

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Blackburn S39197

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State of Tennessee }

Anderson County } April Sessions 1818

Be it remembered that on this the 18th day of April 1818 that James Blackburn a citizen of said county came into open Court and being first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he is aged about fifty nine years, that between the first and middle of the month of May 1778 he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in Captain Selinskeys [sic: Jan Zielinski's] company or independent Corps of Cavalry in County Pilleskies dragoons [sic: Kazimierz Pulaski's Legion of Horse and Foot] and served the United States faithfully in said war against the common enemy untill some time in the month of November 1779 and was then discharged at Charlestown [Charleston] after the defeat at the Siege of Savannah [19 Oct 1779]. This deponent also states that said Selinskeys Troops were almost entirely cut to pieces at said Siege, that he himself received severe wounds at said Siege, was shot in the right leg and his left foot cut half through with a sword of the enemy, lay some time in the Hospital there and was discharged on the day or month above mentioned. The deponent further states he has no means to establish the above facts, that he knows of, but his own oath, that he is in low circumstances and needs the aid of his country, that he relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension except that provided for by the Act of Congress of 1818. that he has never heretofore been a pensioner. The deponent also exhibits to the Court the wounds above alluded to

[signed] James Blackburn