

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Black S10393

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State of Alabama Fayette County:

On this 19th day of September 1834 personally appeared in vacation before the Honorable Walter Haskins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County Alabama David Black a resident of said County aged seventy-four years who being 1st 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 7th 1832

That he was born in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina on the first of March 1760 as he has been informed by his relations and remained there until the year 1810 that part of the County then being called Iredell. That he first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for three months sometime in the winter of 1775 or 1776 as well as recollected under the Captain Gilmore for the purpose of guarding the fords of the Catawba River to prevent the Tories from crossing into Rowan County and served as a volunteer the whole of said term and was dismissed by my Captain in the spring thereafter. I then went home which was about three miles from the River where I remained a few days when I volunteered under Captain Davidson [Alexander Davidson] who was commanded by Colonel George Davidson and joined General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] at Colonel Fifer's [sic, Phifer's] at that place orders were received that the Tories were collected at Ramsour's Mills in Lincoln County and we were marched to said place and was in the battle at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], from thence we were marched to twelve mile Creek and was verbally discharged as in the first instance after a service of full three months. I then returned home and remained there for a short time. And volunteered under Major Cunningham who had raised a volunteer company to range Lincoln County and keep the Tories down and was in that town about two months when we were dismissed as before. I then volunteered under Captain Davidson the Colonel's name not recollected and joined General Davidson at twelve mile Creek where the Army remained for several months and until they were surprised by Cornwallis we then retreated to Mecklenburg [County]. We were then marched to Beatties Ford and was then said Battle when General Davidson was killed.<sup>1</sup> The Army were all dispersed I went home after being in service at that time for upwards of three months. I remained at home but a short time until I again volunteered under Captain James Crawford who was commanded by Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]

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<sup>1</sup> General William Lee Davidson was killed on February 1, 1781 at the battle at Cowans Ford, not at Beatties Ford as indicated by this veteran.

near Haw River and the winter was spent near the Cheraw Hills during which time I was taken sick with the smallpox and returned home after being in service upwards of three months, when I was well enough I went to Cross Creek and volunteered under Captain Bell [William Bell] & Lieutenant George Templeton, the Colonel's name not recollected but was commanded by Major White and General Rutherford and was marched from Cross Creek to Wilmington thence to Salisbury where I received a discharge the only one that I ever did [receive] and was in said service before I received my discharge upwards of three months and for such services I claim a pension. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person living whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services. William Laskie<sup>2</sup> who is now living in Orange County in this State and myself were in the tours under Captain Davidson and Captain Bell whose testimony I can yet procure if required there is no clergyman living in my neighborhood or means enough to obtain a certificate there from therefore I refer to the annexed certificate of John Morrow and Caswell C Thompson.

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 in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Jas. B. Martin, Clerk

S/ David Black



- 1st. I was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1760 as I was informed by my relations
2. I have no Record of my age
3. Each time that I was called into service I volunteered my home was in Rowan County since that time I have lived in Tennessee and now in Alabama
4. Colonel Brevard, General Davidson, Colonel Fifer, Major McGuire, Major Cunningham, General Greene, Major Hogg, General Rutherford etc.
5. I received but one discharge and that was my last tour of duty which was given to made by Captain fell which has been lost or destroyed.  
[John Morrow and C C Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Alabama Fayette County: Before me William Thompson an acting Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared David Black who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of each tour of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following tours, to wit, That at the time he entered the service under the command of Captain Gilmore who was commanded by Colonel Brevard he volunteered for the term of three months and after being in service for two months at Buffalo Ford there was occasion for Rangers to keep the Tories down [in] Lincoln County and we were permitted by Colonel Brevard to volunteer as such for such purpose, himself with others entered into said business and was under the direction of Major Cunningham the remainder of said three months but no regular Captain he then returned home where he remained but a few days when he volunteered under Captain Davidson who was commanded by Colonel George Davidson and ~~General~~ joined General Davidson at Colonel Fifer's at that place an express came informing General Davidson that the Tories had collected at

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<sup>2</sup> [William Lackey W1622](#)

Ramsour's Mills<sup>3</sup> in Lincoln County we arrived at the Mills one morning about daylight – And the attack was commenced by Captain Falls [Gilbraith Falls] with about fifty dragoons and we soon forced them to take to the mill dam. Captain Falls was killed here – The Tories were commanded by Colonel Moore and were defeated with considerable loss we were then marched to Twelve mile Creek where General Davidson was stationed and during the time he remained there the time for which he volunteered expired, being the full three months. He then without leaving the Army again volunteered under Captain Davidson the Colonel's name not recollected but was commanded by General Davidson where he remained for some considerable time until we were surprised by Lord Cornwallis, we were then marched to Mecklenburg. Major Furguson [sic, Patrick Ferguson] to whose support Cornwallis was hastening having been defeated Cornwallis turned towards General Davidson who made a stance at Beatties Ford on Catawba River where General Davidson was killed, the whole Army was then dispersed after he had been in service about two months. He then returned home and was there but a few days when he volunteered under Captain Crawford and Colonel Locke and joined General Greene near Haw River and spent the winter near the Cheraw Hills, during the stay near the Cheraw Hills he took the smallpox and received a furlough to return home after being in service about two months and before he recovered the company to which he belonged was discharged. As soon as he got well on the way to his company he joined Major Hogg of the Regular Army but without enlisting. They joined General Rutherford at Cross Creek he was placed under the command of Captain Bell who was commanded by Major White the Colonel's name not recollected and from thence we were marched and stationed at Colonel Swan's landing on Cape Fear River from thence to Salisbury where we received our discharges my discharge was for three months service. These all the facts as well as recollected and my opinion of the length of each tour of duty but if he is mistaken he is willing for his time to be computed agreeable to the official returns and the balance to relinquish.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 15th day of August 1835.

S/ William Thompson, JP

S/ David Black

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>3</sup> June 20, 1780, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>