

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Black W9359

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[Original spelling and punctuation retained]

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State of South Carolina
York District

On this 16th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Wm. D. Martin judge of the court of sessions and common pleas now sitting John Black a resident of South Carolina in the District of York aged seventy eight years, 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 June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States in the month of June or July 1776. Commanded by Capt. Thomas Kirkpatrick¹, Col. Thomas Neel². That he served under them six weeks, against the Cherokee tribe of Indians. _ . That he served in the month of January 1779 two weeks as a volunteer under Capt. Thos. Kirkpatrick, against the Tories on Fairforest Creek in South Carolina.

That he was drafted and served under Capt. Kirkpatrick & Major Ross³ in an expedition to the State of Georgia. That during this campaign he was in the Battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] where General Ash [John Ashe] was defeated by the British Genl. Prevost [Augustine Prevost]. That in this campaign he served three months. That in the month of December 1779 he was again drafted served three months tour to Charleston So Ca That he was commanded by Capt. Thos. Black & Col. Saml. Watson⁴. That on the 15th December 1780 he turned out as volunteer to go to Newbern in North Carolina as a a waggoner for publick stores for Gen. Sumpters army [Thomas Sumter]. That they were driven back into Virginia by the British Genl. Cornwallis. That in this tour he served four months commanded by Wm. Givens wagon master. That in the month of May 1782 he was drafted and served on a two months tour to the four Hole Bridge on the waters of Ashley River. That in this campaign he served under Capt. Jno. Hillhouse [John Hillhouse] & Col. William Bratton⁵. That shortly after Ferguson was defeated at Kings Mountain he served as a volunteer three weeks on turkey creek & Sandy River in what is now York & Chester District So.Ca.

That during these different periods of service he was not at any time stationed with any of the United States Troops that he knows of & is therefore unable to offer the names of any. That according to the best of his knowledge he was born in Nottingham County⁶, in the state of Pennsylvania, in 1754. That he has no record of his age. That when called into service of the United States he resided on Broad River in what is now York District, S. Carolina and that he still resides in the same.

That he has never received any written Discharge from Service. He further states that he was known unto Capt. James Jamieson⁷, Robt. Wilson⁸, Henry Rea⁹, & Jacob Black¹⁰ as a Solder in the Revolutionary war.

¹ [Thomas Kirkpatrick R2991](#)

² Col. Thomas Neel 1730-1779, commanded the New Acquisition (York Co., S.C.) militia regiment. He was killed at the Battle of Stono June 20, 1779.

³ Maj. Francis or Frank Ross was an officer in the New Acquisition militia regiment. He was mortally wounded in an engagement sometime after Briar Creek.

⁴ Samuel Watson 1731 -1810 was Lt. Col. of the New Acquisition regiment under Col Thomas Neel.

⁵ William Bratton 1743 – 1815 was Col. of the New Acquisition regiment at some time after the death of Col. Thomas Neel.

⁶ This could be Nottingham Twp, Chester Co., Pennsylvania

⁷ [James Jamieson S21839](#)

⁸ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

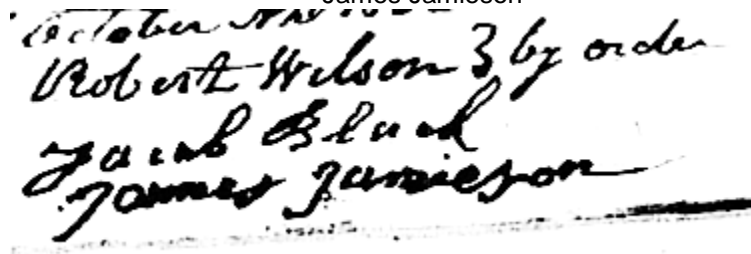
⁹ [Henry Rea W9246](#)

believed without hesitancy in the vicinity where Jn Black lives that he was a revolutionary war soldier and is so respected by all who know.

Sworn to and submitted this 31st day of October AD 1832

Before me
William Jamieson (Q.U.)

Robert Wilson } by order
Jacob Black
James Jamieson

A handwritten signature block in cursive script. It begins with "October 31st" and "1832" at the top. Below that, it reads "Robert Wilson } by order", "Jacob Black", and "James Jamieson". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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State of South Carolina
York District

||||| On this 8th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty six 1846 personally appeared in open Court, and before the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions now sitting in Yorkville, for the District of York & State aforesaid Joseph Black, son of John Black 2, a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged 60 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4 1836.

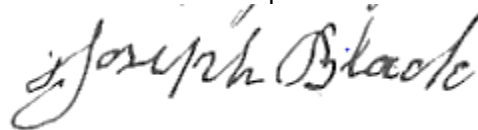
That this declarant the aforesaid Joseph Black in behalf of himself and the other heirs of said John Black 2d, deceased, states that the said John Black 2d was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution as the heirs do understand, and was allowed a pension by the United States under the act of June 7, 1832 at the rate of \$35=67 per annum and that he was married in the year Seventeen hundred & Seventy nine, 1779 to Elizabeth Woods, and as husband and wife they lived together until the death of said John Black 2d who died on the twenty seventh day of July, Eighteen hundred and thirty Seven, 1837, and that his widow departed this life on the first day of November, Eighteen hundred & forty two, 1842, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband, John Black 2d decd.

He also declares that he has support of the date of the marriage of the parties aforesaid, through old Family Record Containing a record of the ages of their Children which is in the hand writing of the aforesaid John Black 2d and he believes that it is correct & true, and the same is hereunto appended.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written before the Court.

Edmund Frost

Joseph Black

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Black".

Presiding Judge

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South Carolina
York District

Personally Appeared Robert Wilson a Resident of said District and Pensioner at the rate of 80 dollars per annum who being first duly sworn according to law says that he was well acquainted with John Black revolutionary soldier decd. Husband of Elizabeth Black who is also dead whose Heirs are now applicants for a Pension he further says that the said John Black and deponent and wife were near neighbors in time of the war and well recollects that the said John Black was Married at the time deponent went to New Bern after Military stores and further says that the said John Black was in service [under?] Deponent for three months and ten days and further says that the said John Black was out on seven(?) tours but

that this deponent was never in service with him but the above stated time and Further says that the same John Black had a waggon in service in time of the War.

Sworn and subscribed this month and day of Oct [], 1846 Before me

A. S. Wallace
Magt.

Robert Wilson



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South Carolina
York District

Personally appeared Joseph Jamieson¹¹ a resident of York District and pensioner at the rate of 24 dollars and ten cents per annum before the subscribing Magistrate and made oath in due form[?] of law that he was well acquainted with John Black in time of the war of the revolution Husband of Elizabeth Black who is also dead Mother of the present claimants.

This deponent further states that John Black the above named now dead was a soldier in such war and that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the aforesaid John Black was in service subsequent to his marriage which took place before the reduction of Charleston this deponent says that he was not at the above marriage but that he was several times at the house of John Black wife Elizabeth who is dead as above stated and als[o] knows that the said John Black ha[d] a waggon in service sworn and subscribed this 7th [?] Oct [?] 1846

Before me
A.S. Wallace Magt.

Joseph Jamieson
His mark

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South Carolina York District} Personally appeared before me A. S. Wallace a Magistrate in and for said District Joseph Black, son of the late Elizabeth Black wife of John Black a pensioner deceased of the district aforesaid, and made oath, in due form of Law to the following statements relative to his father's the aforesaid John Black's Revolutionary Services = subsequent to his marriage to wit, That he was married to his wife Elizabeth in 1779 – and that from the fall of Charleston in 1780 till the end of the War he was generally in service but to give the tours deponent cannot.

This deponent also makes oath, that the reason of their delay in presenting their Claim to a pension that was due the aforesaid Elizabeth Black widow of said John Black a pensioner deceased was their ignorance of the existence of any law granting pensions to the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers.

*Sworn to and subscribed the 9th day of October 1846 before me
S/ A. S. Wallace, Magt. S/ Joseph Black*

[The file contains the following records from the Comptroller Genls Office, Columbia S.C. September 25, 1846. We have omitted records that do not appear to relate to this John Black]

Book P Account 1584

John Black

His account of wagon & team 124 days in Genl. Sumter's Brigade. Also 44 days personal duty @ 10 s per day in all sterling £74:0:0 D.

Book Y Account 1587

John Black

¹¹ [Joseph Jamieson S9360](#)

For 55 days duty as a horseman in Captain Kirkpatrick's Company Col. Bratton's Regmt commanded by Genl. Ash at Briar Creek in the year 1779 @20s. per day Sterling £7:17:12 D.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in the South Carolina militia for 10 months and 21 days. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing on February 19, 1840 and ending on November 1st, 1842 when she died.]

*South Carolina Audited Accounts*¹² relating to John Black AA23
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 514

Transcribed by Will Graves

8/26/18

The State of South Carolina York District}

To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the said State

The Petition of John Black Sheweth

That he was a Whig Soldier of the Revolutionary War of the Militia of this State, and rendered the following services during the said War. That his first term of service was for six weeks as a private in the year 1776 against the Cherokee Indians under Colonels Neil [Thomas Neel] & Poag [probably a mistaken attempt to name then Lt. Col. Ezekiel Polk] & Captain Kilpatrick [sic, Thomas Kirkpatrick]: that his second term of service was two months under the same Captain Kirkpatrick [sic] during which he was in the defeat at Briar Creek in Georgia. His next service was the winter before the fall of Charleston for two months near Charleston under Captain Black And two months Service just before the conclusion of peace near the Four Holes under Captain Hillhouse

Your Petitioner further states that in conformity with the Act of Congress of June 1832 he was enrolled on the Pension's list of the United States, and received a small sum (\$25.67) [sic, \$35.67] per annum for four years, that from some reason which your petitioner cannot well understand either from defect of evidence as to his Services or from some apparent inconsistency in his declaration, with the records of this State. (He is now so old & frail as to be incapable of either investigating or fully comprehending these matters) his name has been stricken from the United States Pension Roll of the fact however that he rendered the services, he can speak with the most entire confidence.

Your petitioner is now in the 82nd year of his age, his wife is also living and is now in her 76th year. They are both frail and wholly unable to maintain themselves by their own labor. Which is particularly the case with your Petitioner whose frailties and infirmities require much care & attention to be bestowed on him. His family beside his wife consists of 3 daughters and 2 grandsons (lads). As regards his property, Your Petitioner States that before the year 1834, he was in possession of a tract of land (though much worn) containing one hundred fifty-seven acres for which some years since he was offered \$600, and a horse. Some articles of household & kitchen furniture of inconsiderable value, the most the personal property all of which would amount to but little, being produced by the labor of his daughters belong of right to them; that on the 2nd day of July A.D. 1834 with a view to secure his property, small as it was, to his daughters who have lived with him and supported him & his wife in their old age, and as a small compensation for their trouble, executed a deed of his land to his 3 daughters who reside with

¹² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Individual" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

him, reserving a life estate to his wife, and for the same reasons he executed to his said daughters a deed of gift of his personal property, so that your petitioner is now without any personal or real property except his wearing apparel. Your Petitioner states, that from all the circumstances, his age & frailties & that of his wife, the helpless character of his family, & their very limited means, it must be manifest, that it is with great difficulty, that he & his aged partner can obtain the ordinary & indispensable comforts of life. He prays that his case may be taken into consideration and that he may be placed on the Pension roll of this State.

S/ John Black, X his mark

The above statement of facts sworn to before me this 19th day of November 1836

S/ J. A. McCool, QU

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South Carolina York District} Personally came Jacob Black before me and made oath that he is the brother of the petitioner John Black, that the deponent believes the Statement within made by him to be true, And as regards the Revolutionary Services of the said John Black the deponent states, that of his own knowledge he knows of the services spoken of at Briar Creek and near Charleston, as this deponent was also with him at that time as a fellow Soldier in the said campaigns. Sworn to & subscribed

before me November 19th, 1836

S/ J. A. McCool, QU

S/ Jacob Black

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Black". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jacob Black".

[Note: Veteran's petition was granted and he was placed on the state Pension Roll but at what rate, is not stated.]