

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Blankenship S30870

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Ohio Montgomery County Ss.

On this twenty fifth day of September eighteen hundred & nineteen before me the subscriber President of the Courts of Common Pleas in the first Circuit in the State of Ohio personally appeared Benjamin Blankenship aged fifty nine years resident in Shelby County, Ohio & within my judicial district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" that he the said Benjamin Blankenship enlisted in September Sixteenth or Seventeenth, Seventeen hundred & seventy seven at Hampton in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Anthony Singleton of the Regiment of artillery commanded by Col Charles Harrison, of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in that corps & in the service of the United States untill the month of September seventeen hundred & eighty when he was discharged from service at Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina, that he was in the battle of Camden in South Carolina [16 Aug 1780], & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – [signed] Benj Blankenship

The State of Ohio } Ss.

Court of common pleas August Term 1832.

Shelby County }

On this fourteenth day of August AD 1832; personally appeared in open court Benjamin Blankenship, a resident of the county of Shelby and State

aforesaid, aged, seventy two, or seventy three years, who being first duly sworn, according to law; doth on his oath state That he entered the service of the United States on or about the seventeenth day of September AD 1777 under Colonel Harrison, who commanded the first Regiment of Virginia Artillery, that he was a private in Capt. Singleton's [page torn] of said Regiment, and was in the service about three years, and was discharged about the eighteenth day of September AD 1780. This affiant further states that he has been previously on the pension roll, under the act of March 18<sup>th</sup> AD 1812, and has been struck therefrom on account of property; that his place of Residence at the time when his first application for a pension was made was in Shelby county Ohio, and that he still resides in said County, and further saith not;

[signed] Benj Blankenship

NOTE: On 9 July 1836 Benjamin Blankenship applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois, having moved to McLean County "to be with his children having no home in Ohio." The file contains a letter dated 13 April 1850 from J. C. Blankenship of Bloomfield Town to the Pension Commissioner inquiring about bounty land for the service of his father, Benjamin Blankenship.