

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Blakely S21649

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South Carolina Laurens District} In the Common Pleas

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October personally appeared in open Court before his Honor Richard [illegible last name] one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas now sitting William Blakely a resident of Laurens District South Carolina aged 72 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated.

That he was drafted in the Militia in the year 1779 under Captain William Mulwee [sic, Milwee<sup>1</sup>], Colonel McCreary<sup>2</sup> – General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] & marched to Savannah River opposite Augusta, Georgia remained there some time, then joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] crossed over the River to Augusta & marched down to the “Three Sisters”, crossed back into South Carolina and marched down to Stono & was there engaged in a Battle [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] with the British & was then discharged by Captain Milwee, received no written discharge having performed service at the least four months – I volunteered in the year 1781 in Craven County Ninety Six District South Carolina under Captain Charles Saxon -- & marched to a Station on Reedy River on the Indian boundary and remained there one month & was then discharged by Captain Saxon, received no written discharge – I volunteered again in 1782 [sic, the events described by the veteran place this service in 1781] Captain Saxon and performed duty through the upper part of the State and was at Hays[sic, Hayes] station [November 19, 1781] at the time Colonel Hayes [Joseph Hayes] & others were murdered & was there taken prisoner & kept all night by the Tories commanded by Wm Cunningham [William “Bloody Bill” Cunningham] & released next day. I performed service this time 40 or 50 days. I was born in Cumberland County Pennsylvania in the year 1760 I have no record of my age – I was living in Craven County Ninety Six District now Laurens District South Carolina when I entered the service – I have lived here ever since. I was one drafted into service afterwards volunteered. I have stated the names of the principal officers in my declaration. I never received a commission. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present -- & I declare that my name is not on the pension roll or agency in any State.

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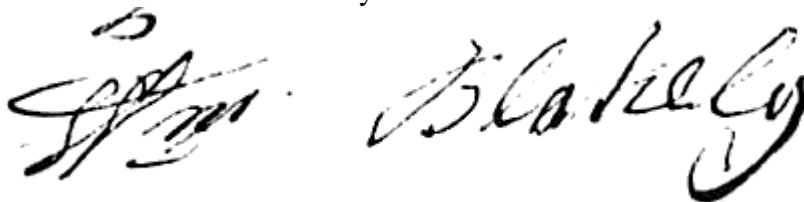
<sup>1</sup> [William Milwee W9200](#)

<sup>2</sup> Could be either John McCreary or Robert McCreary, both of who served in the Little River Regiment.

The Reverend William Henderson & Robert McNees [sic, McNeese]<sup>3</sup> all persons well acquainted with me in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my revolutionary services.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S Wm Blakely

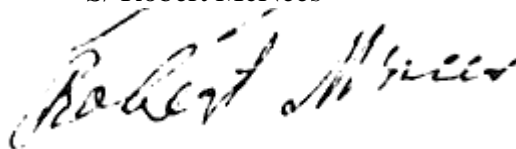
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Blakely".

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

I Robert McNeese of Laurens District South Carolina hereby certify that I was engaged in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war with William Blakely who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration about the time of four months. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ Robert McNees

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert McNees".

[William Anderson & Robert McNeese gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Laurens District} Before me personally appeared William Blakely who being duly sworn says that the amendment of his declaration as to the time of service set forth in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> interrogatories<sup>4</sup> is correct & less than the actual period of service performed. And at the time of drawing this declaration it was so expressed, but the attorney in writing it made the word about supposing it to be sufficiently expressive. August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1833

S/ John Blakely

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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<sup>3</sup> [Robert McNeese S7192](#)

<sup>4</sup> There is no document in this file in which the veteran responded to the 7 interrogatories as such. Perhaps that document has been lost or is misfiled in some other veteran's file.