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Pension Application of Charles Blechynden S6656  
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State of Virginia } SS.  
Pendleton County }

On this 7th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of Pendleton, now sitting, Charles Blechynden a resident of said county aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the month of August 1778 he engaged as a substitute to perform a three months tour of service in the room of James Dyer of the County of Rockingham, who had been drafted to perform the said tour against the Indians. He was marched from the County of Rockingham aforesaid across the Alleghany mountains under the command of Captain Robert Davis, and stationed at Nutter's Fort, on the West Fork of the Monongahela [in present Clarksburg WV on West Fork River], where he continued to serve until the expiration of the said three months term of service – When he was discharged and returned home.

In the month of August 1780, he engaged as a substitute for George Cowgar of the (then) County of Hampshire Va., who had been drafted to perform a tour of three months against the Indians, and (as he then understood) to build a Fort at Point Pleasant. The Company of Hampshire Militia in which he served this second tour of three months, was commanded by Captain Messer, and Lieut. Joseph Lindow, under whom he continued to serve until the expiration of his term of service when he was discharged.

In the month of November 1780 he served a third tour of three months as a substitute for George Dawson, in a company of Virginia Militia commanded by Captain Josiah Harrison of the County of Rockingham. During this third tour he was marched to Richmond Va., under the command of Captain Harrison aforesaid, and was there stationed on what is now called Bacon-Branch, where he continued to serve until the expiration of the three months term of service when he was discharged and returned home.

In the month of August 1781 he volunteered to serve a fourth tour of three months, as a private in a Company of Militia of the County of Rockingham Virginia under command of Captain Josiah Harrison aforesaid, whose company was rendezvoused and marched from the County of Rockingham in the month of August 1781 as aforesaid, he was marched to York Town, and there stationed under the command of Gen'l. Washington, and Lafayette, and served until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], when he was discharged, and returned home to his residence in Rockingham county Va.. During the four terms of service aforesaid, of three months each, he faithfully served at least Twelve months, in the whole.

He has no documentary evidence of his services, never having received a written or printed discharge – Two of the three months terms of service he expects to establish by the testimony of men who served with him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

NOTE: Zachariah Rexrode (pension application S5983) certified that Blechynden served the tour at Yorktown.