

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Black S31557

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State of Alabama Morgan County: Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, at a Circuit Court begun and held for the County of Morgan and State aforesaid at the Court house in the town of Summersville on the third Monday in April in the year of our Lord 1828, a declaration in order to be placed on the pension list was filed sworn to and ordered to be recorded and certified which is the words and figures following

To wit

The State of Alabama Morgan County

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of the 18th March 1818:

Circuit Court April Term 1828, on this the 22nd day of April 1828 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record for the County aforesaid having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law, James Black being a resident in said County aged seventy-four years next August, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the revisions of the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & 1st May 1820. That he the said James Black enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the __ day of August in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Joshua Hadley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Raford [sic, probably Major Robert Raiford] in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Southern Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the same Corps until January 1783, when he was discharged from the service in Wilmington in the State of North Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That being illiterate and uninformed person and always having lived in a retired [?] and secluded part of the County having no intercourse with the intelligent and informed part of the community scarcely ever leaving home or having visitors he has until very lately remained ignorant of the provisions of the acts of Congress for persons in his situation. That the application in his behalf is now made as early as possible consistent with his ability after he had received such information. That he has until within a few years been able by his personal labor to earn a bare support and expected assistance from no other source did not seek to find out the acts of Congress under which he now claims a pension.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule as follows to wit

One Bed & furniture worth	\$10.00
Two cows & Calves	12.00
Three old Books	<u>1.00</u>
	\$23.00

S/ James Black, X his mark

That since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in his property that he has always been in indigent circumstances having only a few cows & horses that he has given the cow and calf to his daughter who has married and he has had two horses stolen from him. That he was by trade a blacksmith but has become too old and decrepit to follow the trade and has been so for a number of years that he is now so infirm that he is almost unable to do any work and only sometimes assists to do a little weeding, that he has no family residing with him except one daughter who is [indecipherable word] and that himself and daughter both are unable to support themselves by their labor and that he has no other means of support except his labor in the services of his daughter in the property contained in the foregoing schedule.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 28 April 1828

S/ Js B. Graham, Clk CC

S/ James Black, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that James Black a private in Captain Lytle's company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the __ day of __ 1782 for 18 months. That Jas Black a private in said line enlisted on the 1st September 1782 in Captain Bailey's Company in said 10th Regiment for the term of 12 months – that nothing further is said of them on said rolls. I cannot therefore say that they did, or did not serve out the time for which they enlisted.

Given under my hand this 9th June 1828.

S/ Wm Hill

State of Alabama County of Morgan: SS Orphans Court

On this 26th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of said Orphans Court for said County (it being a court of record) now sitting James Black a resident of said County aged about seventy-eight 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. This affiant was born in Scotland (in the County or Shire of Argyle) about the month of September 1754 and emigrated in his 21st year and landed at Norfolk

Virginia and settled in the County of Cumberland on Cape Fear River North Carolina from which place he removed to the County of Robinson [sic, Robeson] in North Carolina where he resided when he entered the service of the United States and in the year 1782 in the month of August for eighteen months under Captain Joshua Hadley Lieutenant Hill Ensign not known and marched from that County to Wilmington and then to General Greene's camp on Ashley Hills on Ashley River in South Carolina. One Colonel Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] commanded the Regiment to which he belonged and one Major McCrea [sic, Griffith John McRae] the Battalion. That he remained in the neighborhood of the said camp until after peace was proclaimed which he thinks was about six months after his enlistment during which time he was in no important battle though they had frequent scrimmages with the enemy – He thinks he was discharged about Christmas after the close of the war after his company returned to Wilmington which discharge as he believes was signed by Captain Hadley and Major McRae (or Major Rayford [sic, Raiford]) which discharge he has lost. That he marched through a part of North Carolina and in South Carolina. That he was well acquainted with the officers named above and several others whose names from the great lapse of time he has forgotten. He has no record whatsoever of his age. That he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 or territory whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid
S/ M. M. McKenzie, Clerk S/ James Black
[John T. Rathen [could be Rather], and Matthew C. Houston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that James Black a private Soldier in Captain Lytle's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1782 for 18 months and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 22nd April 1833
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year and 16 months service as a private in the North Carolina line.]