

On 17Oct1850, Mary Piercey appeared before Yancey County NC court to apply for a widow's pension based upon the Revolutionary War service of her deceased husband **Blake Piercey**.

“The applicant further says on her oath that her husband the aforementioned Blake Piercey, enlisted in the latter part of the year 1780 for a tour of six months under one Captain McDowell who resided in Burke County & State of North Carolina, as did also the said Blake Piercey when he served all the said tours, which Captain McDowell belonged to the aforementioned Colonel McDowell's Regiment of North Carolina Militia, and were brothers: that they were marched to, or near, a place called Charlotte where they were placed under the command of General Morgan and she thinks had a _____ flight at a place called Ninety Six, which was in the State of South Carolina, and from thence they beat on up the Country until they arrived at a place called the **Cowpens** where the whole of the North Carolina Militia were engaged in a serious battle, in which the aforesaid Piercey was dangerously wounded and left behind: after which the six months for which the Militia had enlisted, soon expired and they all returned home, but those that had been killed or wounded in said battle -- the said Piercey, being among the **wounded**, was taken care of until his mother and relatives went after him to some place where had been left in the care of a few Continentals, of which wounds he afterwards died. “ (The widow's statement is taken to mean that when he died, the scars from Blake's wounds were still visible.)

John Penland (a pensioner) of Oldham County NC provided testimony about Blake's service based on residence in Piercey's neighborhood during the war. Blake was a private in Colonel Charles McDowell's Burke County militia. John said that his father went to Cowpens to retrieve the wounded Piercey after the battle.

Widow Mary Piercey stated that they were married 15Oct1791 in Warren County GA. Blake Piercey died 30Dec1837. The widow produced the register of their children's birth dates.