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Pension application of Daniel Blevens (Blevins) S31555

f49VA/NC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[Note: This file appears to have documents relating to two veterans by the name of Daniel Blevens or Blevins. The first veteran by that name applied in 1823 in Roane County Tennessee for a pension as a Continental soldier. The documents relating to his claim appear immediately below. There is no record of any action on his claim in this file but his claim would have been rejected because the pension acts under which he claimed applied only to veterans who served in the Continental Army and his description of his services clearly show that he claimed to have served in the NC militia under Col. Benjamin Cleveland and other militia officers. The second veteran by the name of Daniel Blevens/Blevins applied in 1834 in Morgan County Tennessee for a pension for service in the NC militia under different officers than those named by the first veteran. The second veteran's claim resulted in a pension of \$40 per annum being awarded. I have tried to separate the documents relating to each veteran as delineated by the double line separately the following transcript into two distinct parts.

That said, it is possible that the applications were made by the same man claiming very different services in each application. It is clear from the documents in the file that only the claim for 6 months service under Captain William Nall of the NC militia resulted in a \$40 per annum pension.

Let the researcher resolve the issue of identity to his or her own satisfaction.]

[Documents relating to the Daniel Blevens/Blevins who filed in Roane County Tennessee]

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State of Tennessee Roane County } Be it remembered that on 29th of October 1823 personally appeared Daniel Blevins in the court of pleas & quarter sessions opened and held in Kingston for the County and State aforesaid being a Court of Record and being so made by the Statutes of the State of Tennessee aged sixty-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Daniel Blevins enlisted for the term of five years on __ the day of May in the year 1769 as well as recollected in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Chandler in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland in the line of the State aforesaid[sic, Benjamin Cleveland was a militia officer in North Carolina, not Virginia] on the Continental establishment [sic, Cleveland never served on the Continental Establishment] that he continued to serve in the said Corps until his five years of enlistment expired when he was discharged from the said service in the State of Virginia. That he was in the battles of hanging rock [August 6 1780], Cross Creek [March 20, 1776], the high Shoals shallow ford [October 14, 1780], haw river, Camberlain, Moravian town in the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland [sic] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that

time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of the declarants property

Real property	not any
Personal property	not any clothing excepted
Declarant's occupation	Cooper by trade
His ability to pursue it	not very able on account of old age
The number and names of his family residing with him	
4 Children	
Daniel	15 years old
William	11
John	8
Polly Eliza	2
Thomas	13 days old
Their ability to contribute	they are a charge instead of assistance. S/ Daniel Blevins, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court by Daniel Blevins & subscribed this 29th of October 1823
S/ J. W. M. Breagcote, D. C.

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State of Tennessee Roane County: This day personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record and being so named by the Statutes of this State John Beverly¹ and after being duly sworn saith that he saw Daniel Blevins [sic] in the actual Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and believes him to have been a Regular Soldier as it was so stated to him the said Beverly further saith that he knows the said Blevins to have been in the Battle at the hanging rock and at the Battles of King's mountain and likewise at Gates defeat.

Sworn to April 27th 1824

S/ John Beverly, X his mark

[Facts in file: This Daniel Blevens/Blevins gave an extensive affidavit in support of the claim filed by [William Clenny \(Clenney\) S32182](#), posted on this site. That affidavit reads as follows:

State of Indiana } SS.

Green County }

This day personally appeared before me Willis D. Lester probate Judge in and for said County, Daniel Blevins a resident of Morgan County Indiana aged 85 years and who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is now a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$40 dollars per annum during life commencing on the 4th of march 1831. That when he first drew his pension he resided in East Tennessee and was inscribed on the roll of the east Tennessee Agency from which State he moved to Kentucky, and was transfered to the Kentucky Agency April 30th 1835. from Ky he moved to Lawrence County Indiana on December 19th 1836. transfered from the kentucky Agency to Bedford Indiana, that he has been well and intimately acquainted with William Clenney of Green County Indiana That his first acquaintance with the said Clenney was in the Armeiy of the Revolution at the hanging rock in the State of North

¹ [John Beverly R815](#)

Carolina [more likely Hanging Rock SC], this affiant being there attached to the North Carolina troops having marched from Wythe County Virginia [sic: formed from Montgomery County in 1790] through Hillsborough N.C. this affiant states that in said Tour he formed an intimate friendship with the said Clenney, that the said Clenney was then a vollunteer in the nine month men of the North Carolina Vollunteers, and that he was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Wm. Williams in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Ramsey. This affiant being well acquainted with the said Ramsey and Williams, that he & the said Clenney were marched together through the Indian Nation & had burnt several Indian villages & had some skirmishes with the Indians and also that on this tour they were together in some parts of North & South Carolina, and that he is certain the said Clenney served out his full term of nine months as vollunteer as hereinabove stated.

This affiant further states that as to the three months service as drafted malitia man alledged by the said Clenney to have been performed in the Revolution, he cannot say anything certain but that he again passing through N.C. he met said Clenney on, or near Deep River that they then stayed together a few days that said Clenney then observed to this affiant that he was out again under Daniel Williams, but how long he was out in said tour he cannot say nor can he say in what capacity he served or how long he did serve but that he was well acquainted with the said Capt. Daniel Williams & had at different times served under him some short time himself. he also adds that after the close of the revolution in conversing with the said Clenney he believes he served out his full tour of three months.

This affiant further states that in relation to the six months service as a drafted malitia man alledged by the said Clenney to have been performed by him under Capt Joquette he says he knows the said Clenney was under the sd Joquette in the revolution he also says that said Clenney was under the said Joquette in Gates' defeat he being in the said battle himself, and having been with the said Clenney for some time previous to said battle in passing through N.C. to Camden, and after said Battle he often saw said Clenney at different places in South Carolina but he cannot say whether said Clenney served out the full period of six months though from the length of time he saw him off and on in the service whilst in said tour he believes he served said tour fully. This affiant further states that in relation to the 12 months alledged by Clenney to have been performed by him as an enlisted soldier in the revolution says that he is certain that said Clenney did enlist for twelve months that he enlisted as this affiant believes in June 1781 in the State of N.C. in Orange County; in the Company commanded by Capt Litle in the Ridgement commanded Col. Litle the said Litle being brothers and Virginians being in Orange County N.C. when sd Clenney inlisted and that after his enlistment that he and the said Clenney often met in different places in N.C. and S.C. but was in no battle together, but was often several days at a time together he also states that he cannot say how long said Clenney served in said enlistment, but from the best of his recollection (having often seen him during such time) he is certain he must have served seven or eight months of said tour but when or in what manner he was discharged he cannot state; he also states that shortly after the close of the revolution he again met the said Clenney in Hillsborough N.C. where in a conversation with the said Clenney they got a talking about the war and the difficulties they encountered, this affiant showed said Clenney his discharge upon which said Clenney observed he had Two discharges & in turn showed his discharges, but what they contained this affiant cannot say, though their discharges were read by some of the by standers (the said Clenney nor affiant being able to read) This affiant further states he never heard any thing of said Clenney from the time he saw him herein last stated until hearing of him a short time scince and on his way to Bloomfield he called to see him, he also states that the said William Clenney is the Identical William Clenney with whom he served in the revolution as herein stated. This affiant further states that he was himself attached to the Carolina troops, and that he served in the revolution a much longer time than he was allowed or he was able to prove and further this affiant saith not. [See note below.]

[Documents relating to the Daniel Blevens/Blevins from Morgan County Tennessee]

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State of Tennessee Morgan County }

On this the 1st day of March, 1834, personally appeared before me Thomas Jack an acting Justice of the peace of the court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for the County of Morgan aforesaid, Daniel Blevens, a resident citizen of the County of Morgan, State of Tennessee aged Eighty one years agreeable to his best and undoubted calculation, though he has no record of his age and after being duly sworn on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

He states that he was drafted to serve a tour of six months in the early part of the Revolutionary War. He entered service under Captain William Noll [sic, William Nall of the Wilkes County, NC Regiment of militia] sometime in the month of May. He is not certain on what date but he thinks it was the year 1777. He entered said service about Twenty five miles from the Lead mines in Virginia. He is not certain the name of the County at this time from the great lapse of time and from extreme old age. He marched off under his said Captain after the Cherokee Indians to various places in North Carolina and went on to the Catawba River and to Davidson's Fort and To the Watauga Towns and destroyed the Indian Towns, and was at the quaker meadow fort [Quaker Meadows] and after going to a great many different points and directions many of which are not now recollected, he was verbally discharged by said Captain and came home having served his full tour of six months (2nd) and some Three or four months thereafter, he was again drafted to go against the Indians and entered the service under Captain John Smith to serve a three months tour. He again marched to Davidson's Fort and [was] Stationed there some time [&] was again at the Watauga Towns. He was marched back and verbally discharged by his said Captain Smith having served three months. He is not certain as to the precise time of entering said service. He thinks his service included the most of the spring season of the year 1778.

He was again drafted to serve a tour of three months against the British under Captain David Hackworth and Colonel James Tailor [sic, James Taylor?]. He cannot state with certainty but he believes in the year 1780 and he entered in the month of September and went to various places in North Carolina and crossed the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River]. He was in no battle and finally was marched to the Moravian Towns and having served his full three months he was again verbally discharged.

Applicant was born and raised in Bottetourte [Botetourt] County Virginia. After the End of the Revolutionary War, he moved To Buncombe County in North Carolina; after living there many years, he moved to Sullivan [Sullivan] County, East Tennessee; lived there a great many years and moved to Harlan County, State of Kentucky and thence to Morgan County in East Tennessee. Applicant can prove, as he believes, his general good character for veracity and reputation as a revolutionary soldier by his neighbors generally some of them he will name to wit: Jeremiah Hatfield, John Howard, Loving R. Henderson and many others, but he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service. He states that there is no clergyman any place within a good many miles of him and [it] is out of his power to procure the traditionary proof of one as is required by the regulations of the War Department. Applicant has no Documentary proof of his Service. He hereby Relinquishes Every other claim 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.

S/Daniel Blevens, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before made the day and year aforesaid.

S/Thomas Jack, Justice of the Peace

[George S. Kington & Jesse H. Human gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Morgan County

On this the 17th day of May 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas Jack, an acting justice of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Morgan aforesaid, Daniel Blevens, and after being duly sworn according to Law for that purpose on his oath states that his original Declaration remained in his possession sometime; that there was word sent to him many times by Mr. Childress to go and make a certain amendment before some justice of the peace. He states he was incapable of going and having it arranged. He states that he sent word to Robert A. Dabney to come and arrange his amendment to his original Declaration; that it so remained for some months until he almost wholly despaired of having it done as he could get no person to attend to it for him and he being unable to go or attend himself and he lived in a very remote place in the Cumberland Mountain until a short time before his making out his Declaration that Robert A. Dabney sent to the War Department (he moved entirely out of his old neighborhood into another neighborhood of his acquaintance). He states that his original Declaration and papers connected with it are in some way destroyed, as he believes in moving to his present neighborhood. He states that he was inquired of by Mr. Dabney for said papers before arranging his new Declaration; that he then regretted that they were destroyed. He positively states that they were not destroyed by his procurement.

S/ Daniel Blevens, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above risen before me.

S/ Thomas Jack, Justice of the Peace

[p 26: On March 9, 1835, Blevens filed in Rockcastle County, Kentucky for a transfer of his pension payments from the Tennessee to the Kentucky agency because he had recently moved to Rockcastle County, Kentucky.]

[p 30: On November 15, 1836, in Lawrence County, Indiana, veteran again applied for a transfer of his pension payments from Kentucky to Indiana; in this application he refers to himself as follows: "... that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain William Nobb [sic, Nall] and afterwards by Captain John Chandler in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland afterwards by Colonel Poteet afterwards by Colonel Brown and afterwards by Colonel Taylor in the service of the United States...." He signed this document with his mark.]

[p 15: the file also contains powers of attorney executed on October 19, 1853 in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, by Polly Maden and Nancy Maden, both described as being 'of Rockcastle County,' authorizing their attorney, L. B. True of Washington City, D. C. to examine all papers etc. relating to the pension claim of Daniel Blevins. The file documents don't disclose their relationship, if any, to the veteran. They signed the document with their respective marks.]

[The veteran was pension at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 4 service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]