

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Black S21646

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this second day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Joseph Black Esquire a resident of Abbeville District in the State aforesaid aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service in General Davison's [sic, general William Lee Davidson's] division of the North Carolina Militia, Colonel Lock's [sic, Francis Locke's] Regiment Captain Peter Burns's Company of mounted infantry (the subaltern officers of the company not recollected) that he entered the said company as a Volunteer on the 19th day of August 1780 and continued to serve in that Company until 25th day of January 1781 that he resided in the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County when he entered the service that they collected at Rocky River between Salisbury & Charlotte and marched towards Charlotte until they met General Smallwood and Colonel Armong [sic, Lt. Col. Charles Armand?] (as he thinks) on their retreat from Gates defeat at Camden. They then fell back to Buffaloe Creek [sic, Buffalo Creek] and there remained until Cornwallis left Charlotte and fell back to Winsborough [sic, Winnsborough] in South Carolina that they then marched up to the Catawba River to Cowen's Ford [sic, Cowan's Ford] and there remained until after the battle of the Cowpens and until Cornwallis crossed the River a few miles above in pursuit of Colonel Morgan (at which time General Davidson was killed) that he served in this tour of five months and six days--

That he again entered the service under a proclamation issued by General Davidson in his lifetime offering a discharge for a three months tour of service to all those who would Volunteer and served six weeks in that dangerous crisis that he entered this last named service as a volunteer on the 26th day of January as he thinks 1781 under Captain William Alexander under the immediate command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] that the company to which he was attached followed and harassed the rear of the British Army for some time and at length joined General Greene at Haw River, that he remained with General Greene's Army until the 13th day of March and his six weeks expired when he was regularly discharged.

That he again enlisted with Captain Peter Burns for the term of ten months for the defense of South Carolina. That they joined Lieutenant Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment and marched to the Congaree River in South Carolina where they joined Colonel Hill's Regiment and others under the command of Colonel Thomas Sumter that they besieged the Fort at Granby

from which place he was taken to Bellair at Colonel Thompson's thence they marched to Orangeburg and took it by assault, then they returned to Granby and the Fort surrendered from there they left Granby and in company with Colonels Washington & Lee to harass Lord Rawdon on his march to the relief of Ninety Six that after Greene raised the siege they followed the British to Hendricks Mills on [word unclear, might be Oconee or might be Enoree] River where they joined the General Greene and marched to Orangeburg from which place he was detached with Colonels Washington & Lee to the Quarter House near Charleston where they routed a party of the British Army with supplies for the Army from there they were marched to the Congaree when Colonel Sumter's wounds that he had received at Blackstock's broke out and he was one of 12 of a bodyguard sent with him up to Sugar Creek in Lancaster District South Carolina where he was at the time of the battle of Eutaws [Eutaw Springs] after Colonel Sumter's wounds got well they again joined the Army at the four holes Bridge where he was discharged by Captain William Alexander (Captain Burns having become supernumerary and gone home before this time) that he entered the above tour of service about the 18th day of March 1781 and left at some time in January 1782.

That he then returned home to Mecklenburg County North Carolina about which time they requisition was made either by Congress or the State of North Carolina that every twenty men should furnish from amongst them one man for to serve during the war and that he engaged as a Substitute for the remaining 19, had his name enrolled as a soldier for during the war and that he was returned as such with (or) on the roll to Fayetteville and in this capacity he remained until peace was made that he was not called out into actual service in this engagement but considered it as so much service making altogether as he conceives about 27 months service having entered the above engagement about the 1st of February 1782 and considered himself a soldier until peace was made.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born Dauphin County Pennsylvania on the 18th day of January 1763.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I had a transcript of the record of my father's family taken from the family Bible

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina I have lived since the year 1784 in Abbeville District South Carolina where I now live.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was called into the service as stated in the above declaration

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I recollect Colonels Washington and Lee & General Greene & Colonel David Hill and Middleton of the State Troops as to the Regiments with whom I served and General circumstances of my service they are embodied in the within declaration

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. 6th I got a regular discharge from the ten months service in the State Troops signed

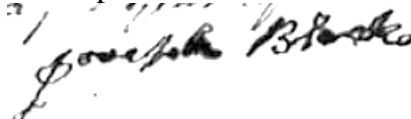
by William Alexander, but not being [words too faint to discern] when discharged, I made an order on the back of my discharge in favor of my brother Thomas Black in order to enable him to draw my pay also got a discharge from Captain Peter Burns for my first tour of five months and also a discharge from William Alexander for the six weeks tour -- both of which are long since lost and that he has no living evidence of his service convenient.

I am acquainted with James Wardlaw Esquire Moses Taggart Esquire Colonel Patrick noble, Colonel Alexander Bowie with a number of Respectable Gentlemen who can certify as to my character for veracity and Good behavior.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Jas. Wardlaw, Clk.

S/ Joseph Black



[p 32: William H. Barr, D. D., a clergyman, and Patrick Noble & A. Bowie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Richland District

This day appeared before me H. Maxey he Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid, Philip Sell¹ aged seventy years and upon being duly sworn by me as the law directs saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Black Esquire during the Revolutionary War. That to his, the deponent's knowledge, the said Joseph Black Esquire did enlist in Captain Peter Burns Company of Mounted Infantry and Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment, for the term of ten months that he the said Joseph Black did serve out his time of ten months a faithful & good soldier & was discharged at a place called the Four Holes Swamp in this State and in conclusion that he the deponent saith that the present applicant for the benefit of the act of the 7th of June 1832 is the identical Joseph Black as above mentioned.

Sworn to & subscribed this 19th day of December 1833 before me

S/ H. Maxey, QU

S/ Philip Sell, X his mark

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Abbeville District 31 August 1835

J L Edwards

Sir

I have received a letter from George W. Crump acting Commissioner Pensions dated Pension Office 30th of June 1835 in which he states, that on a re-examination of the papers in support of the claim of Joseph Black it appears that I have to have served five months and six days in the NC militia under Captain Peter Burns and that I subsequently enlisted in the South Carolina State troops & served ten months in a company under the same Peter Burns in proof of the last service the certificate of the Comptroller General is furnished etc. etc. -- he then goes on to say that it cannot be supposed that Captain Burns could have served in the NC militia and immediately after have command of a company of the State Troops of South Carolina. (I would

¹ [Philip Sell W4333](#)

ask why Mr. Crump cannot suppose such a case) but to the letter again is probable (says he) that the claimant being a resident of NC should have gone to another state to enlist, proof as to the identity of the claimant & further explanation will be required etc. etc. -- in examination of the whole matter I state that at the time at my service in the North Carolina militia expired he State of South Carolina was almost entirely over run by the British power and at that time General Sumter's sent Colonel Wade Hampton into Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina for the purpose of raising a Regiment for the service of the State of South Carolina each soldier was promised a Negro for ten months service in the State of Tennessee at the same time he sent a Major's commission to James Rutherford (son of General Rutherford of NC) and a Captain's commission to a William Alexander of Roane [sic, Rowan] County and Peter Burns of Mecklenburg County & others (most of the soldiers did receive a Negro promised but not having Negroes enough to pay off the soldiers, some had to take indents from the State SC of which I was one. I am persuaded that the President² of the United States will tell you that what I have stated is facts as to the South Carolina ten months men being (many of them) from the State of North Carolina and raised as I state, he living at that time in Lancaster County South Carolina adjoining Mecklenburg in North Carolina it will appear then I did not go to South Carolina to enlist but that I enlisted in North Carolina under Peter Burns the identical man under whom I had previously served in the militia service of North Carolina and then I enlisted in the ten months service in a few weeks after the expiration of my tour in the militia (so much for this seeming difientcy [sic, deficiency or difficulty]).

As to my identity I would refer you to the affidavits of Adam Team³ and Philip Sell which accompanied the certificate of the Comptroller General, and who were soldiers in Captain Peter Burns company to ten months men enlisted in North Carolina.

I would further remark that it appears to me that in computing my pension the Secretary of War has entirely omitted to take into consideration my services as a militia man in the State of North Carolina and that I have only been allowed for the ten months service in South Carolina and if health permits I intend to furnish proof in North Carolina as to my service as a militia man in that state. I would further remark that Adam Team, informed me that he was now on the pension list for his service in the ten months service in the State Troops of South Carolina.

Yours Respectfully

S/ Joseph Black

J L Edwards

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State of South Carolina Richland District


Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Justice Adam Team aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn as the law directs on his oath saith that he was a private and Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment of State troops for the Space of ten months during the Revolutionary War and that Joseph Black Esquire who now applies for the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 was a private in Captain Peter Burns company of mounted infantry in the said service. That he the said Joseph Black continued in the service during the whole ten months, and was discharged at a place called the four holes bridge in the State of South Carolina, that he was well acquainted with him through the whole service and that he knows the present applicant to be the identical Joseph Black.

² Andrew Jackson

³ [Adam Team \(Teem, Tim\) S21528](#)

Sworn to and subscribed this 13 day of December 1833 before me
S/ Jos. A. Black, JP

S/ Adam Team



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 16 months and 18 days service as a private.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Joseph Black AA11
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 515

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To the Commissioners of South Carolina you will please to let Captain William Alexander have what is coming to me for 10 months Service in Captain Burns's Company, Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment & this shall be your Receipt for so doing. Given under my hand this 9th of May 1787

S/ Joseph Black



[p 4: Form of Indent No. 235, Book M dated October 1, 1784 delivered to "Mr. Joseph Black late a Private in Burns' troop W. Hampton's Regt. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade S. Troops this our indented certificate for the Sum of Ninety four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for service in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to dater hereof Agreeable to [illegibly faint text] the Eleventh March last."]

[p 5: reverse of the above indent bearing an assignment of his title to said indent from Joseph Black to Richard Trotter for value received.]

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[Book] I [No.] 575 28 Decr. 1784

Mr. Joseph Black his Account of 39 Days Militia Duty per Captain Robert Carrithers 's [Robert Caruthers'] Pay Bill from 17 April 1781 to [illegible] 1782 performed as Private on foot Amotg' [amounting] to £19.10 [old SC] Currency [or] Sterling £2.15.8 ½

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⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Individual" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

South Carolina Abbeville County}

I do hereby authorize and empower James Ponder to draw and Receive the Whole of my indent principal and interest; as Returned by Colonel Robert Anderson into the Auditor's Office And apply the said Indent to his own use.

Signed and acknowledged this 26th day of December A.D. 1785

S/ Joseph Black

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No. 586 Book L

Mr. Joseph Black his Account of 100 days Militia Duty in 1781 Amounting to £14.5.8 ½ Sterling

I do hereby Certify that the within account is Just
Certified by W. Bratton [William Bratton], Colonel



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The state of South Carolina	Dr. to Joseph Black	
1781* July	To 25 days Service as Horse Man under General Sumter at hanging Rock at 20/ per day	£25.0.0
1781* October 7 th	To 30 days Service as a Horse men under Colonel Hill [William Hill] at Ferguson's defeat [Battle of Kings Mountain] at 20/ per day	£30.0.0
1781* May	to 20 days Horse Men at Friday's Fort under Capt. Peters at 20/ per day	£20.0.0
July	To 25 days Duty as Horse man Under Capt. Peters at 20/per day	<u>£25.0.0</u>
Sworn before		
S/ Wm [illegible], J. P.	Curry	<u>£100.0.0</u>
	Stg	£14.5.8 ½

[*all dates should be 1780 since the engagements listed by the veteran were in that year, not 1781]

[p 11: very faint: appears to be an assignment of his title to the indent due him for the above service to James Ponder. Signature of the veteran is very faint but it appears to me to be the same as the signature above.]