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Blake, John

*(Father of Great Great Grand Mother
Cynthia Blake Eaton)*

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NUMBER

State of Indiana) (Deposition or Affidavit
of Martin County of John Blafé
Tory of his Declaration of the 17th day of Octo-
ber 1832)

Repentance

On this the eleventh day of August in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and thirty four, personally appeared before
me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace and
for said County in said State John Blafé and
he being by me duly sworn according to law
states upon his oath that he is the same person
who made the foregoing Declaration dated the 17th
day of October 1832 That he is not yet able
to recall to his Memory the names of any
Officers under whom he served other than those
in said Declaration mentioned. He can not
from his old age bodily infirmity and consequent
loss of Memory recall nor state the number
of the Regiment or its Officers names in which
he served in the regular Service as mentioned
in said Declaration nor can he designate
the Company. It was in the line of South Carolina
he believes & thinks he recollects.

Since making said Declaration he has
discovered an old Revolutionary Soldier
by the name of Demoff ~~...~~
~~...~~ by whom this declarant
expects to prove his services as a regular Soldier
and as set forth in said Declaration said
Demoff also as this applicant is informed
by him knows where there resides another old
Revolutionary Soldier who may probably
know something of his (applicant's) services.

With his reflection he still thinks he must

have served more, but at least as much as stated in his said
Declaration. Said Demoff recollects ^{perhaps} more than he
does.

John (X) Blake
mark

State of Indiana
Martin County On the, thirteenth day of
August in the Year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared
before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in
and for said County in said State Reuben Demoff
and being by me duly sworn according to law
upon his Oath says that he is about eighty four years
of age. That he resides in said County of
Martin, that he was during ~~the~~ the Revolutionary
War well acquainted with John Blake who has
made the foregoing Declaration for a pension. This
Deponent from old age bodily infirmity and
the consequent loss of memory can not state with
accuracy the dates of services or circumstances
nor precisely the period which said John Blake
served in the Revolution.

But he well recollects and identifies his
person and states that he was with him
in the Army; that said John Blake of his the
said Reuben Demoff's own personal knowledge
served several tours or Campaigns in the Militia
Service of South Carolina and at least one en-
gagement in the continental or regular service
of the United States or in the State Troops of
South Carolina, he can not state certainly
which. That said John Blake in what
Year the deponent can not be certain but believes
it to have been about the time as mentioned by

which services he performed faithfully cheerfully and to the acceptance of his Officers. From the time he entered the service which was he thinks (about) in his ^(or sixteenth) fifteenth year he continued constantly in the service and was never at home during the War (nor out of said service) but at one time of about two weeks except when marched through his Mother's Camp at another time he stoped a few hours. He received a ~~discharge~~ ^{which} discharge, he has long ago lost not knowing it would be of any value to him. He received his supports from his Captain. During a part of said time he was mounted and was under the command of Colonel Washington, his first name he does not know. being no scholar and young he was always very ignorant of the regulations of the Army as well as things generally of a public nature. He scarcely knew how he came to be mounted in said Col. Washington's Corps of Light Horse but thinks he was ordered into (with his own consent he entered) said Light Horse to supply some deficiency of numbers at or after the Battle of the Cutaw Springs. How long or when he marched in said Light Horse he can not state. Doubting somewhat, it seems most probable, & he thinks it is the best impression of his memory upon reflection, that he was mounted in said Troops of Cavalry after the heat and during the fall of Cutaw Springs. He thinks he was not long in said Light Horse after said Battle.

He well remembers that he was discharged about the time of the Battle of Fort Mifflin & Surrender of Cornwallis in Virginia. He thinks afterwards but how long precisely he can not state. After the War he removed to Broad River the County he can not recollect. He then married & removed back to Fairfield, and there lived about two years. Then he removed to North Carolina he does not certainly recollect the names of the County, his best impression is it was Anson, he resided there three years and removed to Cheshire & there resided one year. He then removed to Tennessee

in Granger County where he resided about four years Then he removed to Cumberland River in Kentucky where he resided three or four years He then removed to Hardin County Kentucky and then resided twenty years there he removed to Martin County Indiana where he now resides and has for five years. He never received one cent of pay for any of his services. He has no documentary evidence of any of his services. He received his bounty money at both of the said times of his enlistment but can not recollect how much. He knows of no person whose evidence or testimony he could procure of his services or any part thereof except these herewith given. He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever 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. His memory is very much impaired ^{in consequence of old age} and especially defective as to dates. He can not recollect the names of any other officers nor the first names that are herein omitted. But he expressly swears as a regular ^{soldier} his From Old experiences by memory he can state positively. John. J. Blake
mark

(The John Sanders and Alicy Sanders resident in Monroe County Indiana Certify to wit: I the said Alicy Sanders that I have been well acquainted with John Blake who has subscribed ^{sworn to} the foregoing Declaration from his infancy having resided fifty years or a period in the same neighborhood with him (excepting about fifteen years ^{now past} Great part of the time & during the War of Revolution within half a mile ^{of my residence} said John Blake departed from home as known and as a reputed and universally beloved in the neighborhood to enter the service of the United States in the Army thereof and was absent in the service until the end of the war except during a short visit once or perhaps twice. After the war I resided the above length of time with the above exception in the same neighborhood with John well acquainted him during said time. In all said neighborhood during all said time he was reported and believed to have served faithfully for many years & to have been honorably discharged to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and I am well ^{and} know ledge satisfied thereof. My age is seventy two years or thereabout. And I the said John Sanders aged forty years certify that I have been well acquainted with the said John Blake from my

* Key word Bounty Money

said John Blake in his Declaration) did as he states at and while living in the County of Fairfield in said State of South Carolina ^{enter} the ^{of the United States} service, in the Militia ^{of said State} ~~of said State~~ and served about and at least two months. That he was marched to a place called Orangeburgh and perhaps other places. That afterwards said Blake served in the same Militia as a substitute in another town or ^{at} any rate entered the Army at Orangeburgh and after the operation of his first period of engagement continued in said Militia service for some time. The deponent can't state how long but from circumstances of his knowledge ^{unhesitatingly} believes that said Blake served as he states in his Declaration at least two months. He states that he has personal ^{knowledge} of the service, stated by said Blake in the Regular or Continental Service (in said declaration describes). The deponent can not state the periods of engagements now whether there was more than one or not in said Regular or Continental service, but that ^{said} Blake served in such regular service more probably and at least two years. This deponent believes he served much longer but can not state more certainly in relation thereto.

The Deponent had so far lost the recollection of the events of the war that a portion of them seems much like a dream but many of the circumstances stated by said Blake are recalled to his mind. He had been intimately acquainted with said John Blake in all as much as forty years and in different neighbourhoods and that in all said neighbourhoods said Blake had a good reputation for honesty in dealings & truth and innocence, and the reputation of having been a revolutionary soldier. During ^{the} interval, in which the deponent has not resided in the same neighbourhoods.

Declaration

State of Indiana On the seventeenth day of October
Monroe County the Year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before
me (the undersigned) Stephen P. Seal one of the Associate Judges of
the Circuit Court of said County in said State being a Court of re-
cord composed of a Circuit or President Judge and two Associate
Judges. John Blake a resident of Martin County in the
same judicial Circuit with the said Monroe County and
in our said State aged seventy one years who being just duly
sworn according to law doth on his oath make the fol-
lowing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act
of Congress passed June 4th 1832. That he was born on the Watauga
River in Fairfield County in the State of South Carolina in the Year
Seventeen hundred and Sixty one or two or thereabout. He can
neither write nor read. He has a record of his age but it is not
now in possession it being at his residence in Martin County and
he being in Monroe.

He states that although at this time he is able to ride he
is frequently unable to walk or ride owing to a decay in his
kidney, on account of which he has not been able heretofore since
the passage of said act to attend Court at its term time, and there being
no Courts holden until next Spring he is under an apprehension that
it is extremely uncertain if not improbable whether he will be able
personally then to appear in Court by reason of his said bodily infirmity
And his witnesses being in Monroe County where he is now staying and
they part of them being also unable to appear in Court he is advised to
submit to an examination before said Judge of said Court in vacation.

He states his age by having it read to him by other persons not being able to
read. He volunteered in the Service of the United States in the Militia
of the State of South Carolina about the Year Seventeen hundred and
Seventy Seven or eight his memory of the Year very uncertain nor can
he recollect the day or month, in the Company commanded by Captain
Thomas Starks. He knows that some part of his services were
under said Thomas Starks (his best impression is the above). He en-
tered the Service ^{while living} in said Fairfield County South Carolina and was

then purchased and mustered into the Service. He was marched
to a place he thinks called Orangeburgh and stationed there at least
two months and ten days the period for which he volunteered.
He can not state the names of any other Officers. He was very young
as well as ignorant and inattentive. At the end of said two
months and ten days he received a written discharge from his
said Captain, ^{which he has lost long ago} and was dismissed at said place and immediately
at said place hired as a substitute for ^{and in the place of} a man by the name of
Yarby or Yarberry. his first name he can not recollect. Said Yarby
alias Yarby had been marched to said place in new troops in the South
Carolina Militia. He hired as said substitute and entered the ser-
vice for some thing upward of two months, but did ~~not~~ ^{serve as} ~~more~~ ^{more than} two months. His services as such substitute were per-
formed in the Company of foot commanded by Captain Lewis
He thinks the Colonel Commanding the Regiment was
Taylor. He never returned home from the time of his first
entering the service but was stationed at said place under said
Officer of scouting the Country about until the time of
enlisting in the Continental Army as hereinafter stated and was
dismissed by permission and approval of his Officers having served said
two months faithfully and to the acceptance of his Officers
He received no discharge in writing. He was verbally dismissed
by his Officers. He recollects the names of no Officers except those
mentioned. no circumstances of consequence near said place or June
at the expiration of said two months, he enlis-
ted in the Army of the United States as a regular private soldier
for the period of One Year in the Company ^{of Infantry} commanded by
(Chalkley) ^{he can not remember the names of the Colonel or name of Regiment} W. Kinfield. He was first marched either to
the Cherase Hills or Monte Corner he best thinks the first, then
to a little village on Tedee River the name of which he has forgotten
thence back again to the Catawba, and then he thinks to
Charlestown or the neighborhood where he was stationed
some time and then marched again to the Cherase Hill
or neighborhood where his said Years time of service expired
and he received a written ^{which is lost long ago} discharge, ^{at said place} was dismissed, and
returned home. Not having to lie out as close and alone

he went back ^{in a few days} to the Army above ^{near} Cambden and enlisted in the regular Continental Army of the United States as a Private Soldier in a Company of Foot for the period of seven years is during the War. He can not recollect the year month order of this enlistment nor the name of ^{Colonel of Regiment nor other Officer} his Captain he thinks ^{He was not any of his former Captains} he remembers the battles better than anything else in which he fought except that he can not remember the dates nor their order. He was in the Battle of the Hanging Rock the Battle of Cambden and the Battle of the Cutaw Springs. At the Battle of Cambden he remembers that Sumpter retreated across the Waterce and marched up the West side of the River twenty five miles the night after the battle before he encamped. In the Battle of the Cutaw Springs he was near the center of the Army under General Greene and was much exposed. It was in an old field with a bench of rising ground acrossed, as he ascended the rising ground the Battle commenced. The British beat us back and we reinforced and in turn beat them back taking their baggage which we kept. After they the British had got out of the reach of our small arms our Cannon was raised and fired into the tops of the pine trees above them and the falling of the limbs killed many. ~~After~~ the Battle of the Cutaw Springs he was marched in many directions before he was disbandd. He can ^{not} recollect where he was when disbandd but thinks it was not near any remarkable place and was on the march. He was in the Battle of Monts corner near Charlestown which he thinks was long before the Battle of Cutaw Springs. He was in a skirmish at the Fore Hole Bridge. He was during his said service twice at Orangeburgh and twice or more at Monts Corner. He was in the Battle at Orangeburgh. In the Battle of the Cutaw Springs he ^(was wounded in his belly with a British Bayonet.) Altogether he served in the service of the United States & in the War of the Revolution ^{in said last engagements} two Years

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the adjacent notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The rules and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margins with a brace, (thus: {). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of John Blake

Periods when the services were rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode, when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
1778	2	11		Pr. Capt. Starks	71		
	2			Pr. Capt. Lewis	S. C.		
	1			Capt. McKingie			
	2						

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.