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Pension Application of Thomas Blake S6662

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open court in the town of Lawrenceville in the County & State afs'd. before me Joseph J. Daniel, one of the judges of the Superior Courts for the State of North Carolina Thomas Blake a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged as near as can be ascertained eighty six years who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This affiant states that when he entered into the service of the United States he lived in South Hampton [sic: Southampton] County in the State of Virginia, which was not until he had married and had one or two children and being an illiterate man he is not able to state the different years that he served in. He states that he was not a regular soldier inlisted in the service but served as a militia man when ever he was called upon in his turn, a tour of six or seven weeks at a time and was then relieved by others who were called upon in like manner to serve their turn. This affiant states that he is not able particularly to number the different tours he served. He recollects however the Long Bridge on Elizabeth River the County he does not now recollect [sic: Great Bridge then in Norfolk County] that he was also stationed at Suffolk Portsmouth and at a place called Mackys Mill [Mackey's or Mackie's Mill]. That he served under one Col. with Major Decloman a frenchman [probably Christian Charles de Klauman, a Dane]. Captain Nicols & Captain Barrow . That he was called upon to serve one of these Towers immediately before the Siege of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] that he marched about two days on his way there when he was taken with a rising on the muscular part of thigh which prevented him from traveling [illegible word] and he was furlowed by his Captain Barrow. That there was a Col. Blount who commanded the Corps with which he was marching This affiant further states that he at one time marched a distance of seven miles through the Dismal Swamp which is [partly] in North Carolina near the Virginia line and that he underwent great hardships – The affiant is unable to state how long he served during the war but that he was engaged during the greater part of it in the way he has before stated in tours of six or seven weeks when called upon. He thinks however he was in service for more than twelve months in all – This affiant further states that there are no persons in his neighbourhood who can testify as to his having been engaged in the revolutionary war as he moved from Virginia as soon as the war ended. but that his nephew Isham Blake who lives in the town of Fayetteville in No Carolina lived in Virginia when he served and can testify as to his services, whose an[?] is herewith transmitted – This affiant states that he never received any written discharge from his service but that when his time was out and others took his place he received a parole discharge This affiant states that he is known to Howell Harris Esqr, Dudly Baldwin, Thomas Pemberton & others who can testify to his character for veracity and their Belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution. This affiant has no record of his age nor does he know that his age is recorded but that he is according to the best information he has on the subject eighty six years old or more

This affiant 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 of any State in the United States

Thomas hisXmark Blake Sr[?]

State of North Carolina Montgomery County

The amended declaration of Thomas Blake in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>. 1832 –

Personally appeared before me Edmund T Lilly the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County and State afs'd. Thomas Blake who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age

and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he has served not less than the period mentioned below – that is that he is confident that he has served at least twelve months although he is unable to give in detail the various tours that he was drafted for – he served three six weeks tours in Captain Nicols Company one six weeks tour under Captain Barrow and one six weeks tour under Captain Blount which service as a private I served in my own section of the state and I recollect my captains name, but there are four or five tours which I served as a private for six weeks each when I was put under Captains who were strangers to me in Lunenburg & Brunswick Counties and I am unable state for I do not recollect their names. This affiant saith that he was engaged throughout the whole of the war of the Revolution at stated periods when his turn came to serve and that although from the shortness of the tours he served and their frequent Returning – he is not able to give a satisfactory & detailed account yet he is well assured that he served at least twelve months as a soldier of the Revolution for which he claims a pension

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Apl. 1833

Thomas hisXmark Blake

NOTE: For information about the family of Thomas Blake see the pension application filed for the service of his brother, James Blake (W17318).