

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alam Blain W5834

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Muskingum County

State of Ohio Sct Be it known, that before me in the state and county aforesaid personally
 appeared Alam Blain and made oath, that he is a resident citizen of this state and
that he served as a private soldier in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War – that he
enlisted on the continental establishment in the service thereof on or about the 1st May 1778 for the term
of three years in Capt. Jno. Heard’s company [sic: John Heard’s company raised in New Jersey], 4th
Regiment of Light Dragoons Pennsylvania line commanded by Col. Anthony White [Anthony Walton
White] – that after serving out faithfully the term of 3 years as aforesaid he was honourably discharged
with a written discharge signed (as he believes) by Col. White, which discharge was retained by the
Secretary of war at Philadelphia when he applied for his back rations & clothing, giving him a certificate
at the same time for \$70.00; – that he has no other evidence to offer to substantiate his claim to a pension
under the late law of congress; & that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, (being in his 60th year
of his age) he is in need of assistance from his country for support. [signed] Alam Blain
Sworn & subscribed to this 1st May 1818

State of Ohio }
Muskingum County Ss } Court of Common Pleas

On this Tenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in
open Court being a Court of Record for the State & County aforesaid Alam Blane aged sixty one years or
thereabouts, resident in said State & County of Muskingum who being first duly sworn according to law,
doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: In the fourth Regiment Light
Dragoons commanded by Col. Anthony White in Capt. Herd’s company and Pennsylvania Line – having
originally made application as a Revolutionary Soldier on the 1st day of May 1818 the Number of my
Certificate being 14468. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the
18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my
property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions
of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service
of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not
nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any
income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.
Real estate, none – Personal estate as follows, one mare 13 years old. – one Cow. – one sow & pigs. – one
Bake oven. one spider. one frying pan. 1 Iron griddle. one table. six earthen dishes. – Four tin cups. –
eight spoons three knives & three forks. – Indebted to sundry persons to the amount of one hundred
dollars, and Judgments obtained against me before Justice of the peace for the amount of Twenty two
dollars. My occupation is coaling – not able to work more than one third of my time, the number of my
family residing with me is three, named Catherine (my wife) aged 59 – Polly aged 25, works out part of
her time, owing to her mothers sickness & inability to work, to help maintain the family, & Alam 11 years
old very weakly & does not contribute in the least to my support. (Signed) Alam Blain

NOTE: On 29 May 1847 Catherine Blain, 84, of Harlem Township in Delaware County OH, applied for a
pension stating that she married Alam Blain on 5 April 1783, and he died on 22 Nov 1846. On 11 Nov 1851
she assigned power of attorney to one Elem Blain. On 19 March 1855 she applied for bounty land.