

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Blackwelder S6658

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held at Concorde in Cabarrus County October 15th 1832 –

On this 15th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Cabarrus County and State of North Carolina, now sitting, Charles Blackwelder, a resident of the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, aged, seventy-one years, in May last who being 1st 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, 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

"About the first of March 1780 in the County of Mecklenburg NC in that part now called "Cabarrus," I joined the service of the United States in a company commanded by Captain John Stearns – Major White Regiment commanded by Colonel Barger – The service I was engaged in, was against the Tories – served four weeks – discharged in April by Captain Stearnes – we went to Little River in Montgomery County NC where a Colonel Childs lived – We there obtained a large quantity of salt that had been retaken from the Tories – about the middle of April, went in the tour to McAlpins Creek in Mecklenburg with about 300 men. I was there placed under the command of Captain Reese, Lieutenant Robert Russell – Major White, Colonel Davidson (afterwards General) and was discharged by Major White about the middle of May 1780. I was in this service, a volunteer, and served four weeks = On my return, I joined the scouting company under Captain Stearns & the officers (White & Barger) already mentioned But I soon became a volunteer again, in the month of May under Captain Zacchaeus Wilson – Major White, Colonel Davidson – General Griffith Rutherford. I served 3 weeks and was discharged by Zacchaeus Wilson in June 1780. – I returned home and joined the company, as a scouting party under Captain Conrad Hise, Major White & Colonel Phifer – and served in this service from the last of June 1780 till September 1781 – a year & two months – during which time I was nearly always from home against the Tories in the surrounding Country. I always lived at the same place, Mecklenburg County, when I entered the service. In the month of September 1781 – I was a volunteer in the same County, Mecklenburg, under Captain William Gardner, Lieutenant Robert Patterson – Ensign Peter Quilman – Major White – Colonel Loftin – We were marched to

Wilmington NC – was a volunteer for three months – served out the three months – till December 1781 – and was discharged by Captain Gardner – when near Wilmington we heard the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. I served in all one year and 9 months – one year & three months against the Tories – and six months in the militia service. I was born in the County of Mecklenburg, now Cabarrus County in the neighborhood and on the same plantation where I now live – in the month of May 1761 – date not recollected not having been put down in the record which I have I have lived there ever since and before the Revolution. I have mislaid or lost – or destroyed all my discharges. I have no documentary evidence of my service. I refer to George Barnhardt¹ to prove my service to Wilmington – and to Abraham Alexander.² I have no living testimony to prove my other service. I refer to General Paul Barringer & C. Melchor Esquire to prove the reputation of my service – and my character. 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.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Blackwelder, X his mark

I George Barnhart and Abraham Alexander, do hereby declare on oath that we knew Charles Blackwelder who signed the above declaration in the Revolutionary War – and that he was in the expedition to Wilmington NC 3 months as stated by him – from September 1781 to December 1781 – that we were with him in the same.

S/ A. Alexander

S/ Geo. Bern hardt [sic]

Questions propounded by the Court to Charles Blackwelder

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

Ans. In the County of Mecklenburg (now Cabarrus) where I now live.

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

Ans. Yes – in my family Bible – the day is not mentioned – now at home –

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 born and have always lived where I now do in the County of Mecklenburg – in that part now called Cabarrus County.

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

Ans. I was always a volunteer.

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 do not remember the names of any regular officers – my services were chiefly against the Tories in this part of North Carolina – I was to Wilmington NC in one tour of 3 months.

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. I was discharged 1st by Major James White – then by Zacchaeus Wilson then by Captain Gardner – they are all lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the

¹ [George Barnhardt R544 A](#)

² [Abram \(Abraham\) Alexander S8013](#)

revolution.

Ans. General whole Barringer & Christopher Melchor Esquire
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Charles Blackwelder, X his mark

[Paul Walter, George Bernhardt & Abram Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, "Paul Walter³ certifies that he was in various expeditions against the Tories in Mecklenburg & the surrounding Country with Charles Blackwelder."]

[Paul Barringer & Christopher Melchor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amended Declaration of Charles Blackwelder

North Carolina Cabarrus County: Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Cabarrus aforesaid, Charles Blackwelder who, being duly sworn depose and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – For one year and 8 months I served as a private – and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this

S/ Charles Blackwelder, B his mark

22nd day of April 1833

Witness my hand & seal

S/ J. G. Spears, JP

Amended the Declaration

State of North Carolina Cabarrus County

This day personally before may the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Cabarrus aforesaid – Charles Blackwelder – the applicant named in this declaration and made oath in due form of law that of the service mentioned in his declaration as minute service – he remembers one specific period or tour of four weeks – beginning in the 1st week of September 1780 and ending 1st week in October 1780, which he served as a volunteer under Captain Stearns – Major White & Colonel Phifer – We went to Rocky River – and returned to Salisbury NC. I cannot remember specifically the other services, except those mentioned in my declaration – to wit: 5 months – & 3 weeks – as there mentioned – and the four weeks here sworn to making in all six months & three weeks – which I served as a private & for which I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this

S/ Charles Blackwelder, B his mark

21 May 1834

S/ J. W. Spears, JP

State of North Carolina Cabarrus County

This day personally appeared before me, J. W. Spears, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Cabarrus aforesaid, Isaac Blackwelder & Leonard Barbrick and made oath in due form of law that Charles Blackwelder the applicant in the annexed declaration for a pension was regularly called into service in the United States during the Revolutionary War, in what was called the "minute Service" by a regularly constituted authorities – that to their knowledge the said Charles was frequently called into such service & served as he believes, as stated by him –

³ [Paul Walter S7821](#)

that they were generally in this section of the Country called into service by the Colonels commanding the Regiment – Sworn to and subscribed before me as aforesaid & I further certify that Isaac Blackwelder & Leonard Barbrick are credible persons. – October 21, 1833

S/ Isaac Blackwelder⁴

S/ J. W. Spears, JP

S/ Leonard Barbrick, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 19 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

⁴ [Isaac Blackwelder S6660](#)