

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Blackwell [alias Black] R893 Sarah Blackwell f47MD

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State of Ohio Pike County SS

Be it remembered that on the seventh day of July in the year of our Lord 1818 and of the Independence of the United States of America the 43rd and of this State the 16th personally came before me the subscriber President of the Courts of Common Pleas of the second Circuit, who after being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Hugh Black aged eighty-one years resident in the said County of Pike in the said State of Ohio 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 the said Hugh Black enlisted in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Burgess of the fourth Maryland Regiment; That he continued to serve in the said Corps, first for six months, and then enlisted again in the same, for three years and served the whole time out and according to the best of his recollection he entered the said service sometime in the year 1776 and served until sometime in the year 1779 or 1780 when he was discharged from service at Elk-Ridge State of Maryland. That he was in the battles of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]¹ in the southern Army, Brandywine [September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in the Army commanded by General Washington and was wounded by the bayonet in the thigh and arm and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in absolute need of the assistance of his Country for support: and that he has not, at this time, any other evidence now in his power of his said services which were in the Maryland line on Continental establishment in the revolutionary war between England and her Colonies of America; sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid

At Picketon S/ John Thompson

S/ Hugh Black, X his mark

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 10th, 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Hugh Blackwell enlisted as a Private in the Fourth Maryland Regiment, on the Second day of April 1777 and in May 1779 was not heard of. The applicant's name may not be properly

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

spelled on the Muster Roll

T. K.

S/ Thos. Keirney

Aud. S. M.

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State of Ohio Pike County } Pike Court of Common pleas of the Term of October 1820

On this 13th day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record for said County Hugh Blackwell aged eighty-two years, resident in the Beaver Township in the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: He served as a Volunteer six months in the flying Camp so-called under General Putnam, he then enlisted for the term of three years or during the War, sometime in the latter part 1776 or the beginning of 1777, in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Burgess in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hall in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment – That he continued to serve in the said Corps until after the War, when he was honorably discharged from the said service at Elkridge in the State of Maryland. He was in the Battles [of] Germantown, of Brandywine, of Monmouth and of Guilford in which last Battle he was twice wounded once in the thigh with a Ball, and once in the arm with a Bayonet. He was also in many other Small Battles and Skirmishes. He has received a pension, the certificate of which was numbered 17467 – And he has no other evidence of his said services now in his power except his own Oath and declaration as aforesaid – 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 other manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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” – passed on the 18th day of 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

One Cow worth about	\$11.00
One old Bed	4.00
One Iron Pot	1.00
Four tin Cups	.25
Two small plates	.50
Four Iron Spoons	.20

S/ Hugh Blackwell, X his mark

I am by occupation a farmer, but too old and decrepit to pursue any labour. I have no family but a wife named ___ who is about my age and worn out with rheumatism. And I have no dependence for a Subsistence except upon the Charity of our only Son who is considerably in debt, – and has a family to Support. I must therefore depend upon the Charity of my Country.

S/ Hugh Blackwell, X his mark

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Received from Peter Hagner Two Hundred 25/100 Dollars the arrearages due from the US as arrearages of Sarah Blackwell or Black the wife of Hugh Black a Revolutionary Soldier of the Ohio Agency. As heirs of James Black & heirs of said Sarah Black

S/ James K. Black

Cone Creek No. Nov. 25th A. D. 1849

S/ W. C. Black

S/ Joseph N. [?] Black

James K. Black
W. C. Black
Joseph N. Black

P Hagner

Audr. I have made out my Grand Mother's vouchers. You will recollect that I sent you the papers of Hugh Black last July. I sent to the Commissioner & got some instructions which I enclose. I also send a receipt provided it may be required. My Brothers told me to do so provided it was necessary. I have done the best I can & will get the Clerk to sign it – & if there is any chance I want it for [??] I have no chance to get a Lawyer that is worth a dime here to aid me Should it be proper please Direct the Arrearages to me at Cane Creek Butler County Missouri or else instructions. I would have done this in the Circuit but I am the clerk of that court myself.
Your Obedient Servant

S/ James K Black

[p 11: On February 14, 1851 in Butler County Missouri, James K. Black, 29, made application in his capacity as executor of the estate of Mrs. Sarah Black or Blackwell, the widow of the identical Hugh Black or Blackwell who was a pensioner of the United States on the Ohio roll at \$8 per month; that Hugh and Sarah were married on July 20, 1779;² that Hugh died November 27, 1835; that Sarah died March 13, 1839.

James K. Black

[p 24: On August 4, 1851 in Butler County Missouri, James K Black, administrator of the estate of Sarah Black or Blackwell, filed an affidavit in which he states that he is the administrator of Mrs. Sarah Black or Blackwell's estate, that she is the widow of Hugh Black or Blackwell, a revolutionary war pensioner; that Hugh and Sarah were married as shown by tradition and records;³ that Hugh and Sarah had children now living, to wit: W.C. Black⁴ or Blackwell resident in Van Buren County Arkansas and Mrs. Lucy Ann Hill all Butler County Missouri.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 7th, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line.]

² Statement that the marriage occurred in Maryland prior to the end of the war appears on p 37

³ No such records are contained in this file

⁴ Identified as William C. Black in a document on p 37