

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Blanchet W20395 (Elizabeth Lane, former widow) fn48NC

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State of New York

On this 27th day of June 1837 personally appeared before Richard Riker Esquire Recorder of the City of New York Elizabeth Lane a resident of the City & County of New York aged 79 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 4th 1836 and the Act supplementary of said act passed 3rd March 1837.

That she was married to Thomas Blancet [sic] who was a private soldier in the Continental Army belonged to the Carolina Troops in a company commanded by Captain Robert Fenner & the said Thomas Blancet told her that he was enlisted for five years, But she does not recollect the name of the Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Blancet at Hampstead in Rockland County State of New York by Jonas Halstead Esquire in December 1777. That her husband the said Thomas Blancet marched with the Army when they left the place & that afterward (to wit) in 1779 he the said Thomas Blancet was taken prisoner and died in prison at Charleston South Carolina as she was informed by Major Spears who knew him & saw him after his death. That she afterwards married Peter Lane who died on the 12th day of December 1821 & that she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836 & still remains a widow & further saith not.

S/ Elizabeth Lane, X her mark

Sworn before made this 27th day of June 1837

S/ R. Riker, Recorder of the City of New York

State of New York City & County of New York: SS: On this 14th day of September 1837 personally appeared before the Judges of the Marine Court in and for the City and County aforesaid, Elizabeth Lane, a resident of the ninth ward aged seventy-nine 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 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said Act passed March 3rd 1837. That she was married to Thomas Blancet who was a Private in the Continental Army and belonged to the Carolina troops in a company commanded by Captain Robert Fenner, and as to the colonels name she does not now recollect, that she was married to the said Thomas Blancet by Jonah Halstead, then a Justice of the peace at

Hampstead, now Ramapo in the then Orange now Rockland, in the month of December, in the year 1778 (in her former declaration she states it to be in the year 1777 which she now believes to be wrong) that at the time of the marriage the said Thomas Blancet was an enlisted Soldier and informed her that he was enlisted for five years, but at what time he had enlisted she has also forgotten, that when the said Army left Hampstead and marched to the southward, her said husband went with them, and that she was informed by Major Speers, that her said husband was taken prisoner in the year 1779, and died in prison in Charlestown in South Carolina or at some place at the South, age has in paired memory who stated that he saw him after his death being acquainted with him, of which services she is now unable to offer any testimony, and doth referred the Honorable the Commissioner of Pensions to the muster rolls of the said company on file in the War Department.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Thomas Blanchet in the month of December in the year 1778; that her husband the said Thomas Blancet died in prison in Charleston in South Carolina in the year 1779, as she was informed and believes to be true; that she was afterwards married to Peter Lane who died on the 12th day of December in the year 1821: and, that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before may

S/ Elizabeth Lane

S/ Judah Hammond

one of the Justices of the Marine Court

[fn p. 7: on the same day, Catherine Smith, widow of Peter Smith deceased, a resident of the 9th Ward of New York City, aged 81, gave testimony that she knows that Elizabeth was legally married to Thomas Blanchet a soldier of the Continental Army at Hampstead in Rockland County.][fn p. 11-12: James B Lane testify that he is the son of Elizabeth Lane and that Catherine Smith is his mother's sister and the only living witness of the marriage of his mother to her 1st husband Thomas Blanchet.]

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Raleigh 11th December 1837

Sir

I have carefully searched the rolls of the line of this State in the revolutionary war for the name of Thomas Blancet, as requested by your favor of the 6th instant but do not find that a person of that name served in Captain Robert Fenner's Company. The name of Thomas Blanchet appears in Captain Vanoy's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted as a 'Sergeant 21st June 1777, private June 1778.' It appears from the Warrant book that a warrant for his services issued to his heirs, which shows he was dead, at least he was so certified by an officer.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 16th of January 1838

Mr. David Pye

Sir

Your letter of the 6th instant is received, and I have examined the musterrolls for

the name of Thomas Blanchet and find that he was enlisted as a Sergeant for 3 years old the 21st of June 1777, was made a private in June 1778, that he served under Captain Vanoy. This is all that is said of him on the rolls. Robert Fenner was first Lieutenant 1st January 1776 Captain 4th of October 1777, Pay master 1st June 1778, deranged 1st January 1783. He served the whole of the war in the 2nd Regiment, and may have enlisted Thomas Blanchet who was placed after enlistment in Captain Vanoy's company. I sent Mr. Edwards a certificate sometimes respecting Thomas Blanchet.

Yours etc.

Wm Hill

P. S. A warrant for the services of Thomas Blanchet was issued to his heirs for 1000 acres of land, and is no doubt located in the Western District of Tennessee it is No. 1929. Its issuing to his heirs is evidence of his death, but when or where he died I cannot say, he must have died during the war. It would be well for his heirs to look after the land, it has no doubt been sold for the taxes, but may be recovered.

Yours respectfully

S/ Wm Hill

[Facts in file: Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas Blanchet was the daughter of John and Mary Burgess; she was born in Hampstead New York; Elizabeth's father John Burgess, died before the revolution; at the time Elizabeth married Thomas Blanchet, her mother was living in Hampstead and part of the Continental Army was encamped on her property. Elizabeth married Deacon Peter Lane about 4 years after the death of her first husband. After here and Elizabeth Lane were married, they lived in Crumpton, Westchester County New York. After Peter Lane his death in 1821, his widow moved to New York City and lived with her son-in-law Caleb Leverich or Leveriel at #69 King Street in New York City; Elizabeth Lane died February 4, 1842. The name of one child by her husband Thomas Blanchet is given in the file -- that child was a son named Levi Blanchet. In 1838, a grandson, Thomas Blanchet was living. Thomas Blanchet had a brother named Frederick Blanchet who was also in service. The widow had 6 brothers in the revolutionary war. They were John Burgess, killed at Tappen; in September 1778: Peter Burgess, who was killed at White Plains: James and Archibald Burgess, both of whom were wounded while in service: Daniel and Michael Burgess. In 1838 all her brothers were dead other than Michael.]