

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Ezekiel Black W8144

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this the 29th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me Matthew Wallace chairman of the Court now sitting he Ezekiel Black a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, aged 75, 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. Your Declarant states that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and he believes in the year 1757, and has no record of his age -- that he was living in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina when called into service, and that he is living now and has been living in the same County and State ever since the Revolution, and that he volunteered his services, and all the campaigns in which he served. Your Declarant further states that he was in the Snow Campaign, that Thomas Polk was the Colonel Commandant of the Regiment to which he belonged and that Isaac Houston was the Captain of the Company, the rest of the officers of the Regiment he cannot recollect. Marched into South Carolina, on to Rayburn's Creek, the point of headquarters, the object of the campaign was to quell [?] a company of Tories. Engaged in rencounter with them. Served with no regular troops. No documentary evidence by which he can show his claim. He knows of no person that can testify to his services.

Called out to march against the Scotch Tories near Fayetteville. James Osborn Captain Colonel Polk Commandant Adam Alexander Lieutenant Colonel. In this service about the middle of February 1776 & left service about the 12th of March 76. Entered as a volunteer. Engaged in no battle. Marched from Charlotte to Fayetteville. Served with no Continental troops. No papers to show his claim. Knows of no person whose testimony he can be procured to prove services.

3rd Expedition. Called out to March against the Cherokee Indians. In the last of June 1776 & left service about the middle of October '76. Under General Rutherford commandant Colonel Haggins, [illegible word or words]¹ Morrison Captain. Entered as a volunteer. Engaged in one battle against the Indians at the Valley towns in the State of Tennessee. Marched from Charlotte on through the Western part of the State of North Carolina into what is now Tennessee. Served with no regular troops. Has no papers to show his claim.

4th campaign. Called out to march to Guilford -- about the 20th of January 1781. Served 3 months. Entered as a volunteer in the Cavalry under Major Graham General Green [sic,

¹ In a later application filed in 1833, this officer's name is given as Neel Morrison. This later application mirrors the first application this veteran gave.

Nathanael Greene] Commandant. Marched from Cabarrus to Guilford served with the Continental troops under General Greene. No Documents to show his claim. Engaged in no regular battle.

5th Campaign. The declarant states that he was called during the year '81 frequently to act with scouting parties in suppressing the Tories on the waters of Lynches [Creek] in the southern part of the State etc. Served under no regular Captain. Generally under the command of Captain Flenniken. Served with no regular troops has no documentary evidence -- knows of no person who can testify to his services. In the whole he thinks he was engaged about 8 weeks. Your declarant states that his name is not on the pension roll of any State & that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present.

S/ Ezekiel Black

[Robert H. Morrison, a clergyman and Matthew Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p 25: on May 28, 1833, Ezekiel Black made another application substantially identical to the above except for the following text:

"The whole length of service did by your Declarant as set forth in the above Declaration, is 8 months & 3 weeks, for which service he claims a pension under the act aforesaid. Your Declarant states that he knows of no person whose attendance can be had at court, that can testify to his services, without subjecting your Declarant to great inconvenience. General Joseph Graham,² Matthew Miller & William Witherspoon³ are the only persons living that can prove your Declarant's services -- General Graham lives at the distance of 30 miles from the Residence of your Declarant, & his attendance cannot be procured -- Matthew Miller⁴ & William Witherspoon are both confined to their Houses in consequence of indisposition, on whose testimony your The client relied. Your Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension [roll] of the Agency of any state.

S/ Ezekiel Black

[Robert H. Morrison, a clergyman, and David Red gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: on June 4, 1853 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Sarah Black aged 82 filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Ezekiel Black, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him September 5, 180_; that he died July 17th 1837 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 13: marriage bond issued in Mecklenburg County to Ezekiel Black and William Beaty dated October 26, 1807, to secure the marriage of Ezekiel Black to Sarah McEwen.]

[fn p. 6: on August 30, 1853 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Robert McEwen, gave testimony that he is the son of Sarah Black, by her first marriage; that she is the widow of Ezekiel Black, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that he was present at the marriage of his mother to Ezekiel Black in the fall of 1807; that they were married by the Reverend Samuel Caldwell who has been dead some 20 years; that he lived with his mother and stepfather for about 10 years and has lived near them ever since; that they raised five children 4 sons and

² [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

³ FPA S7901

⁴ I could not find any veteran died this name who claimed a federal pension for services rendered in the revolution in North Carolina.]

one daughter; that they lived together as man and wife until the death of Ezekiel Black in July 1837; and that his mother remains the widow of Ezekiel Black.]