

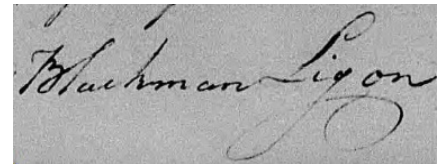
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Blackman Ligon W9132 Elizabeth Ligon VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 Oct 2014.

The State of South Carolina, To wit

On this fourteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighteen – , before me Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of Equity — for the said State, personally appears Blackman Ligon, aged Sixty one years, resident in the district of Greenville and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War”: That he the said Blackman Ligon enlisted on the 12th of February 1776, in Halifax County in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Nathaniel Cock [sic: Nathaniel Cocke, pension application R13415], of the Seventh Virginia Regiment Col. William Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield], General Woodfords [William Woodford’s] Brigade of the Continental Line; That he continued to serve in the said Corps, in the service of the United States for one Year, during which time he was marched to Baltimore, where he Re-enlisted in the same Company & Commanded by Captain Wm. Moseley [William Moseley], of the said seventh Regiment Col. Alex McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan]; and that he continued to serve in the said Corps, in the service of the United States, in the Continental Line, three years, until the 12th day of February, 1780, when he was honorably discharged from Service in Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, by Col. Christian Febeger [sic: Christian Febiger]; That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and the affair at Cootes’ Bridge [possibly Cooch’s Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777]. Was a Volunteer at the battle of Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] where he was wounded: and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his County for support. – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to, & declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

A rectangular inset showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blackman Ligon". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged.

[Certified by Thomas Townes, John Townes, and Blackman Ligon, Jr.]

District of South Carolina.

On the third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Record of General Sessions of the Peace, & common Pleas, held for the district of Greenville in the state of South Carolina, by & before Daniel E Huger Esquire, one of the associate Judges of the said state, Blackman Ligon aged sixty four years, resident in the said district of Greenville, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows. Enlisted first for two years the 12th February 1776, in company commanded by Capt Nathaniel Cook, 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Coln William Dangerfield, in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he served one year of said term, and then reenlisted for three years in the same company, under the command of Capt Wm. Mosely in the same Regiment commanded by Coln. Alexander MClanahan, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 12th February 1780, when he was honorably discharged from said service at Wilmington in Delaware, by Coln Christian Febigger. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Guilford, at which latter place he was a volunteer and was wounded in the thigh, which has produced a continued lameness, and that he has no other evidence of his said service now in his power except what is contained in his former declaration made on the 14th of November 1818 and on file

at the War office, being already a Pensioner under the said act as appears from the certificate of the secretary of War, dated 5th of March 1819. No 7288. — And in pursuance of the act of May the 1st 1820. I Blackmon Ligon, do solemnly swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand, eight hundred & eighteen 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states, in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen: 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 hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

And I the said Blackman Ligon, do further swear that my Family consists of my wife Elizabeth aged about sixty four years, who is too infirm to support herself; & four children namely Nancy aged about 37 years, John T. aged about twenty nine, Elizabeth aged about 25 years, & Blackmon about twenty two. who are all capable of supporting themselves — and two grand children namely James Roseman about 9 years old, & Joseph Ligon about 4 years of age who are incapable of their own support, and dependant on the income of the said Blackmon. That he the said Blackmon Ligon is by occupation a Farmer, and is from age, his wound, & other infirmities, unable to support himself, without the assistance of his Country.

Blackman Ligon

Schedule of the Property of Blackman Ligon, Viz

150 acres of land, worth about four hundred & fifty dols	\$450.
One negro woman worth	400.
One mare & colt worth	50.—
two cows & calves \$20. & 23 hogs, large & small \$20	40.”
7 sitting chairs \$2.50, one cupboard \$3	5.50
1 pot, 2 ovens, one tea kettle, one spider.	7.50
one axe, one mattock, & 4 hoes.	4.”
2 shovel plough, 1 cotton plough & pr. traces	3.50
Half (interested in) one riding chair.	<u>12.50</u>
Total	\$973.00

There are outstanding debts which I owe (viz.)

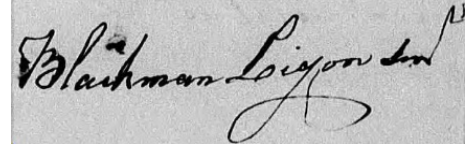
John Brown \$45.11 Mauldins Exc’r. \$46.	\$91.11
J Archer 35 — Crayton 15.	50. “
J. & T. Mauldin 7 — Bromberry ____ 5.	12. “
J. Easley \$4.75. J Young \$2. R. Harrison \$2	8.75
Jus Towns \$56.46.	<u>56.46</u>
Besides some not acertained	\$218.32

Witness my hand this 3rd day of April 1821 (signed) Blackman Ligon

[As a result of the above schedule Blackman Ligon’s pension was suspended because he owned too much property, which was taken to be more than \$200.]

South Carolina } On this 16th day of June 1823 Personally appeared In open Court before me the
 Greenville District } Subscribing Judges of the court of Equity for Greenville District Blackman
 Ligon Resident in said District aged sixty six years and three months who being
 first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration that he the said
 Blackman Ligon Enlisted for the term of Two years on the 12th day of Febuary in year of 1776 in the
 company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Cock of Halifax County Virginia in the 7th Virginia
 Regiment commanded by Colonal William Dangerfield on the Continental establishment; that he
 continued to serve in the said company untill the 12th of February 1777 that at Baltimore on there march
 to the Northward he enlisted again in the same Company commanded thin by Captain William Moseley
 in the same Regiment Commanded Colonal Alexander McClanahan for the term of three years that he

continued to serve in the Corps until the 12th day of February 1780 when he was Discharged from the said service by Colonal Christain Febegar In Philadelphia in the state of Pensylvania that some time In the Month of February 1781 he went out a volenteer under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and at the Battle at Guildford Courthouse he had a ball shot through his thigh which has disabled him ever since from hard labor but more now in old age. [Oath similar to that in the previous declaration follows.]

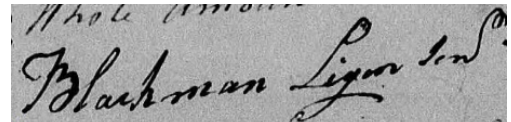


A Schedule of my property

150 Acres of Land, I have given that to my youngest son Blackman Ligon more that ten years agoe but has not made him a deed to it Valued to. \$450.
 One Negro wench. 300.
 Two mares \$50 One Cow and Calf & Heifer \$15. . . . 65.
 12 head of shoats \$12 Seven Chairs and Cupboard 5. . 17.
 1 Pot 2 Ovens 1 Tea Kittle and Spider. 7.50
 1 axe & Grubing hoe and 3 hilling hoes. 3.—
 2 Shovel plows 2 Colten plows 1 pair Traces. 4.—
 Half of a riding Chair. 12.50
 whole amount \$889.00

Money that I Owe

John Archer \$50	John Easley \$36	\$86.00
JOhn Brown \$27.43	James Roberts \$17	44.43
George W. Earles dec'd		20.00
John Fleming \$10	Thomas Crain \$8	18.00
William Toney \$7	William Wickliff \$6	13.00
Bevely Thurston \$5	Jeremiah Cleveland \$4	9.00
Blackman Ligon Jun'r. \$140	Thomas Row \$3	143.00
Jessee Harrison \$3	Richard Stegall \$2.50	5.50
John T. Ligon \$74.20	Solomon Wade \$3	<u>77.20</u>
	Whole Amount	\$416.13



I am a farmer brought up but my old age and other infirmities renders me not able to labour so as to support myself and family Elizabeth Ligon my wife aged sixty six years She is not able to Labur much from many infirmities

Nancy Ligon aged 39 years very unhealth

Elizabeth Ligon aged 29 years Sickley and week

James B Rosamond my Grandson aged 13 years but I expect him to leave me this fall

Joseph Ligon my Grandson Aged 5 years

None of my family is able to make any support towards maintainging my family Except James Rosamond

[A note in the file reads as follows: "Rejected See letter to Wm. Choice Aug. 26 1823."]

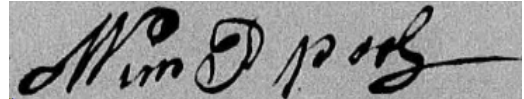
State of South Carolina }

Greenville District }

William P. Pool [William Petty Pool, pension application R8164] a resident of the State and District aforesaid who states that he is now in his eighty sixth year being duly sworn deposes, that he was acquainted with Blackman Ligon the late husband of Elizabeth Ligon as far

back as about the time of the battle at Guilford in North Carolina this deponent remembers seeing the said Blackman Ligon in a few weeks after the battle, he is confident not exceeding two months after that time, he had been left after the battle as this deponent understood among the wounded of Gen Greens army to return home for a time. This deponent remembers that the said Blackman was wounded in the thigh when he saw him received as was said by him in the said Battle of Guilford. The place where this deponent saw him was in Halifax County in Virginia, in which was the home or residence of the said Blackman Ligon and his father. This deponent removed to Greenville District in this state or what is now Greenville District in the year 1799 Blackman Ligon had removed to the same section of country many years before, and was a man of family when this deponent came here, Elizabeth Ligon was always reputed as his wife, and this deponent is satisfied that he had no other. Blackman Ligon has been dead several years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me July 10th 1841

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John T. Ligon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: On 16 July 1841 John T. Ligon applied for a pension for his mother Elizabeth Ligon, who was “insane from dotage and loss of memory,” stating that she married Blackman Ligon between 1780 and 1790, and he died 3 May 1831. This application was supported by Nancy T. Moon, who stated that her mother Elizabeth was 88 years old on 28 April 1841, and that the year of her parents’ marriage was probably about 1780, as inferred from her own date of birth on 1 Nov 1784, she being the second child. In addition to the battles cited in Blackman Ligon’s own declaration, the children stated that they had heard him say that he was at the Battle of Trenton (26 Dec 1776) and at the surrender of Cornwallis (19 Oct 1781).