

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Blanton S330

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District of West Tennessee

On this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord 1823 personally appeared in open court in the court of pleas & quarter sessions of the County of Rutherford the same being a court of Record, Thomas Blanton aged sixty three years & resident in said County of Rutherford, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & of the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Thomas Blanton enlisted for the term of two years towards the close of the year 1779 in the company commanded by Capt Benjamin Lawson, in the 1st Regiment commanded by Cols [John] Green & Hayes [sic: Samuel Hawes] commandant & Lieutenant in the Virginia line on the continental establishment, That he continued to serve in said corps until the expiration of two years when he was discharged in the neighbourhood of Charlestown South Carolina, That he was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], of Ninety six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & Eutaws [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] & that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services excepting the deposition of John Charlton [possibly pension application S2425; deposition not found], He having long since lost his discharge – 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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 property belonging to Thomas Blanton –

1. Featherbed & furniture	½ Doz knives & forks
2 Potts	2 Flat Irons
2 Skillets	1 Coffee Pot
1 Pewter Dish & basin	11 head of hogs
6 Chairs	1 Horse
1 Dining table	1 Barshar plough
6 Delft Plates	2 Pair drawing chains

Thomas hisXmark Blanton

Said Thomas Blanton is a farmer & owing to his age, Hernia & other bodily & mental infirmities he cannot so successfully prosecute his business as to ensure a necessary support, He has a family living with him, a wife named Drucilla aged fifty seven years, who is infirm, one daughter named Susan aged twenty years & a son named William aged eighteen years, who on account of the want of education are not more than able to support themselves much less to contribute to the maintenance of their aged father & mother

Sworn to & declared on in open court this 30th day of April 1823

Thomas hisXmark Blanton

NOTES:

On 28 July 1823 Thomas Blanton, Sr. and David Blanton of Cumberland County VA swore that Thomas Blanton served for 18 months in the Continental Army.

On 5 June 1847 Scilly Blanton, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Blanton on 28 Oct 1783, and he died on 27 May 1846. The file includes a copy of the certificate of the marriage in Cumberland County on 28 Oct 1783 of Thomas Blanton and Scilly Auglea, both of Littleton Parish. On 12 Sep 1848 Scilly Blanton was said to be 85, and on 20 April 1849 she was said to be about 86 years old.