

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Blalock (Blalack) S3013

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: On this 25 day of June 1833 Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the peace holding the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilson aforesaid now in session June Term of the said Court 1833 Charles Blalock resident of the County of Wilson aforesaid aged 71 or 2 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.

First, there is no family record of my age that I know of or remember to have ever seen but have understood from early life from my parents and other traditionary evidence that I was born on the 1st day of May and was also informed that I was 19 or 20 years old at the time of the battle of Guilford Courthouse which was (as may be seen by history, in 1781). I have subtracted 19 or 20 years from 1781 which brings the date of my birth June 1761 or 1762 which will make me 71 or 72 years old, say 1st day of May above mentioned. I was born in the State of North Carolina in the County of Wake and that on the 15th or 16th year of my life I entered in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after mentioned; which was about the year 1775 or 1776.

I volunteered under Captain Rains for a 3 months tour in the County of Wake aforesaid. I think in the latter part of that year and took up the line of march immediately first to Cross Creek which place is now called Fayetteville passing through the Country in many different parts in the woods swamps etc. in that part of the State routing and expelling the Tories from there they vast depredations in that part of the Country; and was out in actual service that tour the full term of three months. I was entirely commanded by the said Captain Rains during that tour of which I received my discharge; and in some short time afterwards in the latter part of 1776 or 1770 7I again volunteered under the same Captain Rains for 3 months more and marched in about the same direction as aforesaid was at Cross Creek and in different sections of that part of the Country routing and driving the Tories from that part of the State and again served the full term of 3 months and was again entirely commanded by Captain Rains, receiving discharge for that tour and returned home.

About 6 or 8 months after serving my second tour with Captain Rains, I again volunteered under Captain Moore the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore and General Butler we took up the line of march in 1778 or 1779 passing through North Carolina by

Salisbury to the north boundary of South Carolina marching in many different routes in the North part of that State in pursuit of Tories in the common enemy of the Country returned home having served the full term of 3 months and received a discharge for the same.

About 4 or 6 months after serving the tour under Captain Moore, I again volunteered under Captain Lewis Butler for 3 months the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore and General Butler I think about the year 1789 [sic, 1779?]. We commenced the line of march through North Carolina passing through Salisbury to the North part of South Carolina skirmishing in and driving the Tories from their strongholds and hiding places returned near the same route through North Carolina after having served the full time of 3 months and received my discharge for the same.

About 6 or 8 months after serving the tour under Captain Lewis Butler I was hired by William Maze (who was drafted as a militia man for 3 months) as his substitute, and was commanded by Captain Graham in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore and General Butler and immediately commenced the line of march passing through Salisbury to the North part of South Carolina marched about in different parts of the Country and remained in that State about one month then returned into North Carolina in camp near Hillsboro there remained a few days from thence to Reedy's Fork of the Haw River where we had a battle with the British and Tories in which we put them to flight from thence we marched to Guilford Court house where we joined Washington's main Army and took a part in the celebrated battle of Guilford Court House. I fought in the hottest fury of the Battle; but we were forced to retreat to Troublesome Iron works about 2 weeks afterwards I was discharged having served the full term of 3 months received my discharge and returned home.

About 3 or 4 months after serving as a substitute for William Maze I was again hired as a substitute for one John Sexton who was drafted as a militia man for 3 months under Captain Lewis Butler Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore and General Butler we immediately marched to Cross Creek which is now Fayetteville of North Carolina going through the Country in different directions in search of Tories expelling them in different corners from thence returned home having served the full term of 3 months and received my discharge. Which services in all amount to 18 months. All my discharges 6 in number [I] have lost or destroyed by time in fact no particular care was taken of them not knowing they would ever be of any value to me. I resided in the State of North Carolina Wake County after the revolutionary war for about 5 years from thence I removed to Chatham County in said State resided there 6 years from thence to this State in Sumner County resided there about 3 years from thence to Wilson County in said State where I have resided ever since. I can prove by James Maze that I substituted in the place of William Maze I can also prove by Henry Massee [sic, Henry Massey?] That he served with me in the first campaign above mentioned. I rely upon the common proof for my services in the other 4 tours not knowing that any witness now lives to prove the fact: and I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and that I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to in open court

S/ Charles Blalock, X his mark

25th of June 1833

S/ J. S. McClain, Clerk

[Elijah Maddox, a clergyman, and John Goldston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Wilson County: This day appeared Henry Massee<sup>1</sup> and James Maze witnesses

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<sup>1</sup> [Henry Massey S1919](#)

who made oath as follows To wit Henry Massee that he served with Charles Blalock the above mentioned applicant in the same company with him the first tour of 3 months as mentioned in said declaration. James Maze makes oath that he lived in the immediate neighborhood with Charles Blalock when he substituted himself in the place of William Maze and that he went into service and served as he believes from information according to the statement and the declaration also that he substituted in the place of John Sexton as first above stated by William Massee and served as stated in the declaration. Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 25th day of June 1833

S/ H. Massey

S/ James Mayes

Questions propounded by the court to the applicant. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer by the applicant; in Wake County in the State of North Carolina the 1st day of May 1761 or 1762.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer there is none to my knowledge.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina from thence I removed to Chatham County in the same State from thence to this State in Sumner County from thence to Wilson County in the same State where I now reside.

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was a volunteer for 4 different tours as mentioned in the declaration and twice a substitute for Henry Massee and John Sexton

[fn pp. 12-13-- largely illegible petition<sup>2</sup> dated July 3, 1855, filed by William Bentley as guardian for James M Blalock (minor and child of the late Charles Blalock) filed in Sumner County Tennessee in 1855 seeking the bounty land entitlement James Blalock as the only surviving minor child of Charles Blalock who died in 1842 survived by a widow Polly Blalock who departed life in 1844; that James Blalock is now 20 years of age.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 18 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]

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<sup>2</sup> The heritage quest.com version of this document is more legible than the Footnote.com version thereof.