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Pension Application of Henry Blankenship S6668

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State of Virginia,

County of Campbell to wit,

On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of the said County of Campbell Henry Blankenship a resident of the said County aged seventy six years, who being first sworn according to Law 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 7th 1832. That he served as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution as follows, to wit: In the year 1779 or 1780 he enlisted in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia in the State line of that State under a certain Capt. John Rodgers [sic: John Rogers], and marched from thence under the command of the said Rogers to Illinois where he was placed under the Command of Colo. George Rodgers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] who was the Commanding officer, Under this enlistment, he, the declarant, served for the term of two years, and was then honorably discharged at the Fall of the River Ohio [present Louisville KY] by Lieutenant Colo. [John] Montgomery – that he has either lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot now produce it. That the Regiment to which he was attached was marched, and stationed during the two years partly in Illionois, and partly in Kentucky

That a certain George Key [George Key, pension application W10162] at present a resident of the County of Franklin in this State enlisted at, or about the same time, and in the same service, and in support of the statements herein before contained he refers the Court to the testimony of the said Key, and of Robert, & Newby Johnson. That he was born in the County of Chesterfield, & State of Virginia, and at the time of his said enlistment resided in the County of Bedford in the same State.

That he has never received any pension either from the General Government of the United States, or from any State

That on the 10th day of May 1830 he made a declaration before this Court, and forwarded the same to the Department of War at Washington City for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, but wholly failed in getting the same in consequence as he is informed of that act only extending to persons who had been engaged in the Continental services, which at the time of making said declaration he believed, and then stated was the character of his services, but has since ascertained that in this he was mistaken, and that the company in which he enlisted, and served as aforesaid was raised by the State of Virginia.

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

Sworn to, and subscribed the day, and year aforesaid. Henry HisXmark Blankenship

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To his excellency, John Floyd, governor of Virginia, and the honorable members of the executive Council thereof.

The petition of Henry Blankenship, a revolutionary Soldier. Your petitioner respectfully represents to the executive, that he served two years in the revolutionary war; in the state line of virginia, and therefore deems himself entitled to land, or a warrant for land according to the laws governing his Case. He hereby makes oath, that he enlisted and served as follows. He enlisted as a private under Captain John Rogers, in the County of Bedford, in the year [blank] for the term of two years; and served under Genl George Rogers Clark, in his campaign to the west, at Illinois; the whole time of two years. He rece'd. his discharge, after having served two years, from Colo. Montgomery, at the Falls of Ohio: but he has lost his discharge. He has also rec'd. from the war office of the United States at Washington a pension

certificate; by which he now draws one hundred dollars per annum. He then resided in Bedford county, now Campbell County virginia where he now resides, & has resided ever since. That he has never rec'd. nor applied for any compensation in land; And now desires that his claim for the same may be allowed.
[5 Oct 1833] Henry Blankenship.

Campbell county Ss:

Personally appeared before the Subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, Nuba Johnson, who made oath, that he is well acquainted with the before mentioned Henry Blankenship; that he knew him during the revolutionary war, that he knew him to enlist under Capt. Rogers [three undeciphered words], marched to the west, among the Indians at Illionois &c. That he was gone a long time, perhaps two years or more; but he dont recollect the exact time – he well recollects of his enlisting, marching off, and of his return home. This affiant was then a young lad, not old enough to go in service. Yet his recollection is distinct about these and other transactions of that period.
[7 Oct 1833] Newbey Johnson