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Pension application of John Blackwell S2083

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State of Tennessee, Hickman County

On this fourth day of July 1836 personally appeared in open court before the County Court for the County aforesaid now sitting John Blackwell a resident of the said County of Hickman aged about Eighty one years 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 7th, 1832. That he volunteered in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina during the revolutionary war to go against the Cherokee Indians under Captain John Condy [sic, Connolly?]; that he went out & remained in service on the frontier as a spy and building forts for the space of 15 months; that he then returned to Burke County & shortly afterwards volunteered again under Captain Thomas Kenedy [sic, Kennedy?]; went into service & was commanded by Major Joseph White, Colonel Joseph McDowel [sic, Joseph McDowell] & General Charles McDowel [Charles McDowell] & remained in service to the best of his recollection three months during which tour he was in a small engagement with the British & Tories at a place called Colonel Hampton's & again at a place called Paris's [sic, Richard Pearis'?] on Tiger [sic, Tyger] River in South Carolina; from the last mentioned place he retreated to a place called Gilbert town, where he was overtaken by the enemy & defeated. Sometime after this last engagement, he joined a detachment under Captain Alexander Irvin & was commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] & was in service to the best of his recollection two months during which time he was in an engagement at King's Mountain where after hard fighting the enemy was defeated & many of them killed & taken prisoners -- after the last mentioned tour he again enlisted during the war under Captain John McFarland & was marched to Wilmington & was in service to the best of his recollection four months under McFarland as Captain, Colonel Bateman & General Rutherford; after which he was discharged which was signed by General Rutherford but which discharge he has by some means lost. That he was born in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia; that he has no record of his age but from information believes he was born about the year 1755 -- that he was living in Burke County in the State of North Carolina where he went into service; that since the revolutionary war, he has resided in

Burke County from which place & and in 1784, he moved to Abbeville County, South Carolina where he lived until 1797 or 1798 & from there moved to Franklin County in the State of Georgia where he resided until he moved to Hickman County in the State of Tennessee about 18 years ago in which County he now resides.

He further states that there [is] no person that he knows by whom he can prove his services except he can prove them by Phillip Anthony¹ whose testimony will be taken & forwarded with this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He states that he is known to Pleasant Walker and Samuel Sebastian who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this fourth day of July, 1836.

S/ John Blackwell, X his mark

[Pleasant Walker & Samuel Sebastian gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Hickman County

John Blackwell a citizen of Hickman County personally appeared before me Joseph Blackwell an acting Justice of the peace for said County & being duly sworn deposed & saith that he did formerly apply in 1833 for a pension – that his papers were returned by some means, were lost – that he made a second application & his papers were suspended as he is informed by the letter of the Pension agent, that he has been greatly delayed in pressing his claim because he resided a distance of fifteen or sixteen miles from the County seat & near a hundred from his Representative and from his age & infirmities is not able scarcely to go about & on that account has been unable to procure the assistance of persons qualified to prepare his papers – as additional evidence he encloses the affidavit of Philip Anthony which he has procured – showing certainly that he was in the service – he trusts that this in addition to his declaration will [indecipherable word or words] the allowance of his pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this __ June 1837

Attest: S/ Joseph Blackwell, JP

S/ John Blackwell, D his mark

Additional pages transcribed by Nancy Poquette

Testimony in behalf of John Blackwell's pension application:
Henderson County, Tennessee }

Personally appeared before me, Samuel M. [or Mc]Clerkin, an acting justice of the peace for said county, **Philip Anthony**, and made oath and deposed and saith that he was personally acquainted with John Blackwell of Burke County in the state of North Carolina in the time of the Revolutionary War, and was knowing to his serving one tour under Thomas Canaday [Kennedy] as captain at the Battle of King's Mountain; and he, the said **Anthony** further saith that the said John Blackwell, towards the close of the war, did enlist for the term of the war, and in about 4 months after he enlisted, peace was declared; consequently he was discharged from the service. Sworn to and subscribed before me, Samuel M. Clerkin, October 4, 1836, **Philip** [his mark] **Anthony**

¹ [Philip Anthony S21046](#)

Henderson County, Tennessee }

“This day came Philip Anthony before me, David Wilson, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Henderson, and who, after being sworn according to law, deposeth and sayeth: That he was personally acquainted with John Blackwell during the Revolutionary War and was at that time, a citizen of North Carolina and is now a citizen of Hickman County, state of Tennessee.

“And the said **Philip Anthony** further states that the said John Blackwell served under General Rutherford a 3-month tour against the Indians, and the next tour was under Captain Thomas Canaday [Kennedy] and Colonel Charles McDowell, a 3-month tour and was at the Battle of King’s Mountain. And the next of the said John Blackwell’s services, which he, the said **Philip Anthony** recollects of, was towards the close of the war, and then there was a call for men either for twelve months or during the war, and he, the said **Anthony** is not positive which; and he, the said John Blackwell, went under the command of Captain John McFarland and General Rutherford to Wilmington, North Carolina, about four months at the expiration of which time peace was declared.

“And the said **Philip Anthony** further states that the above named John Blackwell is the identical John Blackwell that he had been personally acquainted with, both in North Carolina and in Tennessee. Sworn and subscribed to before me, the 12th day of April, 1838, attest, David Wilson. **Philip [his mark] Anthony**

Henderson County, Tennessee }

I, David Wilson, an acting justice of the peace for said county of Henderson, do certify that the accompanying deposition of **Philip Anthony** was taken before me, and that he was qualified or sworn to its contents to be true as therein stated in due form of law. That said witness is known to me. That he is a man of respectability and entitled to credit upon his oath as other witnesses of respectability and character. David Wilson, justice of the Peace for Henderson County, Tennessee

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[facts in file: veteran died February 12, 1839; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]