

Pension Application for Gilbert Bloomer or Blumer

S.15337

State of Kentucky

Laurence County SS.

On this 31 day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Laurence Circuit Court now sitting as a court in the town of Louisa, Gilbert Blumer of the said County and State aged about 80 years and for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provisions of an Act of Congress passed on the 17th of June 1832, makes the following declaration on oath according to law.

That he was born on the 24th day of December 1752, as the record of his age was entered in his father's bible, who did in the State of New York and he knows not what has become of the bible, however he entered the day of his birth, in his own bible from that of his father.

That he volunteered as a minute man in June 1775 as he thinks in New Marlborough, Ulster County, New York. The date he is not confident of but he remembers it was before the British left Boston or came to the City of New York.

He volunteered under Capt. Samuel Clark, the Lieutenant's name was Erwin. The Colonel's name under whom he was, was Paulding—who resided in Ulster County. He thinks the Major's name was Ervin, a cousin to his Lieutenant.

He was employed guarding Hudson river and had to move as the British shipping would move. He was frequently for week at a time employed on the Chevaux defrize across the Hudson river at New Windsor.

He was frequently, when not employed in actual service, or the enemy should not be considered as about to do damage, ordered to work on Fort Montgomery, where he was compelled to work at different times as long as four months.

In the spring of the same year (the month of April) he thinks that year the British took the City of New York, he was marched by Col. Paulding into the state of New Jersey, on the opposite side from the City of New York, and nearly in sight—opposite to Powell's Hook – here he was stationed for six months or thereabouts—being sometimes out on the scout, and as such he was at Newark and other places.

From the immediate vicinity of New York, he was marched to Totaway near Passaic Falls, where the army took up winter quarters—at this last place he was stationed, but was constantly sent out on scouting parties to Hackensack and many other places through the State of New Jersey.

In the April following he was marched back to New Marlborough and immediately from there to Shongum on the frontiers of the State of New York as a guard against the savages. Here he remained eight or nine months. The Indians during this time committed no excesses but did in the following year—after being on the frontiers as above stated, he was marched back again to Hudson river and employed in guarding the said river to the end of the war, but during the winter months of every year after his return from the frontiers, he was sometimes permitted to go home and stay for several weeks & sometimes months at a time, but always subject to the call of his officer, and as soon as spring would arrive and the ice break up, he was always in service until the succeeding winter.

He was born in New Marlborough, Ulster County, New York about 80 miles from the City of New York, where he resided until July 1793 when he removed to Roanoke in the State of Virginia—in which state he lived ten years and then removed to that part of Kentucky, now included in Lawrence County where he has resided ever since.

He got a discharge, which he thinks was signed by his captain at the close of the war, but about four years ago, his discharge was burnt when his house was consumed.

He further states that he has not at this time any documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service, whose testimony he can procure.

He is acquainted with Nimrod Canterbury Esqr, [?] Isaac Bolt & Lewis Ringlesby Esq.

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 aforesaid. (Signed) Gilbert Bloomer

I, Joseph R. Ward clerk of the Lawrence Circuit Court do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of Gilbert Blumer for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & private seal (there being no seal of officer), this 31st of October 1832. U. R. Warn Clerk of Lawrence Circuit Court.

Letter in folder dated August 26, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Gilbert and Robert Bloomer of New York State, and Absalom Kent of Pennsylvania.

The Revolutionary War records of this office haven been searched and no claim for pension found based upon the service of Robert Bloomer or Blumer.

The records of Gilbert Bloomer and Absalom Kent are furnished you as found in claims for pension, based upon service in the Revolutionary War.

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The data which follow concerning Gilbert Bloomer were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.15337, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Gilbert Bloomer was born December 24, 1752 in "New" Marlborough, Ulster County, New York. The names of his parents were not given, his father died in New York State, date not shown.

While residing in New Marlborough, Gilbert Bloomer served as a private at various time in the New York militia under Captain Samuel Clark and Colonel Paulding; he assisted in building Fort Montgomery, was a guard along the Hudson River, and in several scouting expeditions, length of service about two years; definite dates of service not given.

Gilbert Bloomer continued to live in New Markborough, New York, until July, 1793, then moved to Roanoke, Virginia, lived about ten years, thence to Lawrence County, Kentucky. He was allowed pension on his application executed October 31, 1832, then living in Lawrence County.

The papers on file in this claim contain no reference to wife or children.