

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Blevens (Blivins) W1703 Catharine Blevins f50NC
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[Note: The pages of some of the documents in this file have been scrambled. Where that is the case, I have inserted the correct page number in red bracketed numbers.]

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State of Tennessee, Hawkins County

On this 30th day of August, 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions aforesaid County, Henry Blevins, a resident of said County of Hawkins in the State aforesaid, aged Seventy three years next Christmas, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he was enrolled in Sullivan County on Holston River where he resided at that time in the state of North Carolina in the spring of the year 1777 with Captain James Robertson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Arthur Campbell as he believes who held his commission under the State of Virginia as this declarant believes. He further states that Captain Robertson marched his Company to Nolachucky [sic, Nolichucky] and from thence returned to Watauga; that he did not join his Regiment, his company being kept on the frontiers on the Holston [River]; that his company was marched to the Long Island on Holston [River] three or four days after the battle of Long Island; from thence to Briant's Fort and continued guarding the frontiers; that he was well acquainted with Captain Christian [William Christian], afterwards Colonel Christian and Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] under some of whom he served; that after serving about 12 months in the Watauga of settlements, he, with others was discharged by Colonel Christian in the spring of 1778. And this declarant further states that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Captain James Elliott of Colonel Isaac Shelby's Regiment of militia in Sullivan County aforesaid in the State of North Carolina and was marched under the command of Colonel Isaac Shelby to King's Mountain and was joined at the Yellow Mountain in North Carolina by the regiments under the command of Colonel Sevier and Colonel Campbell and arrived at King's Mountain on or about the 7th day of October 1780 where the Army came up with Colonel Furguson [sic, Patrick Ferguson]. At the time said battle was fall this declarant was detailed as one of the guard to guard the baggage, this belonging to the American troops and was not in the engagement. This declarant further states that he was marched from King's Mountain to Salem in North Carolina with the prisoners from thence he went on with the prisoners into Virginia from thence returned home after serving about five months.

Again this declarant states he served under Captain William Asher of Colonel Shelby's Regiment about seven months guarding the front here settlements of Holston at a station near the mouth of Big Creek in the Summer and Fall of 1781 and 1782 and this declarant further states in the early part of the year 1781, perhaps in the [p 46 out of sequence] month of February this declarant served about five months under the command of Colonel Martin that he entered the service under

Captain Smith at the long island in Sullivan County and from thence marched to Watauga to Nolichucky to French Broad to Little River to Tennessee to Tellico to old Chota and to Tomassee after killing some of the Indians and destroying their corn they returned home by the same route all of which tours including his twelve months enrollment the volunteers service & service in the militia amounts to two years and five months -- in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war -- and this declarant further states that he served under Colonel Sevier and others against the Indians for eighteen months or two years after the revolutionary war.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk.

S/ Henry Blevins, H his mark

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: I William Walling of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee who was duly sworn according to law states he has been well acquainted with Henry Blevins since the recollection, that he was himself at [p 7] the Battle of King's Mountain under the command of Col Isaac Shelby; that Henry Blivens, the applicant was also a soldier of the same company under the command of Capt James Elliot and that said Henry Blevins was left with the Guard that had the baggage under care belonging to the American Army during the engagement and further that said Blevins, himself and the principal part of their company went on with the prisoners to Salem N.C. from which place Blevins marched with the prisoners to Virginia as he was informed and he returned home. This deponent further states that Henry Blevins & himself lived within a half mile of each other until after the Battle of King's Mountain; that said Blevins was enrolled in a company under the command of Capt James Robertson and served at different points on the frontier during twelve months as he believes and so understood at the time the service was performed.

And this deponent further states that he recollects that said Blevins was stationed at or near the mouth of Big Creek on the frontier several months in the company commanded by Capt William Asher, the precise time not recollected and this deponent was informed & believes that said Blevins was on what was called Martin's Expedition, the time which he has stated. This deponent further states from his own knowledge of many of facts stated by Henry Blevins in his declaration & the information he received at the time of performing the service and his knowledge of Blevins ever since that every thing [p 8] so far as his own recollection serves are true and does not believe he would declare falsely.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Walling,¹ X his mark

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clerk

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State of Tennessee, Hawkins County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in said County, Henry Blevins, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

For twelve months I served as a private under Capt James Robertson, and Colonel Arthur Campbell's Regiment on the Watauga settlement in Green County, East Tennessee from the spring of 1777 till the spring of 1778, as before stated in my declaration.

For five months I served as a private under Capt Smith of Col. Martin's Regiment in Sullivan County, East Tennessee, from sometime in February 1781 till August following.

¹ [William Walling S1935](#)

For seven months I served as a private under Capt William Asher of Colonel Shelby's Regiment on the Big Creek in what is now Hawkins County, East Tennessee from September 1781 until April 1782 and for such services, I claim a pension.

I was born in Henry County, State of Virginia on Smith's River. I have no record of my age, the same having been destroyed when the Indians burnt my Father's house in Sullivan County near Shelby's Fort. I am well acquainted with Col William Snodgrass² and William Walling, who have testified to my services above and also with the Reverend Daniel Howry and William Alexander, Esquire, who have also testified as to my character etc. And during the whole time I served with an embodied corps & was called into services by competent authority and was during the whole time either in the field or in garrisons and for the time during which the service was performed I was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to & subscribed this second day of April 1833.

S/Henry Blevins, H his mark

S/John H. Cockreham, J. P. for Hawkins County

[p 9: Daniel Howry, a clergyman, and William Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

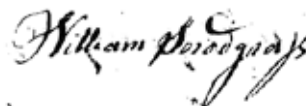
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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: I William Snodgrass of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee who was duly sworn according to law States he has been acquainted with Henry Blevins the applicant herein [indecipherable word] since about the commencement of the American revolutionary war, and knows he did reside on the frontier during the whole time of the war that he was at the battle of Kings Mountain in the year 1780 himself and also that Henry Blevins was there: and belonged to the regiment commanded by Colonel Shelby as he then understood -- And this deponent further states that all the inhabitants residing on the frontier that were able to bear arms were frequently called out during the war & I do not doubt that Henry Blevins was called out the times herein stated by him and further that he has no doubt that the facts stated by Henry Blevins in his declaration are true.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk.

S/ William Snodgrass



[p 13: On December 12, 1848 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Catherine Blevins, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Blevins, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the revolution; that her husband died September 12, 1847; that she married him previous to the first of January 1794; her husband had lived in Hawkins County Tennessee upwards of 40 years before his death and that previous thereto he resided in Sullivan County Tennessee; and that she is still his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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House of Representatives June 10, 1850

I hereby certify that Richard Mitchell a resident of Hawkins County, Tennessee has been United States Marshall of the East End District of said State of Tennessee and is now a highly respectable citizens; I further certify that I am personally acquainted with Hezekiah Hamblin, Daniel Lipe, A. Kyle, Geo. Ellkins, Geo. Rogers, Samuel Neill, Winsted Ellkins, Lewis Davis, James P. McCurdy and Orville Rice, all of whom have given depositions accompanying the application of Catherine Blevins for a

² [William Snodgrass X927](#)

pension, and I know them to be among the most respectable citizens in my congressional District upon whose statement the most implicit confidence may be placed. I have no hesitancy in saying that their opinions are entitled to great weight, and their affidavits to implicit believe –

S/ Andrew Johnson³

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depositions accompanying the application of Catharine Blewitt
for a pension, and I know them to be among the most
respectable citizens in my congressional District upon
whose statements the most implicit confidence may
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Andrew Johnson.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in the North Carolina militia during the revolution.]

³ The future president of the United States. All the men named in his affidavit had given testimony as to the veteran and his wife living together as man and wife and being legally married.