaky a resident of Barbour County in the State of Alabama aged Eighty two 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the year of 1779 he was employed as a substitute by one Thomas Hall [possibly Thomas Hale] and was under the command of Capt Council Bryant in Col. Tillman's Ridgment stationed in the Town of Newborn [sic: New Bern] North Carolina that he served out his tour of three months and was discharged but never rec'd. any written discharge again on the 14th day of May 1780 he volunteered for three months under Captain David Roach & Lieut Lemar [probably Francis Delamar] that they belonged to 2nd Redgmt of North Carolina Militia under the command of Col. [Benjamin] Axum [Benjamin Exum] and Lieut Col. Caswell [Richard Caswell, Jr.] which belonged to Gen'l. Caswells [Richard Caswell, Sr.] division that they were marched up deep River to the Hickory mountain [possibly the former township of that name in Chatham County] from thence to Caraway Mountain [6 mi NW of Asheboro] then to Cheraw Hill in South Carolina then to Rudles Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] near Camden South Carolina where they joined Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates a short time before his defeat near Camden South Carolina [16 Aug 1780] that his Capt was supposed to have been killed in the battle that he never more heard of him and that he was afterwards under the command of one Dugal Campbell and stationed at Kingston in Dobbs County [sic: Kinston in present Lenoir County] North Carolina and was employed during the ballance of his time making cartridges and rec'd. his discharge from the above officer after serving out his three monthes
Again in the last of the year of 1781 he volunteered for three monthes under Capt. Council Bryant and Lieut Lewis was stationed in Newborn North Carolina and served out his time and again volunteered for three months more under the above officers and served in Newborn North Carolina at the Expiration of his three monthes he rec'd his discharge from Capt Bryant that he was born in the County of Cravin in the State of North Carolina the 9 April 1757 and remained there for many years after peace and that he has no documentary evidence of his services, and that he knows of no person in this state that he can prove his services by except by his own oath and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Wm Blakey

Q 1st Where and in what year were you born

A I was born in the State of North Carolina Craven County on the 9th day April 1757

Q 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have no record. my father kept none but always told me I was born 9th Ap'l. 1757

Q 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A In Craven County North Carolina from there I moved to the State of Georgia & from there to the State of Alabama Barbour County where I now live

Q 4th How were you called into service were you draughted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

A The first 3 monthes I was a substitute for Thomas Hall for 9 monthes I was a volunteer

Q 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer Gen'l. Gates Gen'l. Caswell Col. Axum Lieut Col. Caswell Major Nixon Capt Edwards & Capt Love I was acquainted with many more of the officers but have forgot them.

that while I was stationed in Newborn as often as three or four times I was sent with prisoners to Pitt County Jail and once to Halifax Jail

Q 6th did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans I Rec'd. a discharge from Capt Bryant and McDugal but they are lost as I considered them of no use after the war

Q 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer Emanuel Cox & Jesse Blakey and many more if required

NOTE: On 31 Mar 1853 William Blakey Jr. assigned power of attorney to pursue his father's rejected claim for a pension.