

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

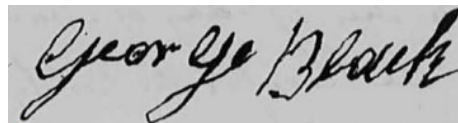
Pension Application of George Black S6659

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County of Frederick Ss:

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1831 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Frederick George Black resident in said County, aged seventy two years, who, being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress, of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820; that he the said George Black enlisted for the term of three years, on the [blank] day of January in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Mitchell [probably company of Joseph Mitchell raised in Berkeley County] in the Regiment commanded by Colo. [James] Wood in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until January 1779 when he was discharged from the service in Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: that he has received for many years a small pension as an invalid Pensioner by which with his labors and little property he was enabled to maintain himself and was unwilling to ask any more from his country, but now being aged and infirm an increase of his pension is necessary to his comfortable support. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to wit: one hundred and four acres of land, two horses, one cow and two calves, seven sheep, seven shoats, one bed, five chairs one chest, one table one wheel one beekle[?] one swarm of bees one spud [spade?] and fork, cooper tools one forepart of a wagon, horse geers, one crosscut saw two jugs and jar a pair of flat irons kitchen furniture. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 there has been no changes in my property excepting in my horses and cattle by supplying those that died and furniture worn out. I am a cooper by trade but am unable to work owing to the infirmities of age and have no family.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Black". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

State of Virginia

Frederick County Sct.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid George Black aged 73 years last January, and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration. that he enlisted in the Army of the Revolution sometime in the year 1776, the month he does not recollect (his memory having been much impaired) under Capt. Mitchell, in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Wood, in Gen'l. Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade. Joseph [illegible, but probably Joseph Swearingen] was the Lieutenant and Albert Russell the Ensign in Capt. Mitchells company – that they afterwards marched to Winchester, and from thence through Maryland on to Philadelphia, from their to Mud Island and then to Trenton, and thence to Pennsylvania and Delaware. that he was severely wounded at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and taken prisoner. he was taken to Lancaster. when released he joined the army at Valley forge in the

Spring of 1778. Being an invalid, he was sent to Philadelphia some time in that year to do Garrison duty where he continued until he was discharged after having served three years, by Colonel Nicklen. That he was born in Bucks County in the State of Pennsylvania in January 1760 – that he has no record of his age – that he was living in Shepherdstown then in Berkeley County Virginia when he entered the service – after the war he lived in Shepherdstown for some time, and then removed to the County of Frederick where he has lived ever since – he enlisted as a private. He remembers Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. Green [sic: nathanael Greene] and Colo. [John] Neville, but his memory is so defective that he does not recollect the names of other officers. He declares that his name is on the Pension List, Roll of the Virginia Agency, at the rate of \$4 43b/100 per month, and only on the list of that Agency.

[signed] George Black

[The following is from [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

The within George Black was a private soldier in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine. as I commanded the Regiment at the time, I perfectly recollect that his thigh was broken by a Musquet Ball, that he fell into the hands of the Enemy, where he remained a Prisoner for a Considerable time. James Wood late B.G.



Agreeable to an order of Berkeley County to me Directed I have proceeded to examen George Black a Con't Soldier, who stands upon the list of pensioners, and find that he has been shot through the thigh the bone of which was broake, which has shortnd it very much, I am of opinion that the weakness produced by the wound renders him unable to procure a living by hard labour and that he isw a proper object to stand upon the list of Pensioners, Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> April 1787.

Charles Greer Surg

[Several lines beneath are illegible.]

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that George Black, aged about 30 years, late a private in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment and whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States by a wound in the thigh which fractured the bone, and that he is allowed the sum of Ten pounds years to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1788.

T Meriwether

Edm. Randolph

Frederick Sct. December Court 1789.

Ordered that the Sheriff do pay unto George Black ten pounds it being the amount of his Pension the last year agreeable to a Certificate from under the hand and seal of his Excellency the Governour he having made oath according to Law A Copy/ [signature illegible]

NOTE:

In a letter dated 29 Sep 1834 Black stated that he “belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Mitchell, and afterwards by Capt. Joseph Swearingen.”

A letter dated 27 March 1833 includes the following: “There is no doubt of his having served as he states – there is no more consciencious man. Judge White [Robert White, pension application S7893] late of this place [Winchester] was in service with Black, in the same company. I have seen them together conversing about their adventures while in the army. And I have often heard Judge White speak of Black as an old soldier – they were both wounded in the thigh.”