

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Blackly (or Blakely) S21650

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October personally appeared in open court before his Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Thomas Blakely a resident of Laurens District So. Carolina aged about 77 years of age 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in the year 1776 in the Spring under Capt. John Rodgers, Col. James Williams, Genl. Andrew Williamson in Craven County Ninety Six District & marched to Seneca Town; remained there some time, then to Brass Town on Tugalo River & was there engaged in a Battle with the Indians & Tories; from thence to Mossy Town & was there engaged in what was called the Ring fight [August 12, 1776] with the Cherokee Indians; from thence to head Quarters at Seneca; there erected a fort; then marched through the Cherokee nation & was engaged in a Battle called 'Black hole';<sup>1</sup> from thence to Valley Town on the Tennessee River; then round by High Wassy [sic, Hiwassee] & down to Head Quarters on the Seneca [River] & was there discharged by Capt. Rodgers—received no written discharge. Having performed service <sup>at least 1st amendment</sup> ~~about~~ five months—that he was drafted in the militia in the year 1779 under Capt. Mulwee [William Milwee] & ~~Col. Williams~~ Genl. Williamson & Col. McCreary & marched to Savannah River opposite Augusta Georgia; remained there some time; thence Joined Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]; crossed over the River to Augusta; marched down to the Three Sisters; crossed back into So. Carolina & marched down to Stono & was there engaged in a Battle [June 20, 1779] with the British & was there discharged by Capt. Mulwee; rec'd no written discharge—performing service <sup>at least (2nd amendment)</sup> ~~about~~ four months—I was born in York County Pennsylvania in the year 1755. I have no record of my age—I was living in Craven County, ninety six District now Laurens District So. Carolina when I entered the service—I have lived here ever since—I was a volunteer once & once drafted—I have stated the names of the principal officers in my declaration—I never received a commission.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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.

S/ Thomas Blackly



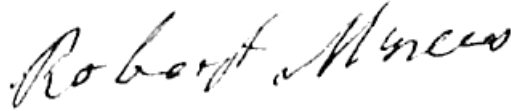
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<sup>1</sup> Battle of Black Hole of the Cowechee River, North Carolina, occurred on September 19, 1776.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.  
S/ John Garlington, Clk., L. Dist.

I Robert McNeese<sup>2</sup> of Laurens District So Carolina hereby certify that I was engaged in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war about the time of four months with Thomas Blakely who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration.

S/ Robert McNeese



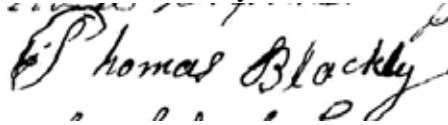
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[William Henderson & Robert McNeese gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared Thomas Blakely before me who being duly sworn says that the first & second amendments has made in his declaration are true, and that he performed service at least nine months the time set forth in his declaration. And at the time of drawing his declaration he fixed the time something less than the actual period of service performed by him.

August 21st 1833

S/ Thomas Blackly



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for nine months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

[WTG Note: Most references to this applicant in the document are to "Thomas Blakely" but the applicant signed his own name and it appears to me to read "Thomas Blackly."]

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<sup>2</sup> [Robert McNeese S7192](#)