

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Blackford W2058 Margaret Blackford PA NC
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Pennsylvania }

On this 15th day of January A.D. 1834 Personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common pleas in & for said county now sitting Jacob Blackford a resident of George's Township county afforesaid aged seventy five years who being first duly sworn to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress June 7th 1832

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

That the first of November 1778 he was drafted in Captain Dills company Militia for two months and was marched from York County Penn'a. to Carlisle where the troops rendezvoused and from thence marched through the Tuskarawas Valey [sic: Tuscarora Valley] and crossed the Juniatta river [sic: Juniata River] to a town on the river called Mifflin, and from thence to a fort in Keskelecakeles[?] Valey and from thence across the mountain to Penns Valey to Potters fort [near present Potters Mills PA] where the troops remained about four week engaged in scouring the mountains in pursuit of Indians. at this place his term of service expired and he returned home having served one week over his full term of two months. That in this expedition they had no field officers the object of the service being to scatter the Indians guilty of outrages in that quarter

That the first of January 1781 he was drafted in Captain Henry Shafers Company of Penn'a. Militia for two months and was marched from York County under the command of Major Lewis to Annapolis M.D. where we met the Maryland troops and were stationed there for the protection of that place which was threatened by the British. That his term of service expired there upon which he (this deponent) and 25 others of the Penn'a. Militia went directly to the American Army laying at Yorktown Va. where he engaged as a volenteer about the middle of March 1781 under a captain from North Carolina whose name he cannot now recollect for the term of nine months. That the lapse of time and frail memory prevents him from stating the names of his officers generally in this service but he recollects well he was attached to Gen'l LaFayettes command and served under him during the whole of this tour. That he was marched to the south and was at a number of places of which he cannot now distinctly recollect but at length arrived at Utau Springs South Carolina where he was engaged in a severe battle [Battle of Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781] a great many being killed & wounded on each side. from thence he marched back to York Town Va. whe he was during the whole siege of Cornwallis [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] untill he capitulated which was toward the last of October 1781. That about the middle of November after the surrender he was discharged by his capt. having served at this tour eight month and ten days. That he received a writen discharge which he put into an old trunk of his mother on his return and there remained untill her death at which time his brother burned it with a number of old papers he conceived of no value. That the who period of his servises is twelve months and seventeen days 12 month 17 days for which service he claims a pension. That he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any person who could testify to his services. That he is well acquainted with the Revd Mr Fairchild a Presbeterian clergyman to whose church this deponent belongs. [undeciphered word] That he could not conveniently travel the distance he would have to travel in going to the county seat.

1st He was born in the state of New Jersy the 10th Apl 1759 – 2^d He has his age recorded in his Bible

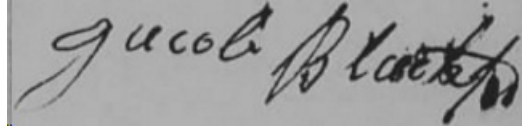
3^d He was residing in York County Penn'a. when he entered the service.

4th He was first drafted then volunteered.

5th That well remembers Genl La Fayette Genl Washington & Genl [Nathanael] Greene as being with the troops where he served

6th He has no writen discharge at this time it being burned.

7th That William Ferren & Levi Fay two of his neighbours will certify as to his reputation.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Jacob Blackford".

He hereby relinquishes every pension whatever except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

NOTE: On 1 March 1853 Margaret Blackford, formerly Margaret Zimmerman, applied for a pension stating that she was married by William Brownfield, a Baptist clergyman, to Jacob Blackford on 5 July 1831, and her husband died on 1 May 1847. On an application for bounty land dated 20 March 1855 Margaret Blackford was said to be 55.