

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Blakemore S6665

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Blakemore's original application was not found in the file, but a typed summary states the following: "George Blakemore, as his signature is found in the claim, enlisted December 19, 1776, served as private, corporal, and sergeant in Captains Morgan Alexander's and Marquis Calmes' company, 2nd Virginia regiment; he was in the battle of Germantown, and on July 4, 1779 was commissioned ensign in the same company, then commanded by Captain Thomas Catlett in same regiment, served until May 9 or 19, 1780, promoted to lieutenant and served in Captain Collin Cocke's [sic: Colin Cocke's] company, 2nd Virginia regiment until April 5, 1782, when he resigned." Some of this information may be from George Blakemore's statement in the file of Thomas Blakemore BLWt591-100.]

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia

Frederick County to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Frederick in the state of Virginia, George Blakemore who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory, he can not swear positively as to the precise Length of his Service, but according to the best of his Recollection, not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades. For two or three Days in the Company commanded by Capt. Morgan Alexander, was then appointed Corporal in the said Company belonging to the said Regiment – but how long I was a Corporal my memory does not enable me to say, was afterwards appointed Sergeant in the same Company & continued to serve in that capacity in the same Company about one year & six months to the best of my recollection, & on the 4th Day of July 1779 rec'd. the Commission of Ensign in the same Company, then commanded by Capt. Thomas Catlett, the same Regiment, in which grade I served until the Fall of the year 1782; that is to say I served in Capt. Catlett's Company three years & two months; at which period I was to the best of my recollection promoted to the sixty second Lieutenancy, in the same Company, in the Virg'a. Line, on Continental Establishment – agreeable to the Cumberland old Court House arrangement – then commanded by Capt. Colin Coke, & in that grade served until I left the Army – but as memory does not enable me to state the precise Date of the Cumberland old Court House Arrangement I can not say how long I served as Lieutenant, but in that grade, & from the Date of that arrangement, I claim my Pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th Day of June 1832 – Given under my Hand this 26th Day of Nov'r. 1832

[A nearly identical statement was made on 24 Dec 1832.]

I do hereby certify that Lieut. Geo. Blackmore entered into the Virginia Continental line army on the 19th day of Dec'r. 1776 and continued in the same till the 5th of April when he Resined 1782. Given under my hand this 28th day of Sept'r. 1783.

Geo. Rice [George Rice] Capt.

A. Waggoner [Andrew Waggoner] Maj.

I do hereby request and authorise Capt. Geo. Rice to obtain my certificate and Land Warrant.

Thos. Merrywether [sic: Thomas Meriwether] Esq'r.

Geo. Blackmore

And the Auditors of Public accts.

Sept'r. 28th 1783

[Copy certified 19 Dec 1849]

NOTE: A letter from John M. Blakemore of Front Royal VA dated 30 Oct 1849, and others afterward, state that he was the son and executor of George Blakemore.