

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Blankenship R932
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[No formal application for a pension was found in the file but only the following correspondence with the Pension Commissioner.]

Pikeville Ky.

July 6.

Sir I rely on your finding my name on the va. roll. if not I can prove my services you will please send back as quickly as you can to me. or to Thomas Cain, Pikeville Kentucky.

Your friend.

Wm. Blankenship

[The file includes a statement dated 6 July 1835 that is much faded but appears to be a certificate of Blankenship's character by William Rumey(?), High Sheriff of Pike County.]

Pikeville 9th Sept 1835

D Sir — Your letter announcing the rejection of my claim for Revolutionary services has been received, and I confess with some surprise — at the time I made out my case my memry was greatly racked[?], and I did not make my statement as full as I could have done. indeed it was done in a hurry & relying so much on the rolls to exhibit my services to which I fully I thought refered I did not set out my case at length.

Served as a Gunner in the virginia state line in the south. I can advice to the war dept the most conclusive & satisfactory evidence of my having served longer than than I even stated. I served a tour as Gunner at 96 at the siege [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May – 19 Jun 1781]. I did expect that when my name would be found on the roll that you would require a specific statement of all my services

— I respectfully ask you to re-consider my case. & allow me my claim or permit me to set out my case and all the services I performed, & to submit proof — an answer is respectfully solicited. which you will I hope dein to send me.

I am Respectfully/ Your Obt Sert.

[signed illegibly] Wm. blannship

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