Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Blake S34654 MD
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Worcester County Sct. } Be it remembered that on this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Eighteen personally appears Jacob Blake before me the subscriber an associate Judge of the forth judicial District of Maryland and being first solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God makes this declaration towit. That he was enlisted at Snow Hill in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty and that he joined the extra Maryland Regiment at Annapolis commanded by Colonel Smith [possibly Alexander Lawson Smith]; that during the time of his public service he was under many different officers, that he was in the battles of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and of Campen [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781], that he returned to Annapolis in August or September seventeen hundred and eighty three under Major John Evelstone where he was discharged, and that he has no other evidence by which he can claim the benefit of the provision of an act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war"

DISTRICT OF Maryland, ss.

On this fifteenth day of November 1819, before me, the subscriber, on of the Judges of the fourth Judicial District of Maryland personally appeared Jacob Blake aged sixty three years, resident in Worcester County in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make 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 in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Jacob Blake enlisted for the term of 3 years or during the war on the [blank] day of June in the year seventeen hundred & Eighty in Snowhill in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain [James] Bruff of the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gunby in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or int he service of the United States, until the month of August or Sept. 1783, when he was discharged from service in Annapolis state of Maryland, that he was in the battles of Cambden – at the Siege of 96 – and the Eutaw Springs – and a number of skirmishes and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Jacob his Xmark Blake

State of Maryland Worcester County SS.

ON this 28th day of February 1821, personally appeared in open court being a court of record of unlimited amount & criminal jurisdiction keeping a record of its proceedings & having power of fine and imprisonment, of the said County Jacob Blake aged sixty five years, resident in Worcester county in said state who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: he enlisted as a substitute in the year 1780 in the 1st Maryland Regiment under Colonel Smith and continued in the continental service 3 years and 4 months when he was regularly discharged and that the number of his certificate is13422 and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 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.

One Cow, a small yoke of steers (which have been purchased with the pension hitherto allowed me by the United States six old chairs one old table, six plates four or five old knives and forks one tea kettle one old pot full of holes an old chest six chickens, two ducks, one hundred weight of pork purchased with a part of my former pension one old plow a sow and four pigs purchased with a part of my former pension an axe. I am sorely afflicted with a disease of my bowels and severe rhumatism and my wife is seventy years old and also afflicted with rhumatism. I have residing with me a son sixteen years old evidently afflicted with rhumatism, I have also a daughter entirely blind whom I am compelled to support and another aged nineteen years whose sight is very imperfect. I am also compelled to support four grandchildren the oldest of which is nine years old and two others at the breast, and without public or individual charity should perish.

Valued at \$40 -

Jacob hisXmark Blake