

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Blankenship S6667

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State of Virginia, Pittsylvania County

On this 5th day of September 1832 Personally appeared before me Stickley Turner [sic, Stokley Turner] a Justice of the Peace for the County of Pittsylvania and State aforesaid John Blankenship a resident of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia aged 72 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. I was drafted into the Militia Service some time in the winter of the year 1781 and marched from the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia in a Company which was commanded by Capt. Sylvanus Walker, Lieut. Matthew Murry and Ensign James Speed, through Charlotte County in Halifax, and was stationed at Boyd's ferry on Dan River for some time, from there we marched into the State of North Carolina, and joined the General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army. We were stationed for some time on the high rock in Rockingham County, from there we were regularly marching in different directions, until we met with the British who were Commanded by Lord Cornwallis in the County of Guilford North Carolina, we had a severe Battle with them, but were defeated, Capt. John Thompson was killed in the engagement, we retreated, but Rendezvoused again at Troublesome Iron Works near Haw River we marched from that place under General Greene in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis until we arrived at Ramsey's Mills on Deep River, I was discharged at that place about the last of March or first of April 1781, the whole of the time of Service rendered on this tour was at least 2 months, my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I have no documentary evidence, and I do not know any person living that was in Service with me at that time.

On the 10th of April 1781 I again entered the Service of the United States as a Substitute for my Father John Blankenship (he being drafted) and marched from the said County of Lunenburg in a Company under the Command of Capt. Robertson & Lieut. Jones direct to Petersburg and from thence through Prince George's County to Cabin Point, and was stationed at that place under Col. Stokes until the last of May or first of June, when I was discharged by Capt. Robertson, the whole time of Service rendered on this tour was at least 50 days, my discharge is lost and cannot be found, and I do not know any Person living that was in Service with me at that time.

On the 12th day of June 1781 I was drafted into the Service of the United States and marched from the said County of Lunenburg in a Company of Militia which was Commanded by Capt. Elliston Ellis &c through Nottoway and Dinwiddie, to Petersburg and was Stationed at that

Place several days. I was transferred to Capt. Edward Jones' Company and marched to Newson's Springs on James River in Col. Glenn's Regiment, from thence, to Hog Island, on the same River, and stationed there for some time; then Crossed James River, marched through Williamsburg crossed York River, and was stationed at Gloucester town under General Waine [sic, Anthony Wayne] until Lord Cornwallis surrendered himself; and his Army to General George Washington in the month of October 1781, I was discharged by Capt. Jones, at that place about the last of October 1781. The whole time of Service rendered on this tour was for months and 10 days my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know any Person living that was in the Service with me at that time.

I was born in the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia I suppose in the year 1760. I have no record of my age but know that I was about 20 years old when I first entered the service of the United States.

I lived in the County of Lunenburg when I entered the Service of the United States. I lived in the same County 3 or 4 years after the war ended, then moved to the County of Pittsylvania and have lived in that County ever since. Wilson Vaden, Elisha Burch & Jacob Anderson can testify as to my character for veracity, and their belief of my Services as a Soldier of the revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the Present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ John Blankenship, X his mark

Sworn to, and Subscribed, the day and year above written

S/ Stokely Turner, JP

[Wilson Vaden & Jacob Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Frances Lovings of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby Certify, and Solemnly swear, that John Blankenship of the County of Pittsylvania and State aforesaid, was a Revolutionary Soldier, that I lived with him in the County of Lunenburg, in the time of said War, and knows that he served Several Tours of duty from the said County of Lunenburg, that he served one tour as a Substitute for his Father John Blankenship, then I understood at the time, and have frequently heard since, that he was in the battle of Guilford and that he was present when Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Little York, Given under my hand this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Frances Lovings, X her mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]