

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Blackman R898

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South Carolina MaryAnn District

On this the 27th day of March in the year of our Lord 1837, before Honorable Josiah J. Evans one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions in and for the said State, personally appeared David Blackman in open Court aged about ninety-three years who upon oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain a Pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the month of June as he thinks in 1744. His age recorded in a Testament which his Sister had & which is now lost -- was born in Granville County Virginia: when he was a boy his father moved into Marion District near Mars Bluff on Big Pedee [River]. At the Commencement of the war he was drafted to go to Charleston at the second draft which was made in his Company: Deponent told the Officers he would not go: they threatened to make him go & upon this he took up the line of march under Captain Luke Whitfield of the militia & went down to Charleston where he remained during one month. This was before the battle at Fort Moultrie at the time of this Battle he was serving his second draft for one month under an officer whose name is not recollected. In like manner he served two other drafts, making altogether four months of service as a militia man. He can neither read or write: had learning once, but the war times made him lose it all. He now lives down on Little Pedee & never heard he could get a Pension without proving his Service by a witness until Squire Shuter told him he could along in the last winter. He has given the best statement he can of his Service in the militia as his body & mind are both weak & he can state nothing more particularly. About the year 1780 he listed [enlisted] in the Regular Service for eighteen months under Captain Rue -- don't know what his name was besides, Lieutenant McDowell & Sergeant Feast -- marched everywhere -- Charleston, Santee, Georgetown & can't tell all the places, but is sure he served the time out & thinks it was the 2nd Regiment & that General Maryan [sic, Francis Marion] commanded it. During all this time he never was in a battle, whilst he was in the militia -- they generally used him as a cook; but sometimes one cooked & then another: But during the eighteen months he was in the Regular service they made a cook of him altogether, perceiving that his talents lay in that way. He never got a discharge as he recollects: they were all discharged together & went home. He has no documentary or other evidence of his Service & does not recollect the names of any other officers besides those which he has mentioned. He has been living where he now lives ever since the Revolutionary war & is now unable to work for

himself. He has lately been placed under the protection of the Commissioners of the Poor who give him \$10 a year for his support with this his only weapon, he has to contend with the "ills which flesh is heir to." He hereby releases all claim to any pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to in open Court the march 27th, 1837

S/ Ed. B. Wheeler, C. C. P.

S/ David Blackman, X his mark

[Tapley Moody, a clergyman and Benjamin Shooter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran's application was "suspended for proof" April 6th, 1837]