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Pension application of Jacob Bletcher S39198

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To the Honorable the Senators, and Representatives in the Congress of the United States in session 1826.

The Memorial of Jacob Bletcher of Orange County in the State of North Carolina
Humbly Showeth

That your memorialist begs leave to state to your honorable body, that he was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he was marched from Wake County North Carolina one of the Militia then ordered into the service, and defense of the Country under the command of Major John Humphries to South Carolina.

That when your memorialist was in South Carolina, He enlisted in the service of the United States with a recruiting Officer of the Continental Army, of the name of Sherod Bugg, a few weeks before the Battle [of] Eutaw Springs -- who promised him a bounty of one likely Negroes between 12 and 25 years of age --

That your memorialist continued a private soldier for his enlistment in the actual service of the United States until he was honorably discharged on the 23rd day of December 1782, without receiving his promised Negro or any kind of compensation in loop thereof, nor has he received any bounty of land, nor to the value of one cent for his services rendered in the defense of his Country.

Your memorialist therefore prays that your Honorable body will take his Case into consideration and make him such allowance as you may deem necessary for his support in the decline of life, and your Memorialist is in duty bound will ever Pray
February 16th 1826, then Jacob Bletcher came before me Joseph Dickson one of the Justices of the Peace for Orange County North Carolina and made Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that every matter stated in his Memorial here annexed is just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me.

S/ Jos. Dickson, JP

S/ Jacob Bletcher, X his mark

State of North Carolina

Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions begun & held for the County of Orange at the Court-house in Hillsboro on the fourth Monday of February in the year of our Lord 1828 the following declaration was filed which said Declaration is in the words & figures (to wit) "State of North Carolina Orange County: On this the 27th day of February 1828, personally appeared in Open Court in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County,

the same being a Court of Record, having jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & proceeding according to the course of the, and Law, Jacob Bletcher resident in said County aged sixty-eight 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 & the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Jacob Bletcher enlisted a few weeks before the battle of Eutaw Springs in the Continental Service by one Sherod Bugg a recruiting Office [sic] -- that he was afterwards placed in Captain Armstrong's Company for 12 months service -- that he remained in service until the 23rd December 1782 when he was honorably discharged at Wilmington North Carolina. That during his service on the Continental establishment he was in no battle. -- But that in the militia of the State of North Carolina he had served 3 tours & was in the battle of Gates Defeat¹ and at the memorable surprise of Colonel Piles² in Orange County by Lieutenant Colonel Lee & Pickens. He then served under Captain McLeary -- While on the Continental line under Captain Armstrong [a line of text partially obscured and missing from both the Footnote.com and HeritageQuest.com versions of this file] recollect who were his Superior Officers -- he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

The following all the reasons that he has not made earlier application for a pension -- That until within a few years he has been able to labor for subsistence, aided by some of his children who have all married or removed from his service except one daughter about 17 years old --

That upon his poor land with labor & economy he was in able to support himself & family -- that his family now consists of his wife an old & very weakly woman & aged & helpless mother of this deponent & said daughter. That this declarant by reason of age and infirmity as well as disease that has rapidly increased upon him within the last 5 or 6 years, has become unable by his labor & the stated economy to get along without permitting his debts for necessities constantly to increase -- that he has hoped for the best & struggled unrelentingly & had with the strictest economy & even parsimony and notwithstanding, his debts have increased so as to threaten his entire ruin & beggary. That his Creditors all pressing their Claims. Several of the largest have judgments, to wit, G. Barbee for \$60, James Gooch for \$61 -- & Sampson Moore for \$38 -- with interest & Costs -- and that gives a sale of his property is forced the whole of it will be likely to be sacrificed -- that he applied nearly 2 years ago, but by informality he supposes the papers were returned to him.

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 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. That since the year 1818 the 18th March no changes have been made in my property except a gradual the any resulting from my increasing age, the Billot the & infirmity.

Sworn to & declared in open Court the day & date above written.

S/ Jacob Bletcher, X his mark

A line Schedule of all of the Estate real & personal of & belonging to Jacob Bletcher of

¹ The Battle of Camden. August 15-16, 1780. <http://battleofcamden.org/index.htm>

² Sic, Dr. John Pyle's defeat February 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>

the County of Orange & the State of North Carolina together with the value of each article or item.

	Value
1 Tract of land in Orange County 109 1/2 acres poor, pine & black Jack land stripped of timber more than half nearly two thirds cleared & much work	\$150
1 Other Tract in Wake County of poor & barren Land unoccupied	50
2 Head of Horses one worth \$30 the other worth scarcely anything being old Horse say \$10	40
6 head of cattle -- consisting of 2 cows yearlings & calves	24
26 head of hogs -- 6 grown 26 pigs	15
8 sheep old & young	6
10 Geese	2
2 pine Chests or boxes \$1 -- 2 pine tables \$1	2
10 Common chairs	2.50
2 pots & hooks one broken	1.50
1 Oven [illegible] \$1 1 skillet 40 cents	1.40
1 pr smothering or Lad irons	1
6 pewter plates old & worn	1
2 dishes 60 cents 6 spoons 60 cents	1.20
6 Earthen plates 20 cents 1 Set Cups & Saucers \$2.70	3
1 pr fire tongs, 25 cts 23 wheels (spinning) \$1.20	1.45
2 W. Tubs 1 pail & 2 piggins	1
2 Bread Trays & 2 Sifter	.40
1 loom \$1 3 barrels old 45 cts 4 open barrels 40 cts	1.85
1 Open Stand 80 cts	.80
Also some bacon & corn insufficient to serve the family for half a year	—
8 Grindstones	<u>4</u>
	\$310.10

Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions February Term A.D. 1828

Jacob Bletcher in open Court being duly sworn saith the above Schedule he believes to be true both as to property he has and its value & that it is the whole of his property to the best of his knowledge and recollection except 2 beds, & wearing apparel.

S/ Jacob Bletcher, X his mark

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A list of Debts due from Jacob Bletcher to sundry persons -- to wit

1 Note do you Anderson Clements for blacksmith's work	\$16
Judgment to James Gooch principal \$61 -- Interest & cost unknown	61
William R. Evans blacksmith account & work & labor done	10
--Owens -- Store account for necessities	9.30
G. Barbee -- Regiment for the horse scheduled & other property at the Sale \$60 plausible Interest & Cost unknown	60
Sampson Moore Judgment for \$38	

Interest & Cost unknown	38
Thomas Serls [?] for reap hook & axe	1.55
1 Note to Saml Child	3.50
Acct to Thos Clancy & Co.	<u>2.75</u>
	\$209.97

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Jacob Bletcher being duly sworn in open Court saith that the above list contains a true statement of the debts due from him to the persons mentioned. That in addition to the above is a suit pending in this Court Jefferson Dillard vs. him in which he claims upwards of \$20 with interest for 4 or 5 years on the same that the cost of said suit will be as he is informed & believes \$20 or more should it be decided against him as there are 2 witnesses attending to the cause from another County.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court

S/ Jacob Bletcher, X his makr

[fn p. 25: Jacob Bletcher Junior, a son of the applicant, gave an affidavit as to some of his father's debts in Wake County in the February term 1828.]

[fn p. 9: on May 31, 1834, Bletcher applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to Bedford County Tennessee citing as his reasons for moving "to get to a newer Country, and to live near his children who had previously removed to Bedford County Tennessee."]

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 22 February 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jacob Bletcher a private in Armstrong's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1781 (on the Rolls it is said, "no doubt for 12 months") and that he left the service on the 23rd December 1782.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

Abraham Shepperd is said on the Rolls to have been the Colonel of the 10th Regiment -- in which Regiment Jacob Bletcher appears to have served