

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Daniel Blevens (Blevins) S31555

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original.]

[fn p. 43]

State of Tennessee Roane County: Be it remembered that on 29th of October 1823 personally appeared Daniel Blevins in the court of pleas & quarter sessions opened and held in Kingston for the County and State aforesaid being a Court of Record and being so made by the Statutes of the State of Tennessee aged 63 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Daniel Blevins enlisted for the term of 5 years on ___ the day of May in the year 1769 as well as recollected in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Chandler in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland in the line of the State aforesaid on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until his 5 years of enlistment expired when he was discharged from the said service in the State of Virginia. That he was in the battles of hanging rock Cross Creek the high Shoals shallow ford haw river Camberlain Moravian town in the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland [sic] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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

Schedule of the declarants property

Real property not any

Personal property not any clothing excepted

Declarant's occupation Cooper by trade

His ability to pursue it not very able on account of old age

The number and names of his family residing with him

4 Children

Daniel 15 years old

William 11

John 8

Polly Eliza 2

Thomas 13 days old

Their ability to contribute they are a charge instead of assistance.

S/ Daniel Blevins, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court by Daniel Blevins & subscribed this 29th of October 1823

S/ J. W. M. Breagcote, D. C.

State of Tennessee Morgan County

On this the 1st day of March, 1834, personally appeared before me Thomas Jack an acting Justice of the peace of the court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for the County of Morgan aforesaid, Daniel Blevens, a resident citizen of the County of Morgan, State of Tennessee aged Eighty one years agreeable to his best and undoubted calculation, though he has no record of his age and after being duly sworn on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

He states that he was drafted to serve a tour of six months in the early part of the Revolutionary War. He entered service under Captain William Noll sometime in the month of May. He is not certain on what date but he thinks it was the year 1777. He entered said service about 25 miles from the Lead mines in Virginia. He is not certain the name of the County at this time from the great lapse of time and from extreme old age. He marched off under his said Captain after the Cherokee Indians to various places in North Carolina and went on to the Catawba River and to Davidson's Fort and to the Watauga Towns and destroyed the Indian Towns, and was at the Quaker Meadows and after going to a great many different points and directions many of which are not now recollected, he was verbally discharged by said Captain and came home having served his full tour of six months and some three or four months thereafter, he was again drafted to go against the Indians and entered the service under Captain John Smith to serve a three months tour. He again marched to Davidson's Fort and [was] stationed there some time [&] was again at the Watauga Towns. He was marched back and verbally discharged by his said Captain Smith having served three months. He is not certain as to the precise time of entering said service. He thinks his service included the most of the spring season of the year 1778.

He was again drafted to serve a tour of three months against the British under Captain David Hackworth and Colonel James Tailor [sic, Taylor?]. He cannot state with certainty but he believes in the year 1780 and he entered in the month of September and went to various places in North Carolina and crossed the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River]. He was in no battle and finally was marched to the Moravian Towns and having served his full three months he was again verbally discharged.

Applicant was born and raised in Botetourt County Virginia. After the end of the Revolutionary War, he moved to Buncombe County in North Carolina; after living there many years, he moved to Sullivan County, East Tennessee; lived there a great many years and moved to Harlan County, State of Kentucky and thence to Morgan County in East Tennessee. Applicant can prove, as he believes, his general good character for veracity and reputation as a revolutionary soldier by his neighbors generally some of them he will name to wit: Jeremiah Hatfield, John Howard, Loving R. Henderson and many others, but he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service. He states that there is no clergyman any place within a good many miles of him and [it] is out of his power to procure the traditional proof of one as is required by the regulations of the War Department. Applicant has no documentary proof of his service. He hereby relinquishes every other claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/Daniel Blevens, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before made the day and year aforesaid.

S/Thomas Jack, Justice of the Peace

[George S. Kington & Jesse H. Human gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, Morgan County

On this the 17th day of May 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas Jack, an acting justice of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Morgan aforesaid, Daniel Blevens, and after being duly sworn according to Law for that purpose on his oath states that his original Declaration remained in his possession sometime; that there was word sent to him many times by Mr. Childress to go and make a certain amendment before some justice of the peace. He states he was incapable of

going and having it arranged. He states that he sent word to Robert A. Dabney to come and arrange his amendment to his original Declaration; that it so remained for some months until he almost wholly despaired of having it done as he could get no person to attend to it for him and he being unable to go or attend himself and he lived in a very remote place in the Cumberland Mountain until a short time before his making out his Declaration that Robert A. Dabney sent to the War Department (he moved entirely out of his old neighborhood into another neighborhood of his acquaintance). He states that his original Declaration and papers connected with it are in some way destroyed, as he believes in moving to his present neighborhood. He states that he was inquired of by Mr. Dabney for said papers before arranging his new Declaration; that he then regretted that they were destroyed. He positively states that they were not destroyed by his procurement.

S/ Daniel Blevens, X his Mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above risen before me.

S/ Thomas Jack, Justice of the Peace

[fn p. 26: On March 9, 1835, Blevens filed in Rockcastle County, Kentucky for a transfer of his pension payments from the Tennessee to the Kentucky agency because he had recently moved to Rockcastle County, Kentucky.]

[fn p. 29]

State of Tennessee Roane County: This day personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record and being so named by the Statutes of this State John Beverly¹ and after being duly sworn saith that he saw Daniel Blevins [sic] in the actual Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and believes him to have been a Regular Soldier as it was so stated to him the said Beverly further saith that he knows the said Blevins to have been in the Battle at the hanging rock and at the Battles of King's mountain and likewise at Gates defeat.

Sworn to April 27th 1824

S/ John Beverly, X his mark

[fn p. 30: On November 15, 1836, in Lawrence County, Indiana, veteran again applied for a transfer of his pension payments from Kentucky to Indiana; in this application he refers to himself as follows: "... that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain William Nobb [sic, Noll?] And afterwards by Captain John Chandler in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland afterwards by Colonel Poteet afterwards by Colonel Brown and afterwards by Colonel Taylor in the service of the United States...."]

[fn p. 15: the file also contains powers of attorney executed on October 19, 1853 in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, by Polly Maden and Nancy Maden, both described as being 'of Rockcastle County,' authorizing their attorney, L. B. True of Washington City, D. C. to examine all papers etc. relating to the pension claim of Daniel Blevins. The file documents don't disclose their relationship, if any, to the veteran.]

[fact: Daniel Blevens/Blevins gave an extensive affidavit in support of the claim filed by William Clenny (Clenney) FPA S32182, posted on this site. Folks interested in this veteran should read that affidavit.]

¹ [John Beverly R815](#)