

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Blair S3009

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State of Tennessee, McMinn County

On this 3rd day of December personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Samuel Blair a resident of said county and state, aged about 75 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. He was born in the State of Virginia Amelia County on the 14th day of June 1759 according to a record of his age taken from the family Bible of his parents, and which he has now in his possession. That he went with a relation from Amelia County Va., to Burke County No. Ca. and there entered the service of the United States in Said County of Burke for a six months tour of duty under the command of Captain William Johnson; rendezvoused at Morgantown (the County Town of said County) in the month of Oct. or November 1779; marched from thence to the Turkey Cove in said County and there built a fort Known by Warford's fort [Wofford's Fort], to defend the frontier against the depredations of the hostile Indians, at which place we remained until some time in May 1780, when Col. McDowell [probably Charles McDowell] sent orders to Capt. Johnson for as many as could furnish horses to march down to Burke Court House to march against a body of Tories collected at Ramsour's Mills; he thence marched as above stated and at said Court house was placed under the command of Capt. Bowman [Joshua Bowman], then we joined Col. Brevard's [Hugh Brevard's] regiment and marched to said Mills and met and defeated the Tories at that place. Capt. Bowman being killed at that encounter, we were then marched back to Burke Court house, or Morganton, and was there discharged by Capt. Johnston, having served the six months for which we entered, as a drafted militia man and served as a private said six months.

He again entered the service in Burke County N. C.—for nine months as a substitute for William Smith, [&] rendezvoused at Genl. Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Camp near Beatties Ford on the Catawba River, under the command of Capt. Clarke [Mordecai Clark] [in] the latter part of July 1780—at which place we remained until sometime in September. [We] were then ordered to join Col. Campbell's [William Campbell's] Regiment, we being under the command of Col. Williams [James Williams] on our march to King's Mountain. [We] marched from our rendezvous to Broad River and thence on to King's Mountain, at which place on the 7th day of ~~Oct~~Sept or thereabout the battle was fought [sic, October 7, 1780], Capt. Clarke's Company taking part in said battle in which he was [&] at which place a

parcel of prisoners were taken. We marched from thence to Burke Courthouse crossing the Catawba River at Greene Lees [?] ford. Marched on thence into the far edge [?] of Wilkes County; were thence marched back down the South River [sic, fork] of the Yadkin [River], through the Irish Settlement in Rowan County; leaving Mecklenburg Court house to our left proceeding on until we arrived again at Rutherford's Camp, at which place we remained until in Nov. or December Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene] assumed the command; and Capt. Clark and others were ordered to join Genl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] who was stationed at a place called Pacolet River near the Cowpens and on the 17th Jany. '81 fought the battle of the Cowpens and then marched with the prisoners and crossed the Catawba at the Island ford, and then on to Dan River in Va. and on the 14th of Feby. reached Henry old Court house and from thence was marched back.

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 3rd day of December 1833.

S/ Sam Blair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Blair". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Sam Blair".

[Alfred King, a clergyman, and Samuel M Gantt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, McMinn County

This day came Samuel Blair before me Abraham Stover one of the Acting Justices of the peace for said County and made Oath that from the great lapse of time since his Service in the Revolutionary War and the number of the Actors in that war having been called form Time to Eternity renders it impossible to prove the services rendered by him in said war and his having also removed from the State of Virginia to the State of North Ca. and from thence to the State of Tennessee, and those associates of his in the war having also removed to the different Western and Southern states, and whether any of them are now living he cannot now recollect, by whom he can prove his services and that the services as by him set forth in his declaration were performed by him for which he Claims a pension, and thinks himself justly and honestly entitled to it.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of March 1834.

S/ Sam Blair

S/ A. Stover, Justice of the peace of McMinn County

[This file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for one year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]