

Pension Application for Isaac Blackmer or Blackmore

S.5285

Mass. & N.Y.

State of Pennsylvania

Pike County SS.

On this 29th day of August AD 1837, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Pike County Isaac Blackmore a resident of the township of Milford in the County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania in the eighty seventh year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he was born in the town of New Marlborough County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts on the 22d day of December seventeen hundred & fifty as he was informed by his father.

That the father of this deponent about thirty five years ago furnished him with an entry & list of the dates of the birth of this deponent & his brothers and sisters and that this deponent transcribed said entry into a small paper book which is herewith shewn to the court. That he has no other record of his age, that he lived in said town of New Marlborough when he first went into the service of the United States. That he enlisted in the army of the United States to the best of his belief in the month of March seventeen hundred & seventy seven for the period of nine months, in the company of Captain Sam Warner under Lieutenant Chaddock of Major Root & Colonel John Ashley Regiment that he was enlisted by Captain Warner, was mustered or received by Colonel Ashley in the same month at Great Barrington and marched from thence to Bennington and there on or about the first day of April of said year.

This deponent with other soldiers drew their first rations & also a musket and there from[ed] companies of our regiment was put under Colonel Warner and after remaining there some time we marched to "Vanschaiks Clearing" in Manchester Vermont, and the said Regiment remained stationed at said "clearing" in Manchester all the summer during which campaign deponent was out on several scouting parties at one time in particular he went out with Captain Warner about in the month of June with a view to ascertain the situation of enemy's army under General Burgoyne who was said to be at Castleton and when on our scout and within a few miles east of Fort Ann we had an engagement with a party of British Hessians & Indians under the command of Captains Burt & Harper and in this engagement deponent says he shot and killed an Indian who was lying in ambush and within fifteen or twenty minutes after we were ordered to charge with our bayonets upon a body of Hessians and this deponent pierced & run one of said Hessians through the body, who was then engaged in close contest with said Captain Warner, the said Hessian fell & immediately expired.

And on the day following after the engagement he striped the body of the Indian which he had killed the day before of his wampum and dress and after his return home to his father's, he wore the said Indian dress as a badge of victory which was the same dress spoken of in the affidavit of Willes Keyes hereto annexed.

In this engagement our party was successful, there was about fifteen of the enemy killed and the same number made prisoners to the best of his belief and recollection.

In the month of August of the same year, a few days after General Stark's victory at Bennington our officers then at "Vansaick's Clearing" received information that Burgoyne had sent a reinforcement of about four hundred men and fifty Indians as was then said under the command of Colonel Brayman to aid and assist Baum at Bennington when Major Wily and Colonel Warner with about four hundred men together with Captains Warner (under whom this deponent marched) Bird Brooks and Hazeltine and other captains whose names this deponent does not now recollect marched from said "Vansaick's Clearing" in Manchester and met Colonel Beyman and reinforcement far from the place where Baum was defeated and after a severe & bloody battle we defeated Brayman took two pieces of cannon & after the engagement we returned to Vansaick's Clearing in Manchester and remained there & in the

neighbourhood until after the surrender of Burgoyne when Captain Warner's Company marched over the river to a place called Bemiss Highth [Bemis Height] and we assisted in carrying the British Artillery surrendered by Burgoyne to the River and this deponant thinks he was discharged at Bemiss Highth by Captain Warner and received from him a written discharge but at that time considered the same of no importance it was lost and he served this year the period of nine months.

In the latter part of the month of April seventeen hundred & seventy eight this deponant again enlisted in Captain Nobles' company whose lieutenant was named Heacock of Major Fellows and Colonel Simons Regiment and enlisted for six months at said New Marlborough and was again mustered by Colonel Ashley and marched from thence to Danbury and remained there about one month and from thence we marched by the way of Ridgefield to Horseneck and remained there nearly all summer & until we retreated on the approach of the British General Tryon – we then moved to the east side of the North River where we made a short stop and from thence went to White Plains and remained there until discharged by Captain Nobles—and received a written discharge which as the former was soon after lost and served this year during the time of his enlistment a period of six months.

In the month of June 1779 this deponant again enlisted at said New Marlborough in the company of Captain Collar of Major Ives & Colonel Ward's Regiment and marched from said New Marlborough by way of Litchfield to New Haven and arrived a few days after the town had been fired & in part burnt & the smoke was still to be seen raising from the ruins & ashes of the destroyed buildings and remained at New Haven during the period of my enlistment which was three months and was there discharged by Captain Collar, but did not receive a written discharge.

In the month of May or June in the year 1780 at my place of residence before named –this deponant again enlisted for the period of three months in his former Captain Warner's Company of Major Root & Colonel Brown's Regiment and was mustered by Colonel Ashley at great Barrington in the month of July or August—and marched from thence by way of Albany to Fort Plank on the Mowhawk [Mohawk] River and remained at Fort Plank until the term of our enlistment had expired and before we were discharged we marched to meet and oppose the Indian Colonel Brandt, who with his army was then moving towards Canada after he had burned Schoharry and was then in the act of firing "Stone Robby" now called "Polentine" we there met the Indians general and after a severe contest we were forced to retreat with the loss of about one hundred and fifty men with Captain Eli and Colonel Brown of our regiment who were also killed we then retreated to the river to a place called Fort Plain where we here we joined [sic] & were met by General Vanranseler and Major Duboys with one thousand five hundred men and then we in turn pursued the enemy & after some little fighting drove them across the Mowhawk river at "Fort Bute".

The next morning after the battle we crossed the river at Fort Bute and pursued the enemy up the river towards German Flats and when we came within a few miles of the German Flats the company or some of our company & regiment were dismissed and so was this deponant and the rest of the army pursued the Indians as deponant was informed to Fort Stanwicks now called Rome and deponant says he verily believes he was in the service that year a period of four months.

In the month of April April [sic] 1781, in the town of Sheffield in the County of Berkshire Mass— this deponant again enlisted for sic months in Captain Heacock's company of Major Wily and Colonel Wisenfelt[s] Regiment and marched from the fields by way of Canterhook [Kinderhook] on the east side of the North River to Saratoga and there remained stationed all the summer except when we were out on scouts we saw no enemy during this summer or campaign we remained at Saratoga until the expiration of the time of our enlistment when we were discharged and served this year six months.

That in the year seventeen hundred & eighty nine in the month of August he left his residence in New Marlborough, Massachusetts and came to the State of Pennsylvania to the place where he now resides then Northampton County now Pike in the Township of Milford and has resided here from that time to the present, being a period of about forty eight years.

That there is no clergyman in the vicinity of this deponent who can testify from his acquaintance with him belief as to his Revolutionary services or his age.

This deponent has obtained the affidavit of Willis Keyes, Jehial Stannard, Daniel Bush and Menbak Bush, of Berkshire County, duly certified under the seal of the Court of said County, who were acquainted with this deponent during the Revolutionary War and who testify their belief to this deponent's Revolutionary services, which are hereto annexed and said proof & affidavits were procured by said deponent by making a journey the greater part of the way on foot from his residence in Pike County to the County of Berkshire in Mass. a distance of one hundred & fifty miles or upwards.

That upon enquire made by this deponent when in Berkshire he could not learn that there was any soldier or officer living who was out in the service in company with this deponent.

That this deponent is acquainted with Samuel Cox, Joshua Dewitt & Robert L. Faris of his own neighbourhood who can & will as he believes [believes] testify to this deponent's character for truth and veracity and their belief of his revolutionary services and age.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Isaac Blackmer
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. David A. Dingman, Jr. [Proty?]

Letter in folder dated October 28, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.5285, it appears that Isaac Blackmer or Blackmore was born December 22, 1750, at New Marlborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and while living there, enlisted in March 1777, served 9 months as a private in Captain Samuel Warner's Company, Colonel John Ashley's Massachusetts Regiment, and was in an engagement at Fort Ann and one near Bennington soon after the battle at that place.

He enlisted in April 1778 and served 6 months in Captain Enoch Noble's Company, Colonel Simons' Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted in June 1779 and served 3 months in Captain Collar's Company, Colonel Ward's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted in June 1780, served 4 months in Captain Samuel Warner's Company, Company, Colonel Brown's Massachusetts Regiment, and was in the battle of Stone Arabia.

He enlisted in April 1781 and served 6 months in captain Heacock's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1837, while living in Milford Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania. There is no data on file as to his family.