

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Martin Black S41441

NC

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United States of America }

State of North Carolina }

Martin Black maketh Oath, that he is at this time and always has been a resident citizen of the State of North Carolina. He enlisted as a Soldier in the Continental line of the State of North Carolina during the war of the Revolution. he enlisted at New bern and was marched with others under the Command of Colonel Ben Sheppard [sic: Abraham Shepard] as a part of the tenth Regiment as he believes to Georgetown on the Potomack [sic: Potomac River] at which place the soldiers were inoculated for the small pox. From Georgetown he marched to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania where the American Army were encamped [winter 1777-78] under General Washington, while the enemy were in Philadelphia. He was in the battle at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], at the Storming of Stoney point [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and at the capture of West point. from West point he went with the Army to Albany & marched thence in the Brigade of General Hogan [sic: James Hogun] to Charleston. He was a prisoner at Charleston with the army surrendered there [12 May 1780] but escaped on the seventh day & returned to New bern North Carolina. From his first enlisment as above mentioned to the return to Newbern, he served three years. After remaining at home a few days [sic] he enlisted as a soldier in Captain Benj. Colemans [Benjamin Coleman's] company as an Eighteen months man in the Continental line of North Carolina, marched to Charleston where he remained with the army there encamped until the Peace, when the army entered the City as the British evacuated it [14 Dec 1782], & in a few weeks after was discharged. His discharge is long since lost.

At Valley Forge (during the first term of service) the men were distributed to make up deficiencies in the regiment & he passed from the tenth to the second North Carolina Regiment, and from the Company Commanded by Silas Sears Stevenson [Silas Ayres Stevenson] to the Company Commanded by Captain Clem Hall [Clement Hall].

deponent believes he is now sixty seven years of age. he is in reduced circumstances without property & dependent on his labor for support. He needs the assistance of his Country, and will gladly receive the benefit of the 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" 22nd April 1818

Martin hisXmark Black

District of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Craven County } September Sessions 1820

On this 12th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, the said Court being a Court of record, proceeding according to the Course of the Common law, having a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and having power of fine and imprisonment, Martin Black who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows, in the Second Regiment, North Carolina Line, Continental Establishment. That upon a Petition to the Secretary of War, he hath received a Pension under the Act of Congress of 18th March 1818 the number of his pension certificate being 3749. His original Declaration being forwarded to the War Department date not recollected.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, 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 March 1818, 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz One old Dutch
Oven no income of any kind.

The declarant is by occupation a Labourer, but his age and infirmities render him incompetent to provide
for himself he has no wife, nor any family. Martin hisXmark Black

NOTE: A Martin Black was enumerated in the 1800 federal census for Onslow County NC as head of a
household of four "other [i.e. non-white] free persons."