

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Blue R965

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The State of Ohio Ss

County of Fayette

On this first day of Aug. AD 1856, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and state aforesaid, Susannah Blue a resident of the state of Ohio County of Fayette, aged eighty nine years, infirm and unable to appear in open court, who being duly sworn according to law doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed 29th July A.D. 1848: That she is the widow of Peter Blue, who was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution, that he was drafted as near as she can recollect about the 1st of May A.D. 1781, at Hampshire Co Virginia, that he served under Capt Anderson in the Virginia Militia at, and before the battle of Yorktown, that he was honorably discharged about the 1st of November A.D. 1781 and said discharge is lost, she states however that Sanford Carder who himself and whose widow is now drawing a pension [application W9377] was in the same service for the same length of time in the Virginia Militia but not under the same Captain the said Peter Blue and the said Sanford Carder lived, at the time of said draft in Hampshire County about 7 miles apart, she refers to the proofs in said claim for any matters that may explain the service of Peter Blue for particularly. She knows of no record evidence of the said service of her husband, but refers to the rolls on file of Capt Andersons Company Virginia Militia, he never received pay for said service. She further states that she was married to the said Peter Blue on the [blank] day of Jan. A.D. 1787 in Hampshire County Virginia, she knows of no public record of her said marriage, and all the private evidences such as the certificate, the bible in which was kept the Family record &c, were destroyed by the burning of the dwelling of said Peter Blue aforesaid in the year [blank], that her husband the aforesaid Peter Blue died in Fayette on the twenty fifth day of July AD 1844 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second of January AD 1800, viz at the time before mentioned, she further swears that she is now a widow, that she was never married but once to Peter Blue as aforesaid, that her name before her said Marriage was Susannah Keltch, that she was married by one Job Parker a Baptist Minister and that she has never before made any application for a pension signed Susannah herXmark Blue

NOTE: John P. Blue and Sarah Carder certified Susannah Blue's application and stated that she and Peter Blue "raised a family of Children to wit John P. Blue aged 67 years."