

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Bledso (Bledsoe) S14962

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State of North Carolina, Montgomery County: February 1st day 1820

This day George Bledsoe a Pensioner of the United States made oath in due form before me Edmund DeBerry one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County that he never has obtained from the Pension office of the United States a certificate of his being a Pensioner and that he had no knowledge until lately of its being necessary for him to obtain such certificate. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day above mentioned.

S/ G J Bledso



S/ Edmd Deberry, JP

I certify that Edmund DeBerry is a magistrate duly qualified to administer oaths; and that the above is his signature.

S/ Jn Culpepper, MB

North Carolina: George Bledsoe, private, in the Army United States: Inscribed on the roll of North Carolina at \$5 (old) pension was increased to \$8 by Law of 24th April 1816: certified 12th of February 1820 & sent to Honorable John Culpepper, House of Reps.--Ga.

A statement of certificates transmitted to the War Office of the United States by the Judge of the District Court for the District of North Carolina, and in the lead pension applicants examined by him.

Applicant	George Bledsoe
Rank	Sergeant, Georgia Dragoons
Disability	Wounded in his left leg by a musket ball, which disables him from making a livelihood by labor
When & Where disabled	March 19, 1779
Residence	Franklin County
To what pension entitled	Full
Remarks	No rolls in this office (1)
	(1) Evidence Complete.

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[Text of letter from the War Department to be used in response to inquiries regarding this veteran.]

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of George Bledsoe, etc.

The Revolutionary War records of this office show that George Bledsoe served as a private in that war.

Because of disability resulting from wounds or exposure during service in the Revolutionary War, this soldier was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum from September 4, 1794, under the act of April 20, 1796. His name was placed on the North Carolina pension roll. The papers in his early application for pension were destroyed by fire when the War Office was burned in 1800, hence, this office has no details of his wounds horse service, or place of residence at enlistment, or information in regard to his family.

February 1, 1820, this soldier made application for a formal pension certificate. He was then a resident of Montgomery County, North Carolina. His pension was continued under the acts of April 24, 1816, and March 3, 1819. He died July 1, 1831. His age, place of birth and names of parents are not shown. The soldiers signed George Bledso but his name was born on the pension rolls as George Bledsoe.

No other claim for pension of a George Bledsoe has been found in the Revolutionary War records of this office, under any spelling of the name.

In the American State Papers, Class 9, page 164, under the caption, "A statement of certificates transmitted to the War Office of the United States by the Judge of the District Court for the District of North Carolina, an invalid pension applicants examined by him", it is recorded that George Bledsoe served as a Sergeant in the Georgia Dragoons, was wounded in the left leg by a musket ball March 19, 1779, which disabled him from making a livelihood by labor, at his residence was Franklin County (state not named), that he was entitled to full pension, and that no rolls were in the office (being War Office). It is shown, also, that the "evidence was complete", upon the basis of which it might be assumed that George Bledso who receive the pension from 1794 was identical with the George Bledsoe recorded in the American State Papers. This office has no proof, however, upon which to make the definite statement that they are one and the same man.