

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Abraham Blackwell S18328

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The State of South Carolina, Chesterfield District

On the ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me James Jowers on of the Justices of the Peace in and for the District and State aforesaid Abraham Blackwell, who being by me 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 on the 7th June 1832 - That he is about the age of eighty years; that he entered the military service in the State of South Carolina, was drafted and placed under the command of Colonel Benton; deponent then being about eighteen years old; that after marching under that command against the Tories on Drowning Creek, he was marched under the command of Captain Hardiman to Cheraw, So. Ca. and from thence to Georgetown, So. Ca. under the command of Captain Elisha McGee; from thence he was marched to Haddrell's Point under the command of Captain DuBose; from thence he went to Fort Johnson under the command of Captain Hardiman above named who here joined the forces. From Ft. Johnson he marched to Purysburgh [sic, Purrysburg], and at a Bridge between Charleston and Purysburgh he was in an engagement with the enemy; the name of the bridge he does not now recollect. From Purysburgh he returned to Charleston and again was placed under the command of Colonel Benton; from thence he was marched to Santee and transferred under the command of Colonel Hicks. That he was sent from thence with a detachment as an escort with the family and his property of General Sumter and was engaged in a skirmish with the Tories, at this latter period the British was in possession of Camden. This deponent further states that he is unable from recollection to state the dates of his particular services but is positive that he was in the actual service of the country more than two years. The deponent further swears that he is, and has been for many years unable from bodily infirmity to get out of his house or to attend and make this his declaration in open court. This deponent further states that he is unable to say whether any of his fellow soldiers are now alive and who can testify as to his services but if \_\_\_ Graves of Anson County or Captain Jones of Lancaster District are now alive they can testify as to the services. The deponent states that he removed to Chesterfield District about fifty years ago and has resided within the same since. Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 of the United States.

S/ Abraham Blackwell, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ James Jowers, J. P.

[Thomas Berry, a clergyman, and Gillum King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina, Chesterfield District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned James Kelly, a Justice of the Peace for the District and State aforesaid Mr. Abraham Blackwell, who being duly sworn deposed and sayeth that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below, and in the following grades: about the beginning of the revolutionary war he served a tour of at least six months under Captain Elisha Magee in the Militia of So. Ca. and had a skirmish with the Tories.

His next tour was for one month in the militia and went against the Tories up on Drowning Creek in No. Ca., Does not recollect the names of any of his officers.

His next tour was for one month in the militia of So. Ca. Under Capt. Hardiman.

His next term of service was likewise for one month under Captain DuBose of the militia. His next tour was performed at Haddrell's Point near Charleston, still among the militia, does not remember the name of his officers.

His next month's services was rendered at Fort Johnson near Charleston, under Captain Hardimen.

He next served three months and two weeks at Purysburgh under Regular officers, were drive from there by British troops and had a skirmish with them at Bacon's Bridge;--

His next tour was a month under Colonel \_\_\_ Hix and Captain Elisha Magee on Santee River.

His next tour was about one month under Captain Fair escorting General Sumter & his Family towards No. Ca. Had a battle with the British on Lynches Creek and was defeated by them.

He served the balance of the war under various officers all of whose names he has forgotten except Captain John Watts & Ensign Holmes. He participated in the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was uniformly engaged in service during the whole Revolutionary War but cannot recollect precisely the various dates and officers. He is confident however that in the aggregate he served considerable over two years.

S/ Abraham Blackwell, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 7th day November AD 1833

S/ James G. Kelly, J. P.

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South Carolina Chesterfield District: Personally appeared before me William Marshall and after being duly sworn according to law saith that he is acquainted with James Blackwell and also knew Abraham Blackwell his Father and he always acknowledged the said James Blackwell to be his Legitimate son. Sworn to before me December the 14th 1850

S/ William Marshall

S/ Z. Marshall, Magt.

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South Carolina Chesterfield District

Personally appeared before me Zachariah Marshall one of the Magistrates in and for said District being duly appointed and now acting Ephraim Gandy<sup>1</sup> and being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Abraham Blackwell and knows that he the said Abraham Blackwell served six months to my knowledge in the old Revolutionary War under General Marion as a militia soldier the said Deponent don't recollect the precise Date but perfectly recollects the services of the said Abraham Blackwell. Deponent fur [sic, further?] says that according to the Record of the old Family Bible he was 108 years old the 11th day of September last.

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<sup>1</sup> [Ephraim Gaudy S17971](#)

Sworn to and subscribed before me December the 17th 1850

S/ Z. Marshall, Magistrate

S/ Ephraim Gandy, X his mark

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South Carolina Chesterfield District: Personally appeared before me Zachariah Marshall one of the Magistrates in and for the said District being duly appointed and now acting Bentley Outlaw<sup>2</sup> and being duly sworn saith he was well acquainted with Abraham Blackwell and knows that he the said Abraham Blackwell served as a militia soldier under the command of General Marion and General Sumter Deponent says that he don't recollect how long the said Abraham Mike Wells served but knows that he served a long time Deponent says that he and Abraham Blackwell was in the fight at the Eutaw Springs don't recollect the precise Date but recollects well the services of the said Abraham Blackwell.

Deponent says that to the best of his recollection that he is 103 years old.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

December the 17th 1850

S/ Z. Marshall, Magistrate

S/ Bentley Outlaw, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Chesterfield District: Personally appeared before me Isaac Mosley and being duly sworn saith that Sarah Blackwell the wife of Abraham Blackwell died in the year of our Lord 1830, deponent also saith on oath that he knows the fact that Abraham Blackwell has been dead 15 years.

Sworn before me 18th of December 1850

S/ J. C. Craig, Clerk

S/ Isaac Mosley

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Bentley Outlaw R7833](#)