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Pension Application of Valentine Bloss S9102 VA
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To the honourable Speaker of the General assembly of Virginia at Richmond assembled,
you Petitioner Valentine Bloss of the County of Cabell and Commonwealth of Virginia humbly beg leave to State that he volenteered as a Soldier in the year 1776 in the Revolutionary War and served under the Command of Captain William Nool [sic: William Nall] in Guarding the frontiers from the depredations of the Savage and was stationed upon the West fork of the Monongahala [sic: Monongahela] River about five or six months as well as your Petitioner now recollects and your Petitioner further states that in the year 1777 he also volenteered, and served another tour of about the same term of time under the command of John Hopkins who was a Captain under the command of Col John Dickerson [sic: John Dickenson] and was stationed at point pleasant at the time the Indian chief Cornstalk was killed [murdered 10 Nov 1777] and your Petitioner further states that when the news reach the settlement that the Indians had attacked Donolys Fort [sic: Fort Donnally near present Frankford WV, May 1778] that he again Volenteered to fight the Savage and was on a small tour of about three or four weeks and returned home again and your petitioner further States that for all the above mentioned services he has never Received either from the General or State governments one single cent and would further State, that he is at this time he is a very old man bending under the weight of seventy odd years and almost destitute of the comforts of life with an aged companion equally helpless which renders the decline of life extremely unpleasant and further state that that never untill now has he thrown himself upon the charity of his country He therefore humbly prays that your honourable body will pass a law for his relief by Granting him a small pention for his support for what few remaining days he may have to live in this word, and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

Valentine Bloss

The Affidavit of John McComas [pension application W18496] of Lawfull age Taken before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Cabell Va and sayeth that he was acquainted with Valentine Bloss and knew of his being a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 under the command of Capt Wm. Noll and also of his serving a Tour in the year 1777 under the command of John Hopkins who was under the command of Col John Dickeson Sworn to before me this 7th day of November 1829
P. Keenan

ref'd 7th Jan'y 1830

[The file includes another petition by Valentine Bloss and a supporting statement by John McComas that are too faint to transcribe.]

Virginia Cabell County towit

This is to certify that the affidavit of John McComas was legally taken and sworn to before me one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Given under my hand the 13th Nov'r. 1830. Andrew Barrett JP

Dec'r 13th 1830 ref'd to Rev'y Claims
Rejected 4th January 1831

[The following is from the federal pension file.]

State of Virginia } SS
Cabell County }

On this 28th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County court of Cabell County now sitting Valentine Bloss a resident of the County of Cabell and State of Virginia aged seventy six years on the First day of last August 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 7th 1832

That he entered into the service of the United States during the War of the revolution in 1776 as private Soldier and as a militia man under the command of Capt William Noll, and marched from the County of Augusta in the State aforesaid to the West fork of Monongahela for the purpose of Guarding the frontiers and at the end of three months he was discharged by Col Smith. And this declarant further states that in the year 1777 in the month of August he again entered into the service of the United States in the militia as a private Soldier under the command of Capt. John Hopkins and march from the County of Augusta in the state aforesaid by the way of Lewisburgh [sic: Lewisburg] to the mouth of the great Kanawha, where point pleasant now is and having served a tour of duty for three months I received discharge from Col Dickerson and at that place I was under the command of Capt John Hopkins Col. Dickerson and General [Edward] Hand, and further states that he was present at the time Cornstalk and his son Nipseo [Ellinipsico] was killed, and this declarant further states that in the year 1778 he again entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the militia under the command of Capt. Anthony Raydor [sic: Anthony Reader] and marched from the County of Rockingham and state aforesaid to the Warm Springs now in the County of Bath and State aforesaid and from thence he thence to the Clover Lick on the head of Jackson River [in present Highland County VA] and from the by the Crab orchard on the head of the South Branch of the Potomac from thence to the County of Rockingham and there I was discharged by Capt Anthony Raydor have served a tour of two months He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension rool of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Valentine hisXmark Bloss

Interogatories put by the Court to the declarant

Where and in what year was you born

Answer I was born in the County of Augusta State of Virginia in the 1757

Have you any record of age and if so where is it

Answer I have the record of my age now in my Bible

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer my two first trips was from Augusta County Virginia My last trip was from the County of Rockingham which was taken from Augusta in 1778 Since the war I have lived principally in the Counties of Montgomery Kanawha and Cabell in the State of Virginia and at this time reside in the County of Cabell

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom

Answer I served as a Volenteer

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and Malitia regements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of our services did you ever receive a discharge and from whom was it given

Answer during my services I was not with any regular soldiers, except Capt [Matthew] Arbuckle at point pleasant who command the regular troops at that place and as to general circumstances he refers the [illegible word] to his foregoing declaration he states he received 3 discharges first from Capt Noll 2 Col. Dickerson 3 from Capt Anthony Rayan

State some of the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, that

can testify of your veracity & their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution

Answer The Rev'd. Stephen Spurlock The Rev'd. Burwell Spurlock General Elisha McComas John Samuels Clerk of Cabell County and Col. John Everett Sr.

NOTE: E. Bloss wrote from Wayne County (now WV) to the Commissioner of Pensions that his father, Valentine Bloss, died on 4 Sep 1850.