

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Isaac Blackwelder S6660

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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County

On this 21st day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful, the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County, State of North Carolina now sitting Isaac Blackwelder, a resident of Cabarrus County, and State of North Carolina, aged Seventy-Six years past, who being first duly sworn 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, To wit: “I first entered the service of the United States in the County of Mecklenburg in that part now called Cabarrus [County], where I now live under Captain John Barringer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk (the name of the Major I do not now remember) about the middle of the month – say the 15th day of February 1776 in an expedition against the Tories in the South Eastern part of North Carolina. I was drafted for the tour. We were marched from Salisbury N. C. through the country – we crossed the Yadkin River to Fayetteville North Carolina where we remained a few days – and were then ordered back – and returned to the Pee Dee River [Pee Dee River] in Montgomery County – where we were discharged about the middle of the month of March 1776. I was then and there discharged by Captain John Barringer. I served in this expedition four weeks. I was engaged in no battle in this service.

Again in the last of the month of June 1776, I entered the service, as a substitute, for one John Litzinger [? Litzingen?], who was a draft [sic, draftee] – in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians. My company was commanded by Captain John Barringer – in the Regiment under Colonel John Phifer under the Command in chief of General Griffith Rutherford – when I entered the service I lived in Mecklenburg County – in that part, now called Cabarrus County – where I now live. I was marched from home in the month of June as aforesaid to the Pleasant Gardens in Burke County North Carolina, on the Catawba River – where we had a fort built – and which was regarded as head quarters. From there we marched through the mountains over the Blue Ridge – at Swannanoa gap – crossing Pigeon & French Broad Rivers, to the Indian Towns – eight of which were destroyed by us. After which we returned the same way to Pleasant Gardens where we were discharged and separated – the last of the month of September 1776. I was discharged by Captain John Barringer the last of the month of September having served in this Expedition three months.

Again in the month of June – about the middle of the month – in the year 1780 – in the same County – I was drafted for three months – and entered the service under Captain Matthias Beaver – Lieutenant Godfrey Lipe in the Regiment under Colonel George Alexander under General Griffith

Rutherford. ~~We were marched.~~ I was marched under these officers from Mecklenburg to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina-- then to Lynches Creek, South Carolina – thence we continued till we met the Main Army under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates] about 30 miles from Camden South Carolina. We marched and continued with the Main Army – as militia till Gates defeat near Camden – which was about the middle – I believe the 16th of August 1780. I was in that engagement – after which I returned to North Carolina. General Rutherford was taken prisoner in that battle. After my return – I was ordered to join a portion of the militia under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] – whom I joined in Mecklenburg County – but did no service in consequence of taking the Small Pox. I was discharged by Captain Beaver about the last of August 1780 having actually served in this expedition a term of service two months and two weeks I was a Sergeant in this service. This is the extent of my services – To wit: one month in the expedition against the Tories – 3 months against the Cherokee Indians – and two months & a half in the expedition into South Carolina in which I was a Sergeant for two months & two weeks – in all six months and a half and for this I claim a pension. I have no documentary proof of my services, my discharges are all lost. I refer for proof of my services to Martin Stough,¹ Paul Walter² & Charles Blackwelder³ and for proof of my character and the reputation of my service I refer to General Paul Barringer & William H. Archibald. I was born in Mecklenburg County, State of Virginia – the 17th day of November 1757. From thence I was removed, with my father's family in June 1757 to Mecklenburg County North Carolina and lived where I now live till the division of the County and I have continued to live ever since the war where I now live in Cabarrus County – so-called since the division.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension 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/ Isaac Blackwelder

Interrogatories propounded by the Court aforesaid to Isaac Blackwelder in Open Court

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: Mecklenburg County – Virginia – 17 November 1757

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

Ans: On my family register here produced in Court

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 have always lived since quite an infant where I now live in that part of Cabarrus County N. C. which was formerly a part of Mecklenburg County North Carolina

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

Ans: I was twice drafted – and served one tour as a substitute for one John Litzenger [? Litzengen?]

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I remember General Gates – and the Baron De Kalb who I solve just before his death. I do not remember the numbers or titles of the Continental regiments. I was in service against the Tories – against the Indians in the Western part of North Carolina – and against the British in South Carolina at Gates defeat.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

1 FPA S7629

2 [Paul Walter S7821](#)

3 [Charles Blackwelder S6658](#)

Ans: I was always regularly discharged – first by Captain John Barringer secondly by the same – and lastly by Captain Beaver – my discharges are all lost or destroyed.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: I'll refer to General Paul Barringer & William H. Archibald – the Sheriff of my County.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Blackwelder

[Paul Barringer and William H Archibald gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1834

On this 21 day of July 1834 – personally appeared in Open Court Martin Stough and Charles Blackwelder and Paul Walter – all residents of the County of Cabarrus – and all revolutionary pensioners – who being duly sworn according to law to make the following certificates on oath in relation to the services of Isaac Blackwelder – the applicant named in the foregoing declaration, as a soldier in the War of the Revolution – To wit: Martin Stough and Paul Walter certify that they know Isaac Blackwelder served three months in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the summer of the year 1776. They were in the same Regiment with him but not in the same company. He was a substitute, as they believe for one Litzinger. They were marched in the mountains in the Western part of North Carolina.

They also certify that Isaac Blackwelder served four weeks in the expedition to Fayetteville against the Tories as stated by him in his declaration which we have heard read. They were both with him in the same Regiment. And they also certified together with the said Charles Blackwelder that they believe the said Isaac Blackwelder served two months and a half as stated by [him] in the expedition to South Carolina when General Gates was defeated. They were not with him – that they know he was absent in the service at the time stated by him – and that he returned home after that defeat. Martin Stough states that he saw the said Isaac in that service on his route – being himself engaged in the minute service in that part of the Country when he saw the said Applicant. They all believe the said Isaac served as stated by him 6 months and 2 weeks – and that he is of the age of 76 years past – that his character for truth is good – and that he was a faithful soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court this 21 day of July 1834

Witness S/ James G Spears

Clerk of said Court

S/ Martin Stough, X his mark

S/ Charles Blackwelder, X his mark

S/ Paul Walter