

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Wommock Blankenship (Blankinship) S34652

VA

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State of Mississippi SS

Greene County } On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821 Personally appeared in Open Court, being a court of record, towit, the Superior Court of the said county of Greene and State aforesaid Wommock Blankenship aged sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth, on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions, made, by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first May 18290 that he the said Wommock Blankenship enlisted, in the continental service during the Revolutionary War for the term of One year sometime in the month of October 1775 at Richmond in Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain John Warum in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Bullitt in the Virginia line on the continental establishment that continued to serve, in said corps for the said Term of one year at the expiration of which, towit in the month of October 1776 after the declaration of Independence. I the said Wommock Blankinship relinlisted for the Term of three years at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Cunningham in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dick Parker [Richard Parker], called the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve, in said corps until the expiration of the said three years at which time he was discharge; which discharge this deponent gave up to Colonel Meriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether] at Richmond in Virginia sometime in the year 1784 at the Auditors Office, and the said Wommock Blankinship was in the Battle of the great Bridge within 12 miles of Norfolk [9 Dec 1775], and little York, in the early part of the year 1776. The said Blankinship was in the battle of Guins Island in the early part of the year 1776 [sic: Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 Jul 1776] in the latter part of the year 1776 [28 Oct] was in the Battle at the White plains at Battle of Brunswick in 1777 was in the battle at Prinitown [sic: Princeton NJ, 3 Jan 1777] and Trenton in 1778 [26 Dec1776]. the said Wommock was in the battles of Iron hill [Cooch's Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777] and Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], where I received a wound in my arm. this deponent was also at the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] , Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and Stony point [16 Jul 1779], where I received a wound in my breast – the dates not recollected he was also in the battles of Guilford in the State of North Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and Bakers Hill State of Virginia 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1781 [see endnote] and after this taken prisoner by the British army and this deponent has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of Nathaniel Christmas, which is herewith enclosed [not found] – And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – I have no article at all of any value except my few garments of wearing clothes. I am a farmer by occupation but I am so disabled having received two wounds in the aforesaid battles one in the arm and the other in the breast that I am not able to pursue, it my family consists only of myself and aged wife, and one son with whom we live, and who is scarcely able to maintain himself my wife aged 70 years and my son about 21 years.

Wommock hisXmark Blankinship

I *Womack Blankinship* of the County of *Amelia*  
 by ~~Trade~~ *Militia* aged *[blank]* Years,  
 do acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner on Parole to his Majesty the King  
 of Great-Britain; and I do hereby engage to remain as such  
 until properly exchanged or this Parole is altered.  
 And I do solemnly promise not to be aiding or assisting in any Respect  
 to the Enemies of Great-Britain while I continue under this Obligation,  
 under the Penalty of forfeiting Life and Fortune; and I do further ac-  
 knowledge that I have voluntarily signed this Parole.  
 Given under my Hand *July 6 1781*  
*Womack Blankinship*

I *Womack Blankinship* of the County of *Amelia Rdjt[?]* by ~~Trade~~ *of Militia* aged [blank] Years, do acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner on Parole to his Majesty the King of Great-Britain; and I do hereby engage to remain as such until properly exchanged or this Parole is altered. And I do solemnly promise not to be aiding or assisting in any Respect to the Enemies of Great-Britain while I continue under this Obligation, under the Penalty of forfeiting Life and Fortune; and I do further acknowledge that I have voluntarily signed this Parole.

Given under my Hand *July 6<sup>th</sup> 1781*

[Illegible writing] *Womack hisXmark Blankinship*

A Declaration, amendatory, to the declaration made by Womack Blankinship, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821. State of Mississippi Green [sic] County Superior Court (being a court of record, April Term 1822. Personally appeared in Open Court, Womack Blankinship, who being, duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he was a resident of the, County of Greene and State of Mississippi, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821 and still, is a resident of said County and State. Womack hisXmark Blankinship

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Blankinship, Womack.] I do hereby certify that Womack Blankinship inlisted into the first Virg'a. Continental Regiment the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1775 & served as a Corporal in the same til the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783.

[Charles Pelham W3034] Major  
 Richm'd April 17<sup>th</sup> 1783 Virginia line

*Chas Pelham*

NOTES:

I could not identify some of the engagements mentioned in Blankinship's declaration, including the Battle of Bakers Hill on 6 July 1781. The Battle of Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island occurred on that date. American forces were positioned on Bakers Hill near Petersburg VA during the Battle of Blandford Hill on 25 Apr 1781.

A document in the file states that Blankinship died 4 Feb 1831.