

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Blurton W5223

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: On this 1st day of May in the year of 1818 before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit courts of law and equity for said State, personally appeared Edward Blurton aged sixty-one years, residents in the aforesaid County who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath take the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States of America in the Revolutionary war, to wit, that he the said Edward enlisted in the regular service in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Ward of North Carolina in the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina troops, under the command of Colonel Buncombe; that he continued twenty-two months by virtue of said enlistment in said service, when he was regularly discharged from service at the Valley Forge; that he was discharged by Timothy Pickering Adjutant General of the United States Army by order of General George Washington: that he has lost or mislaid his discharge: that he fought at the battle of Brandywine: that he is reduced and circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Alfred M Harris, Judge

S/ Edward Blurton

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: Circuit Court October Term A.D. 1821

On this 27th day of October in the year 1821 personally appeared before made the subscriber, in open Court being a court of Record in said County in the district of West Tennessee, Edward Blurton upwards of sixty-three years of age, 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 Acts of Congress of the 8th [sic, 18th] of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, that he Edward Blurton enlisted in the regular service in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain William Ward in the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps twenty-two months by virtue of said enlistment, when he was honorably & regularly discharge from service at the Valley Forge, by Timothy Pickering Adjutant General of the United States Army by

order of General George Washington; this declarant states that he fought at the Battle of Brandywine while in the Continental service; and afterwards in the militia he states he fought at the Battle of Briar Creek, where General Ashe commanded and also that he fought as a volunteer at the battle of Guilford in the horse company: This declarant states that he has lost or mislaid his discharge; that he has no other evidence of his services on the Continental establishment, now in his power, except Cornelius Saunders & Mary Saunders affidavits annexed marked A.

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; to wit, 58 acres of land in the County of Wilson of the value of \$200; 25 head of hogs quiet young valued at \$12; an year old cold, valued at \$15; 2 cows 1 yearling & 1 calf all valued at \$15: 8 head of sheep dated at \$12. 2 beds and furniture valued at \$25.

I am by occupation a farmer and have a wife and 4 small children, the oldest of which is about 11 years of age and that there only means of support are my own industry and exertions.

Additional inventory 1 kittle valued \$3, 1 oven \$1.50, 5 pewter plates at \$1.50 3 knives & four forks at \$.25, 1 plow \$1.50, 1 hoe \$.75, 1 ax \$1, 1 handsaw \$.50, 1 drawing knife \$.25, 1 pail \$.25, two pair of chains & gear at \$3, 12 chickens at \$1.

Sworn to in open court 27th of October 1821

S/ Edward Blurton

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District of West Tennessee

Be it remembered that on this 3rd day of November in the year of our Lord 1824 personally appeared in open court and the Circuit Court of law & equity for the County of Wilson the same being a court of record, before the Honorable Thomas Stuart one of the circuit judges of the State of Tennessee, Edward Blurton aged about sixty-seven years & resident in said County of Wilson who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Edward Blurton enlisted for eighteen months in 1776 in the company commanded by Captain William Ward in the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment in which Corps he continued to serve until he was transferred to the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Coleman in the same 5th Regiment in which he served till the expiration of his term of service, when he was discharged in November 1777 at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. He was in the battle of Brandywine, has lost his discharge & has no evidence of his services except the affidavits marked A & B accompanying this declaration. He made a former declaration on the 27th day of October 1821 in the Circuit Court of Wilson County –

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

[Note: see schedule of property and other statements as to family and occupation in the application dated July 2, 1825 transcribed below.]

Tennessee County of Wilson

On this 2nd day of July 1825 personally appeared in open [court] in the court of pleas & quarter sessions of the County of Wilson the same being a court of record Edward Blurton resident in said County of Wilson aged sixty-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Edward Blurton enlisted for the term of eighteen months about the month of April 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Ward in the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the month of November 1777, when he was discharge from the service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania & that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of North Carolina as he knows of & that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for pension. He has in fact heretofore made three applications for a pension. He believes he made the first in 1819. He would have made application sooner but he was not apprised of the existence of such law as that of the 18th of March 1818 – & since his first application he has been constantly endeavoring to get a pension, but in consequence of the in perfect manner in which his declarations were drawn up & his proof prepared – also in consequence of the acts of Congress making new provisions & the new rules & constructions made from those acts by the war Department – he has heretofore proved unsuccessful in his applications – 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 Edward Blurton's property

1 very old mare & colt	1 mirror 1 stone jar
1 Sow & 11 young hogs	2 Piggins 1 Tub 1 Chest
2 Cows & calves	1 Table 1 Pr small Stulyards [?]
2 old axes & handsaw	1 Cotton Wheel
2 Augers 1 Drawing knife	5 Knives, 3 forks & 4 ?
3 Weeding hoew & 2 grubbing hoes 1 Plough	1 Dish 3 Basins 5 Plates
& gear	3 Spoons 1 Pot 1 Dutch Oven
85.75 by B. Oak ?	

S/ Edward Blurton

That on the 18th day of March 1818 according to the best recollection of the declarant he had sixty-eight acres of land – which he has since sold for the sum of \$350 – \$200 of which he

applied to the purchase of another tract of land containing fifty-eight acres \$150 of which he has long since paid away for the support of himself & family and in discharge of his just debts which consisted of many items do upon bonds & accounts the evidences of which he cannot now produce many of the creditors having left the country & this applicant not being in the habit of nor fitted by education to keep regular accounts & vouchers of his dealings. He sold the 48 acres of land in the fall of the year 1824 for \$200 to be paid in property which property he has received & has made use of the whole of it except what is contained in the foregoing schedule.

Edward Blurton's occupation is that of a farmer, he is so much afflicted with rheumatic pains that he is not able to work himself, he has a wife named Rosa aged fifty weak infirm & almost blind – & four children, three girls & one boy Jincey aged 15 – Eleanor aged 13 – Henry aged 10 & Naome aged 70 years, who are so young & uninformed as not to be able to support themselves. In the year 1818 he had some personal property consisting of some household & kitchen furniture & some little stock, which he sold off to pay his debts & to use in his family.

S/ Edward Blurton

[fn p. 77: affidavit indicating that the veteran had a son named John as of 1825.]

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State of North Carolina Secretarys Office

I William Hill Secretary of State and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Edward Blurton a private in Captain Coleman's Company of the 5th Regiment was mustered in 1777 for the term of 2 1/2 years and omitted in January 1778.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 11th April 1825

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 14: On April 25, 1853 in Madison County Tennessee, Rosa Blurton, aged about 75 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Edward Blurton; that she married him on or about the 15th day of January 1806; that he died in Wilson County Tennessee September 17, 1833 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 22: on April 18, 1855 in Madison County Tennessee, Rosa Blurton, 80, filed for her entitlement at 2 bounty land is the widow of Edward Blurton; in this application she states that she was married in 1806 in the County of Wilson, State of Tennessee by one Josiah McClain, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Rosa Neal.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 23, 1826 for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina line from April 1776 to November 1777.]