

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Black R881

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State of Indiana }
Crawford County Probate Court }
August Term AD. 1835

On the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Michael Real Esqr. Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana now sitting (being a court of Record) Alexandr Black a resident of Crawford County in the State of Indiana aged seventy five years the 22nd day of last February 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted or engaged in the said service on or about the first day of March 1780 at a place on New River in the State of Virginia at the house of Major Taylor and under the command of said Taylor he took the bounty at the time of enlisting and enlisted for "during the war". has no recollection of what line he belonged to. his captains name was John Preston who commanded the company to which he belonged which consisted of about seventy men, went under the command of said Preston from Major Taylor's to a place called Lincolnshire on the waters of the Clinch River – sometimes called Clinch Station, went on frequent scouting parties, while stationed here the Indians came upon a place at no great distance from the station called Elk garden and sometimes called New Garden [both in present Russell County; the latter on Thompson Creek] killed one man and took his wife and two children prisoners he (the s'd Alexander Black) with fourteen others pursued them thinks the name of the officer who comanded this party was Oliver Gwin – but does not recollect what grade he was of, after pursuing the Indians three days overtook them fired on them wounded several, and reclaimed the woman and two children was in no other engagement during the time he was in the service continued in the service untill the first of December following being nine months when he was discharged at the aforesaid Station by an officer by the name of Crocket. does not know what grade he was of received a writen discharge which he took home to his father (who then lived in Augusta County Virginia within five miles of Stonton [sic: Staunton].) left it in the possession of his father which he saw many times afterwards and which remained in his fathers possession untill his death, which then fell into the hands of his brother Robert Black who now (if alive) resides some where in the State of Illenois – since which time he has not seen said discharge.

Was born near a place called Bennetts forge (he thinks) in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia. from there his father removed to Augusta County Virginia whith whom he resided untill he enlisted. after returning from the service he removed with his father to a place called Jennings gap, where he was married and resided about one year he removed to Bull pasture River he thinks in Pendleton County Virginia where he resided 12 or 15 years. from thence he removed to Buckanan River in Harrison County Virginia [sic: Buckhannon River, now in Upshur County WV] where he resided about 25 years from thence he emigrated to Crawford County Indiana in the fall of the year 1834 where he no resides as above stated. That he got his father to give him a Record of his age which he done before his death, which was written by Squire Hall under the direction of his father on a small peace of paper which was in his possession untill last spring which is lost or mislaid and is now not in the possession of this declarant. He is well acquainted with Christopher Swiger and George Sowerheber who are resident of the same neighbourhood and who can testify as to his veracity and of the belief of his servies as a soldier of the Revolution. that he has no documentary evidence and knowes of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on pension roll of the agency of any State [signed] Alexr Black