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Pension Application of Joseph Blackwell W1191

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State of Virginia Fauquier County – To wit – On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1838, personally appeared before subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said County, Anne Blackwell, a resident of said county, aged 77 years and upwards, who having solemnly affirmed the truth to speak, doth on her solemn affirmation, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows.” That she is the widow of Joseph Blackwell, who was a Lieutenant in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virg’a. Continental Reg’t. in Capt. John Chilton Company, in the Revolutionary War. This she has frequently heard her said husband mention. Also that he was in the march with the troops thro’ the Jersey’s. The period when he entered & when he left the service she cannot state but relies on such proof as the records, & affidavits of his cotemporaries may shew on those points. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Blackwell on the [blank] day of December seventeen and eighty four – that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Blackwell, died on the [blank] day of October 1826. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four, to wit, at the time above stated.

She further states, according to her impression, that her said husband had something to do with the Quarter master’s business before the close of the War. Before the final close of the War he resided in the City of Richmond.

[signed] Ann Blackwell

[Ann Blackwell also applied for a pension (W14316) as the former widow of Edwin Hull.]

[4 Dec 1843] I certify to the Commissioner of Pensions, and all whom it may concern that John [John Blackwell] and Joseph Blackwell of Fauquier County, State of Virginia, were my brothers; we were born and raised in said county; I was married to Thomas Keith Esq, 25<sup>th</sup> May 1775. My brothers aforesaid were commissioned Lieutenants in the Spring of the year 1776, having been engaged the greater part of the preceding winter in recruiting their Quata of men. My brother John, a first Lieutenant & Joseph a second Lieutenant. They were attached to a company commanded by our brother in law, Captain John Chilton, and joined the army at Alexandria previous to marching to the north. The company as I always understood was attached to the third Virginia Regiment. after the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] my brother Joseph was taken with the small pox and it affected one of his eyes so much that he entertained great fears of loosing it; he returned home and so soon as his health would enable him to do so he engaged in the recruiting business for the army under orders from his commanding officer as I then understood, and was subsequently appointed a Quarter Master and was stationed in Richmond Virginia where he remained in that capacity until the close of the war; After the war, he engaged in the mercantile business in Partnership with Col. Martin Pickett, at Warrenton Virginia, & having made an ample fortune he retired from business about the year 1805 to a farm near Warrenton & died 12 or 15 years ago. He married the widow of Capt. Edwin Hull soon after the close of the war, she died about three years ago. They left several children. She was pensioned a few years before her death. There was another Joseph Blackwell [see endnote] of this county a cousin of ours who entered the Army as an ensign as I now think, and it was some months after my brothers had marched to the north. He was spoken of as deserving & brave in the army, he rose in rank in the army but I do not now remember what was his final grade in the War, after Peace he got to be a colonel &, in that, his army rank was forgotten. He was captured at the Siege of Charleston South Carolina. He died in this County where he was born and raised about twenty years ago very poor, he was living solely on a pension he obtained for his Revolutionary services as I understood.

[signed] Judith Keith

NOTES:

The other Joseph Blackwell, officer of Fauquier County, was the one whose pension application is number S37781. A certificate dated 1 May 1839 states that this Joseph Blackwell married a "Miss Gibson." He referred to his mother-in-law in 1820 as "Mrs. Brent."

The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Stafford County on 21 Dec 1784 by Joseph Blackwell and William Eustace for the marriage of Blackwell to Anne Hull, widow. See the pension application of Edwin Hull (W14316) for much more information about Ann Blackwell, née Ann Eustace. On 5 Mar 1853 Sarah M. Eustace, about 68, a relative by marriage, listed the following children of Ann Blackwell: Agatha Jeffries; James Blackwell; Ann Gaskins; Lucy Smith; John Blackwell; William Blackwell; and Joseph Blackwell, deceased. She also stated that when her first husband, Edwin Hull, died, he left only one child who died young. A document in the file states that Ann Blackwell died on 2 Dec 1840.