

Southern Campaign Revolutionary War Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Blalock or Blalack W18615

Transcribed by T.W. Fisher

[Actual spelling of surname: Blalock]

[Punctuation, grammar and spelling corrected for clarity.]

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 –

State of North Carolina

Person County

On this 27th day of January 18hundred & Forty Three (1843) personally appeared before me Saml. A. Horton, one of the acting Magistrates and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County (It being a Court of record), Ann Blalack, a resident of said County & State, aged eighty-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836:

That she is the widow of Thomas Blalack¹ who was a Soldier of the Revolution in the North Carolina state regiment –

She further declared that she was married to the said Thomas Blalack on the 20th day of November in the year Seventeen Hundred and Eighty – that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Blalack died on the 27th day of July 18hundred and twenty[-]six (1826) and that she has remained a widow ever since that period and will more fully appear by reference to the proof thereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before
her

Samuel A. Horton, JP (Seal)

Ann X Blalack
mark

State of North Carolina

Person County

I certify that I am acquainted with Ann Black [sic] above mentioned and that she is a credible woman and worthy to be believed on Oath. I also certify that she is unable to attend Court by reason of bodily infirmity.

Given under my hand and Seal this 27th day of January 1843.

S.A Horton, JP

¹ Thomas Blalock, Sr (1754 – 27 Jul 1826).

Married on 20 Nov 1780 in Franklin Co., NC to Anna Hawkins (1763 – 1846). A memorial marker which includes their names is located at what is known as the Old Blalock Cemetery in Hurdle Mills, Person Co., NC. Thomas and Anna were fourth great-grand parents of transcriber T.W. Fisher.

State of North Carolina
Person County

I, William Moore, Certify on Oath that I was for the last 50 years well acquainted with the within named Thomas Blalack & his wife Anna (whose maiden name was Anna Hawkins) and that they always lived together as husband & wife up to the period of said Thomas Blalack's death which occurred, some time in the year 1826.

I also certify that the within named Anna Blalack is now a widow and has never married since her said husband Thos. Blalack died, which occurred some [numeral 18 or 19] years past, I also Certify that the said Thos. Blalack was reputed to be a Soldier.

Sworn to & Subscribed this 27 Jan. 1843
before S. Morton, JP

William Moore

I, Stephen J. Chandler, a Clergyman, Certify that I am well acquainted with Ann Blalack, the widow of Thomas Blalack, and that I believe she is upwards of 80 years of age and that she is a respectable woman and is worthy to be believe on Oath, and that her husband was always reputed to be a Soldier. Given under my hand this

27th January A.D. 1843

S.J. Chandler, Clergyman

State of North Carolina
Person County

I Certify that I am well acquainted with William Moore and Stephen J. Chandler who hath this day sworn to and subscribed the foregoing Certificates, and that they are credible men, worthy to be believed on Oath, and that Stephen J. Chandler is a Clergyman.

Given under my hand & Seal

This 27th day of January A.D. 1843

S.A Horton, JP

[A transcription of the marriage bond of Thomas Blalock and Anna Hawkins was provided]

Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Blalack and James Payne are held and from by unto his Excellency Abner Nash, Governor of North Carolina or his successors in office in the Sum of Two hundred pounds to which payment will and truely [sic] to be made and done we bind ourselves out heirs [?] and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this sixteenth day of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty [1780]. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly to be solemnized and had between the above bound in Thomas Blalack & Anna Hawkins – now as there be no lawfull [sic] cause to obstruct the said marriage than the above obligation to be wed else to remain in full force[,] power and virtue

Signed & Sealed in
the presence of

Thomas Blalack (Seal)
Jas. Payne (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Franklin County

I, William T. Perry, Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Franklin, Certify that the foregoing is true and exact copy of the marriage bond of Thomas Blalack to marry Anna Hawkins found on File in my office with the exception of the dates which are written in the above Copy but on the original is expressed in plain legible figures, this 16th day of November Anno Domini 1780.

In Testimony whereof I have here unto set
my hand and offered the Seal of office at
Louisburg this 10th day of June A.D. 1844.
W.T. Perry, C.C.C.

[Discharge Paper]

NCarolina } This may certify that Thos Blalock has served a [?] of
twelve months in the State Regiment and is now Discharged from the Same.
s^t of March 1783 – John Mebane² Capt
Comednt

North Carolina
Person County

This day Hasten Blalack [son of Thomas Blalock] come before me and made
Oath in due form of law that the announced paper purporting to be a discharge for
Twelve months service of Thos. Blalack, was found among the old papers of said
Thomas Blalack.

Given under my hand & Seal
This 27th day of Jan'y A.D. 1843
S.A Horton, JP

North Carolina
Person County

I certify that Hasten Blalack who hath this day sworn to the above is a Credible
man and is to be believed on Oath.

Given under my hand & Seal
This 27th Jan. 1843
S.A Horton, JP

State of North Carolina
Person County

I, Charles Mason, Clerk of Person County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions,
hereby certify that Samuel A. Horton whose signatures appear to the foregoing
Declaration and certificates is now and was at the time of signing the same a Magistrate
in and for the County of person duly commissioned and qualified as such therefore full
faith and Credit should be given all of his official acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have herewith affixed my Seal of Office
and subscribed my name as Officer in Roxboro.

February 1st 1843
Charles Mason, Clerk

² There was a John Mebane who first served as a Private, then as a Captain. He filed for a Pension in Chatham County, North Carolina on 30 Mar 1833. He was 76 years of age. In his Pension Statement he stated "... that sometime in the year 1782 he thinks, in the month of May he was appointed a Captain in a Regiment of Foot called the State Regiment which was commanded part of the time which he served by Major Crafton and Colnel [sic] Joseph Lewis -- ... " See [John Mebane S9403](#).

State of North Carolina
Person County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, March Term, 1844. The foregoing declaration of Ann Blalack as called before Samuel A. Horton, Esquire, one of the acting Magistrates in and for the county, having been examined in open court. The court confirm the same as her if he the same had been originally taken in court therefore it is ordered by the court that our clerk certify the same to the War Department.

I, Charles Mason, Clerk of the Court of Person County in the said State Certify that the foregoing contains the Original Proceedings of the application of Ann Blalack for a Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my Seal of Office and Subscribed my name at Office the 20th day of March A.D. 1844.

Charles Mason, Clerk

Pension Office
October 29th 1844.

Sir,

The papers in the case of Ann Blalack claiming a pension under the Act of July 4th, 1836, have been examined and filed.

The date of the marriage is established. The proof of the service would be more satisfactory if the certificate of Captain Mebane, which appears to be genuine, was confirmed by that of the Secretary of North Carolina.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Obd. Servant,
J.L. Edwards

J.W. White, Esq
Warrenton,
N. Carolina.

State of North Carolina
Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do certify that I have carefully search the muster rolls of the Continental line of the State in the Revolutionary War, for the name of Thomas Blalock, and that it is not to be found thereon.

Given under my hand
this 15th October 1845
W. Hill, Secretary of State

Raleigh N.C.
Compt Office

I, William F. Collier, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I have been applied to by Thomas J. Judkins to examine the Militia Records of my office for the name of Thomas Blalock, which duty I have performed and I hereby certify that the said Blalack name does not appear (from the investigation I have made) on the Certificate Books now on file in this office, and believing these records to be incomplete it is possible that his name might be recorded in the Books that are missing; I have also requested to State whether or not there were any officers in the Militia by the name of Mebane, to which I hereby certify there were several Alex., Robert, etc. Given under my hand and Seal this 10th Jany 1845

Wm. F. Collier, Compt.