

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Black W9730

Elizabeth Black

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State of Indiana, Pike County: Pike Probate Court August Term 1833

On this 12th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Pike Probate Court now sitting William Black a resident of Pike County in the State of Indiana aged eighty one years next December, who being 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Georgia militia under the following named officers, his Colonel was Elijah Clark [also spelled Elijah Clarke], his Captain Joseph Neal; that he entered the service in the summer of 1776 and served the whole of the war, drew pay during the whole of the time, served two years under Captain Neal and was in the Battle of Carr's ford [sic, Carr's Fort, February 10, 1779] and Kettle Creek [February 14, 1779] in the State of Georgia. He served one year under Captain Daniel Gunnells and was at the siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779] then went under the command of Captain Neal and rebuilt Neal's Fort on Broad River Georgia which had been destroyed by the Indians. This was in the fall of the year. He remained in the fort until June following in consequence of the troops with which he then served refusing to accept the offered protection of the British. They went and joined the army in North Carolina under the command of General McDowell [Charles McDowell]. Captain Neal staid and joined the enemy. The command of the Company devolved on Lt. Thomas Johnson. While in North Carolina he was in the Battle of Blackstocks [sic, Blackstock's Plantation, November 20, 1780]] where Cols. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Clarke commanded. He was then at the taking of Paddy McDade's fort under the same Cols Shelby and Clarke. This fort was taken by stratagem without firing a gun. McDade surrendered and with him a British Lieutenant who was in the fort. We swore the men not to bear arms against the United States, deprived them of their arms and returned to General McDowell on Broad River. At the time of taking the fort, the British Army lay encamped within a few miles of the fort. He was afterwards in the Battle of Musgrove's Mill [August 19, 1780]. Here Col. Innis commanded the enemy & Cols. Clarke & Shelby the Americans where we were victorious. There he (William Black) was wounded in the hand by a rifle ball which wound is now plainly to be seen. He continued in North Carolina until September when Lt. Johnson dying of the smallpox & there being no other commissioned officer, the command of the company devolved on him as sergeant. He served as sergeant during all of his service, both before and after the happening of this event except more than three years as he believes

but certainly for three years during which last named period he served as Lieutenant. He then returned to Georgia under Colonel Clarke and went to the siege of Augusta but before it was taken, [he] was ordered to the frontiers for their protection with the men under his command. After Augusta was taken he joined Gunnell's fort commanded by Captain Daniel Gunnells. His (Gunnells') Lieutenant was killed and he (Black) discharged the duty of Lieutenant to which office he was elected for at least three years during which period he went three expeditions to the Indian Nation. The Indians were Cherokees. When peace was proclaimed, he returned to his home in Wilkes County, Georgia where he resided before he entered the service. When he first entered the service, he was drafted for a month and afterwards was a volunteer. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can produce to prove his service except Hannah Crow which is herewith forwarded. He has no record of his age but was born 1753 in Pennsylvania. He has been living since the war in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and now lives in Indiana. He never received a discharge. He is known to John McIntire, John Almon and Robert Johnson. He hereby [relinquishes] every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/William Black, (his mark)

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John McIntire, Clerk of Pike Circuit Court

[John McIntire, clerk of the Pike Circuit Court, Robert Johnson and John Almon, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 41: On August 12th, 1833 in Pike County Indiana, Hannah Crow gave testimony that William Black served as a militia man under Captain Josiah Nail [sic] in the Georgia militia as first Sergeant for the term of 2 years; that he lived in Wilkes County when he entered the service; that he afterwards served for one year under Captain Daniel Gunnells as a private and served under Colonel Clark 9 months as a refugee during which time he was commissioned a Lieutenant pursuant to a commission which she has seen; that said Black served in all about 7 years. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 9: On November 15, 1842 in Pike County Indiana, Elizabeth Black, a resident of Monroe Township in Pike County aged 70 made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Black, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 28, 1786; that her husband died April 2, 1837 and that she remains his widow; she signed her application with her mark.]

[p 49: On December 19, 1842 in Pike County Indiana, Hannah Crow gave testimony that she was intimately acquainted with Elizabeth Black widow of William Black deceased late a pensioner of the United States; that she knows of her own personal knowledge that William Black and Elizabeth Black were married on the 28th day of March 1786 and that William Black died April 2nd, 1837; and that Elizabeth remains the widow of William. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11: On June 22, 1846 in Pike County Indiana, John Black, on behalf of himself and Robert Black, David Black, William Black, Henry Black, and Mary Bassett¹ (formerly Mary Black), the children of Elizabeth Black deceased made application for the benefits under the act of January 23, 1845 in order to draw the portion of the pension due his mother at the time of her death for the period between March 4th, 1836 until April 2nd, 1837, the date of the pension certificate issued to his mother; that his mother died April 26, 1846.

John Black]

[p 45: On May 8, 1843 in Pike County Indiana, John Crow of lawful age gave testimony that the family Bible of William Black deceased was in the affiants possession but has been lost; the affiant does not recall whether the Bible record contained reference to the marriage of William and Elizabeth Black; that Hannah Crow who gave testimony in support of the application of William Black for a pension died on April 11, 1843; that said Hannah Crow was a bridesmaid at the wedding of William Black and Elizabeth in the state of Georgia, County not recollected.

John Crow]

[p 46: On May 8, 1843 in Pike County Indiana, John Black; 51, gave testimony that he is a son of William Black, late a pensioner of the United States and of Elizabeth Black his widow who is applying for a pension; that he verily believes that his parents were married in Elbert County Georgia by John Forgey, JP. That he is unaware of any family record of the marriage except a record referred to by John Crow as having been lost.

John Black]

[p 55: On April 24, 1846 in Pike County Indiana, John Black, 54 years of age, gave testimony that he is a son of William and Elizabeth Black; that his father drew a pension of \$80 per annum for his service in the revolution; that the annexed family record is a correct record of the births of his parents children; that said record was made about 40 years ago from the old family Bible record which has been lost.]

[p 14: family record:

Georgia Elbert County Nancy Black was born March 12th, 1790

John Black was born February ye 22nd 1792

Robert Black was born August ye 1st 1794

David Black was born May 1st 1797

William Black was born November ye 29th 1799

Henry Black was born February ye 19th 1802

Mary Bassett

Curtis Black was. ?? Feb 1787?

Mary Black was born March 14, 1807

Samuel Black was born March 2nd [? very faint] 1810?

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]