

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Blevens (Blevins) S32121

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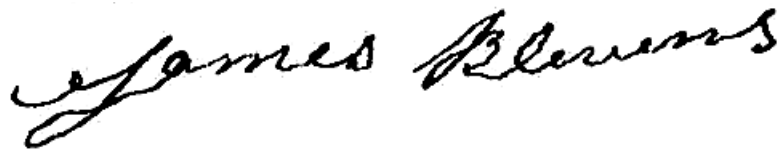
State of Indiana, Lawrence County: County Probate Court November 12, 1832

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before Rollin C. Dewey Judge of the probate court of the county of Lawrence aforesaid, the same being a court of record, James Blevins, a resident citizen of Shawswick Township in the county of Lawrence and State of Indiana aforesaid aged 70 years of age on the 25th day of December last who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: that he was born some place in New England from whence he moved to the county of Henry in the State of Virginia when he was an infant, and also from whence his father removed to county of Montgomery in the State of Virginia when this declarant was about ten years of age as he is informed from the tradition of his family; that he entered as a volunteer in the county of Montgomery aforesaid in the State of Virginia in the army of the United States some time in the summer of 1780 but on what day of the month or what in said summer he cannot be certain but thinks it was in the month of \_\_\_ in said year in the company commanded by Captain William Love, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Campbell [William Campbell] of the Virginia State Volunteers and that John Carroll who was afterwards promoted to the rank of Capt. was Lieutenant in said company at the time this declarant entered the service as above stated and that Charles Robertson was ensign; that during the time that this declarant served under said engagement as herein stated; march[ed] through a part of the State of Virginia, and North Carolina, and South Carolina; that he was in the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], from the battle of King's Mountain, he was with the rest of the regiment under Campbell marched with the prisoners taken at King's Mountain taking them from King's Mountain to Albemarle to Matts [Motte?], a small town between the Congaree and Santee Rivers in South Carolina or some name like that; that when the regiments commanded by Col Campbell and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] met, that this declarant was discharged at the said town of Motte on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1781. Whilst the forces under Campbell and Greene were at that place as herein stated, that he received his discharge as above stated from Col. Campbell and that on the day he received his discharge as above mentioned that he enlisted under General Greene at the town of Matts aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain John Carroll in the regiment commanded by Col. Cleveland for nine months and that Luke Carroll, brother of said John Carroll was Lieutenant in said company and that from said town of Matts after having stayed

there but a few days, this declarant was marched to Log Town in sight of Camden and was in the battle of Camden [sic, Battle of Hobkirk or Hobkirk's Hill, April 25, 1781]; from there to 96; was in said battle [sic, Siege of Ninety Six, May 21,-June 19, 1781]; from there to the High Hills of Santee where they remained some time, from there to the Eutaw Springs; was at the battle of Eutaw [sic, Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]; from there back to the High Hills of Santee, where they remained some time, from there to some town not far from Charleston, the name of which this declarant does not remember; that soon afterward this declarant was discharged at some little town between the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina and the High Hills of Santee; that he received his last discharge as herein stated from Col. Cleveland; that on his way home from the army to Montgomery County, Virginia that he was taken sick and lay at the Hanging Rock for about two months where he was at last met by his friends and taken home; that the declarant resided in Montgomery County in the State of Virginia for 8 or 10 years after the war, after which he moved to the State of Tennessee in the neighborhood of Knoxville where he lived 18 months, after which he removed to the State of Virginia into Wythe County where he resided until about eleven years ago—when he removed to Lawrence County in the State of Indiana where he now resides; that he has lost his discharges with a number of other papers and some books in moving from Virginia to this State which he had in an open barrel or cask by reason of heavy rains and high waters; that he has seen his name recorded in his father's family bible which he supposes now to be lost, but from the best of his recollection by frequently reading said record that he believes he was born December 25, 1762; that he has no written or documentary proof of his service nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his service other than his own declaration and the statements of his neighbors and of Abraham Mitchell a Clergyman citizen of the county of Lawrence aforesaid. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any other State or territory as a pensioner.

S/ James Blevens

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Blevens". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Abraham Mitchell, a clergyman, Edward Evans and Nathan Hinkle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana, Lawrence County.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, James Blevens who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that, by reason of old age, and the consequential loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the period mentioned below, and in the following grades. For six months as a private, as mentioned above, which was written under the impression that I had served out my whole tour, and that that was the length of time for which I engaged and for said six months service I claim a pension.

S/ James Blevens

Subscribed and sworn to this 13th day of January 1834.

S/ Alfred L. Arthur Esq.

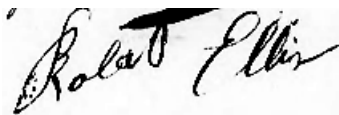
State of Indiana, Lawrence County

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State of Indiana Greene County: SS

On this the 22nd day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Elijah P. Cushman a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Robert Ellis<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County aged 76 years the first day of last February who being first duly sworn according to law makes oath and saith that when he was a volunteer in the Army of the Revolution of the time he was stationed at Siege of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina became acquainted with James Evans now (a resident of Lawrence County in this State). That whilst at the Siege of Ninety Six, that this deponent at the siege aforesaid became intimately and well acquainted with said Blevins. That during said siege that this deponent and the said Blevins were there the whole time: That this deponent and the said Blevins was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs together and that this deponent and the said Blevins was in the meantime at the High Hills of Santee and the Saluda old Towns; and also marched together through various parts of the State of South Carolina. That in the few days after the battle of the Eutaw Springs the said Blevins was taken to his uncle's John Sutton's who lived near the hanging rock in South Carolina in consequence of a wound which he received by the cut of a sword on his left hand, after which this deponent did not see him anymore until today; nor did he ever hear anything of him until within a few days since when he was informed of said James Blevins and the place of his residence. That said Blevins during the period this deponent was acquainted with him in service of the war of the Revolution as having stated, was attached to and belonged to a corps of light infantry and that this deponent and said Blevins were together in the Army as above stated at least as much as between 4 and 5 months; That this deponent from a long conversation on the subject and the incidents of the revolution with the said Blevins is positive that he is the same identical James Blevins with whom he was acquainted, and with whom he served in the Revolution as herein stated; That he is also positive that he is the same person from the scar of the sword above stated on his left hand which is now very visible and from various other circumstances which heard whilst they were together in the Army as herein stated. One incident in particular whilst we were at the siege of Ninety Six that Captain Joseph Pickens was then in the attitude of slapping his but [butt] at the brittish [British] (1 day) shot by a Youger [Yeager] ball in his left side of which wound he afterwards died; and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Robert Ellis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Ellis". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of Indiana Greene County: Greene County Circuit Court April Term 1833

The deposition of John Stone a citizen of Greene County and State of Indiana sworn and subscribed to on this the 5th day of April in the year 1833 in the case of the application of James Blevins of Lawrence County Indiana made at the November Term 1832 of the Probate court of the Lawrence County on the 12th day of November 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law makes oath and saith that he this deponent and said James Blevins when they were young men, sometime about the beginning of the revolutionary war that they lived in

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<sup>1</sup> [Robert Ellis S26084](#)

Montgomery County in the State of Virginia and that they lived in the same neighborhood in Montgomery County aforesaid, That he was acquainted with said Blevins for 5 or 6 years before they went into the Army as hereinafter stated; That sometime in the summer of the year 1780 that this deponent and said Blevins volunteered on the same day in the Army of the United States in the war of the revolution; That this deponent and said Blevins both volunteered as herein mentioned in the company commanded by Captain William Love in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell, That in a few days after this deponent volunteered as herein stated he went to Fort Chissel [Fort Chiswell] in Montgomery County aforesaid, where this deponent and said Givens met the said Regiment and we remained but a short time then we marched [to] Salisbury in the State of North Carolina. That this deponent and said Blevins both marched to Salisbury together as herein stated. That said Blevins stayed in Salisbury but a few days after they got there, and that he the said Blevins marched under said Campbell to Kings Mountain, and that this deponent stayed at Salisbury for some time after said Blevins marched to Kings Mountain as herein stated. That his did not know anything of said Blevins after they parted at Salisbury as herein stated until he saw him at the battle of Motte [possibly a reference to the engagement at Fort Motte, May 12, 1781] in the State of South Carolina, That he did not see said Blevins anymore until after the close of the revolution when they both returned home to Montgomery County in Virginia where they resided for some years after the close of the war of the revolution in the same neighborhood, and this deponent further states that from repeated conversations with said Blevins being intimate with said Blevins and having often spoke in to each other about the scenes of the revolution and that from the conversations which this deponent and said Blevins had as above stated that he verily believes and has no doubt but that said James Blevins was at the battle of log town which was in sight of Camden in South Carolina and also in the battle of the Eutaw Springs, This deponent having been in both said battles himself. This deponent further states that after he moved to Indiana he again renewed his acquaintance with the said Blevins, and has known him in Indiana for the last 10 or 12 years; and during which time they lived not more than then 10 or 15 miles apart and in the adjoining counties, and, during which time they often met and seen each other, and this deponent further states that the same James Blevins who made the declaration hereto annexed and whose name is subscribed to the same is the same Identical James Blevins with [whom] I served in the revolutionary war as herein stated, and with whom this deponent volunteered as herein mentioned and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Stone

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per year commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]