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Pension Application of James Blick S6664

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Virginia: Brunswick County Sct:

On this 26th day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid sitting, Major James Blick, a resident of the County aforesaid, aged seventy seven years since the fifth day of April last, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Dinwiddie in Virg'a. but when he was very small his father moved to Brunswick County, where he has resided ever since; that in the month of March 1776 he enlisted as a regular Soldier under the State of Virginia, that after the Declaration of Independence they were transferred to the Continental Line, and served his term of Two years in the 4th Regiment commanded by Col Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen], and, on his promotion, by Col. [Robert] Lawson, and attached to Gen'l. Stephens's Brigade; the company to which he was attached was commanded by Capt. James Lucas, 1st Lieut John Stith 2^d Lieut. Wm. Rogers [William Rogers], & Nath'l. Lucas [Nathaniel Lucas] Ensign, that he entered the service in Brunswick, and marched thro' Southampton, by Suffolk to Norfolk, and from thence in the course of the summer perhaps in August, our Regiment went up Chesapeake Bay, to the Head of Elk [now Elkton MD], & thence marched by Land to Wilmington in Delaware. took water there & landed at Trenton in New Jersey; thence marched to join the main army under Gen'l. Washington, was in the Battle at Trenton [26 Dec 1776], when the Hessians were captured, and also in a subsequent engagement at the same place when the British Army attacked Gen'l. Washington, in this action he rec'd. a very dangerous wound in the abdomen – that he was also in the Battle at Princeton [3 Jan 1777], when the gallant Gen'l. [Hugh] Mercer was slain. that he faithfully served out his his two years and was discharged honorably at Valley Forge – which document he brought home, and put it in his father's desk, and supposes it must have been lost or casually destroyed, as he has never seen it since.

He also states that after his return home, he volunteered, & marched with Capt. Joseph Greenhill's troop of volunteer troopers to join Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene's army, and took part in the memorable Battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], under the immediate command of Col. Wm. Washington [William Washington] – that he served in this expedition eight or ten weeks.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession nor does he know of any of his Comrades living by whom he can prove his services aforesaid – but he has the affidavit of an old companion in arms Anselm Ivey, taken before two Justices of this county, to support this affiants application for Bounty land, which he herewith submits to the Court, and prays, that it may be attached to this his Declaration.

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 to and subscribed in open Court, the day and year aforesaid. [signed] James Blick

NOTE:

The following letter is in the file:

Brunswick February 4th 1834

Col Gholson,/ Sir,/ I have wrote to Mr Mason [probably Congressman J. Y. Mason] for a Copy of a paper [probably Blick's pension certificate] which he was so good as to send me last year from the war office, which is lost or Misplaced if he should be so engaged that he will not do it, please sir apply yorself and send me a duplicate of that paper between this & March as their will be a years wages [pension] due

me then

I hink sir if you draw an humble petition to Congress in my behalf for half pay from the time I was dischard at Valy Forge (which was the spring 1778) until March 1831 and you and Mr Mason only exert a part of your ability in my behalf I shall get it. as I found myself in Clothing I never had one article of Clothing from any Country in my life and as they have so much money now on hand that they do not know what to do with it but quarel where it shall be deposited one drop deposited in my hands shall be taken care of

My wife is no more & I am so low that it is with dificulty that I now sit up to write to you
from your sincere friend.

James Blick

[Certified by James H. Gholson as having been written by his neighbor, James Blick.]

A Treasury-Department document states that the children of James Blick received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 29 Oct 1837.