

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Blain S35780

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State of Indiana

Owen County

Owen Circuit Court, Sct.

On this day to wit the ninth day of May in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred and Twenty six, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record, according to the laws of the state of Indiana aforesaid, for the first Judicial Circuit in said State, James Blain, resident in said County, aged sixty six years, 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 March 1818 and 1st May 1820. That he the said James Blain enlisted for the term of one year on the 27th day of March in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Stevenson [John Stevenson or David Stephenson; both companies raised in Augusta County] in the regiment commanded by Colonel Nevil [sic: John Neville] in Gen'l. Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps untill the 10th day of February in the year 1777 when he was discharged from the service in Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey, which discharge is lost. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the role of any state except the State of Virginia and that the following are the reasons for his not making earlier application for a pension. That is to say he the said James Blain saith that he did not wish to become a burden to his country. and heretofore he was able to struggle thro life by his industry as a house carpenter, but now owing to old age, rheumatic pains, Blindness and disability he is totally unable to maintain himself.

And in pursuance of the act of the first 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.

that I have no real or personal estate whatever except one Quarter section of Military Bounty land in the State of Illinois, unimproved and unproductive to this deponent, and one horse worth \$15.00, and which land this deponent and declarant believes is sold for taxes, that this deponents and declarants Occupation is a House Carpenter, which Occupation I am unable to pursue that I was never married, and have no family; and that since the 18 March 1818 no changes whatever have been made in my property.

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the executors of Blain's estate received his final pension payment up to 11 Feb 1840, presumably the date of his death.