

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Blakemore S30871

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State of Kentucky County of Henry Sct.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Samuel Todd Judge of the circuit court for the county of Henry now sitting, John Blackmore a resident of the said county of Henry and State of Kentucky aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated – to wit. under Capt. John Rice as a volunteer in the Virginia Militia in the month of April 1781. joined the army at Shocko Hill in the county of Frederick state of Virginia, the regiment was commanded by Col. Elias Edmonds and Gen'l. La Fayette [sic: Lafayette] commander in chief of the troops at that place. He resided in the county of Frederick county and state of Virginia. From shocko Hill the army advanced about 12 miles to some springs on James River below Richmond [see endnote], the army encamped there about 12 days & then retreated to Richmond & that night an attack was made on Manchester & the americans were routed from Richmond the army retreated to Hanover court house & from there to Racon ford [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River] where Ge'l. Wayne joined the army at Brock's Bridge [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781]. From Brocks Bride the army went back to Richmond – a few miles before we got to Brocks Bridge, he was detached from the main army & joined the magazine guard, which was commanded by Capt Upshere [sic: Upshur] he volunteered for three months but was detained by Cap. Upshere for four months. he was not in any Battle & after the lapse of four months he was discharged sometime in the month of August [sic]. The Capt. refused to discharge him or any other soldier, until he was reinforced. In the first of November 1781 he was drafted & again entered the army his Captain was he thinks Peter Hiskel [sic: Peter Hiskill] – but was under the immediate command of a sergent and guarded the prisners taken with Cornwallis [at Yorktown, 19 Oct] at [sic: "to"] Winchester, at a Presbeterian church – he staid there three nights and then Johnston Easten [sic: Johnston Eastin], assistant commissary under Capt. Runnels [sic: Reynolds] to whom we delivered the provisions – took me out of the Ranks and He was made his assistant – we had authority to press provision – the whole Tour afterwards was performed as afs'd. in the county of Fredick & remained in service for three months as a militia man as afs'd. The main Body of the troops laid about four miles from Wingater [Winchester?], at Paris hill [Parish Hill?]. He does not recollect by whom the troops were commanded. He was at the Hill where the main Body was. After three months he was discharged, but does not recollect by whom. In the spring 1782 He was employed by Edward Snegers[?], a contractor and purchased provisions (Cattle) for the french army & delivered the cattle on York river a few miles below Williamsburg, where the french army was encamped – & that he was engaged as above three months – that he had no commission, that he paid for the cattle in french crowns. That he has lost his discharges and has no documentary evidence of his services. He can prove the first Tour by Lewis Neal [sic: Lewis Neill, pension application S31276] (in part) and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the remainder of his services.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year afs'd. [signed] Jno. Blakemore

Henry County. State of Kentucky.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court (being a Circuit Court for the

County aforesaid and a Court of record) Lewis Neale & made oath according to Law, that John Blakemore, who has filed his declaration for a pension in said Court on the day of the date hereof, did, enter the Service with him at the same time under Capt. Jno Rice as a Volunteer in the Virginia Militia under the several other officers as in said declaration mentioned, and was with him continually until they were seperated at Brock's bridge in Amelia County [sic: on North Anna River in Orange and Louisa counties] – that he the said Neale was with him the said Blakemore at the place (as stated by him in his said declaration) called the Magazine or Bull pen as a nick name and that he the said Blakemore was there on guard – that the said Blakemore was seen by him after he returned home: and he said Neale states further, that he Verily believes that said Blakemore did serve as stated by him in his said declaration. and he states further that it is generally believed in the County and Country.

[signed] Lewis Neill

NOTE: No point in Frederick County is within 12 miles of Richmond. It is likely that Blakemore marched from Shockoe Hill in the City of Richmond.