

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Blackwell S3014

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State of Tennessee } On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the
Roane County } Justices of the Court of Roane County now sitting David Blackwell a resident of
said County of Roane & State of Tennessee aged 73 years and 8 months; having a record of his 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following circumstances and served as herein
stated. that he entered the service in the State of Virginia Albemarl County in the month of October, the
year not recollected at a Regimental muster then and there held Colonel Cole made a call for ten
Volunteers to guard the prisoners taken at the defeat of Fordice [sic: defeat of Capt. Charles Fordyce at
the Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] for a tour of twelve months unless sooner discharged, that he
Volunteered in said service and was placed under the command of Sergeant Barnis Brown. The prisoners,
he believes about 30 in number two of which were Tories were in a few days thereafter put under their
charge at the Town of Charlottsvill [sic: Charlottesville] in the County of Albemarle aforesaid, & there
guarded from October untill some time in the next summer when they were moved under another guard
to some other place; & they the first guard were discharged. he believes the service aforesaid continued
Eight months.

He was next Drafted in said County (Albemarle) and placed under Capt. Robert Harris Ralph Regan
Ensign of the Militia who marched his company, in company with Capt Jones and part of his company,
which were raised in said County to the place of rendezvous in Fluvanna. From there to Richmond where
those who lacked arms drew them, marched from there in a few days to Williamsburg was Stationed
there, as he believes about ten days. From there, passing through Little York, proceeded to Hampton
Road [sic: Hampton Roads]. was stationed there a considerable time, 4 Vessels of the Enemy lay in sight
during his stay there – supposed to be 8 miles distant principal Employment was that of Guarding the
shore. From there was ordered back to Williamsburg and discharged. he does not recollect whether he lay
at Hampton Road 40 days, or the whole tour was that length of time; but was the one or the other. This
was in the year '77.

In '78 he moved to N. Carolina Surry County & was there often called out, on short tours, as needed to
suppress the Tories, supposed to be, and not exceeding one month. Thus, as he believes served, in the
Revolution ten months and a few days. During which time he was in no engagement with the Enemy. He
does not recollect of receiving a written discharge.

At Williams Burg he was under the command of General [Thomas] Nelson. Had but little knowledge of
the field officers & does not now recollect their names. General Nelson also commanded at Hampton
Roades at that time & Collonel [Vivian] Brooking.

The Country through which he marched was in general low and flat below Williams Burg & above more
hilly. He does not recollect the Number or name of any Regiments.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pention or annuity except the present & declares that
his name is not on a pention roll of the Agency of any State or (if any) only on that of the State of Virginia.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] David Blackwell

State of Tennessee } SS
Roane County }

This day personally appeared before me William Galbreathe an Acting Justice in and for Roane
County, [David Blackwell] who being duly sworn According to Law, make the following addition

Declaration in order to obtain a pension, reference being had to the former Declaration. that he entered as stated in the month of October and according to his best recollect in the year 1775 [sic] and served as stated in the first decleration 8 months he believes he was discharged in June 1776, Col. Cole Com – Capt Robert Harris, Lieut. Brown brother to the Sergeant mentioned. That in 1777 he was drafted in Albemarle Cty Vir in Capt Harris Company & Lieut Duret & Ensign Rogers and marched down to Hampton Road where we remained as stated stated in the former Decleration for the term of 40 days, as to the balance of the time he served as to the balance of the time he served he does not distinctly recollect how long he served each time Gen Nelson & Col Brookens Commanded at Hampton Road that he never received any writen discharge and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove services, that he can prove his reputation as a revolutionary soldier of the revolution by the rev. Charles Galloway, Wm C McKarny & Hext. Francis and a great many other respectable citizens of this County

[signed] David Blackwell

Sworn to before me this 22nd day of march 183 [sic: 1833] a Justice of the P for R Cty

W Galbraith