

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Black S32122

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State of Georgia Upson County: On this the thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Christopher B. Strong, Judge of Superior Court in & for the Flint circuit and County of Upson now sitting William Black a resident of the State of Georgia and County of Upson aged seventy 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 as June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz. under Colonel Thomas Neal [Thomas Neel] and under the command of Captain William McCulloch. He entered the service in the spring of the year 1778 and served under the foregoing officers three months and twenty days. He resided in York district State of South Carolina when he entered the service, that he was a drafted Soldier, that he was also a part of the time while engaged in the foregoing tour of service under the command of Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] his Christian name he does not recollect also commanded a part of said time engaged in said tour of duty by Colonel Samuel Watson, he again entered the service in the summer of 1779 under the command of Captain John Foster in the horse company or mounted infantry and served under said command a Tour of three months he was not under the immediate command of any Colonel, he resided in the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina when he entered said service, he entered said service as a volunteer soldier. He was engaged in the Battle at Stono Ferry [June 20, 1779]¹ South Carolina, under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] during the tour of duty he was engaged in in 1779, that he marched through the State of South Carolina during the time he was performing his first tour of duty, and through the State of North Carolina, during the time he was performing the last mentioned tour of duty he was in company with General Lincoln's Army of Continental Soldiers, he was in Company of Colonel Henderson under whose command as aforesaid, he has no documentary evidence he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service, except, his brother Samuel Black, Senior.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm P. Yonge, Clk SC

S/ William Black, X his mark

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

[Alexander F. Edwards, a clergyman, and Thomas G. Rose gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia County of Upson: On this the twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court Before the Honorable Christopher B. Strong Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Upson and of the Flint Circuit which Court is now sitting -- William Black a resident of said County of Upson and State of Georgia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration to his declaration made on the thirtieth day of August in the year while Lord 1832 before the Honorable Christopher B. Strong Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Upson and State of Georgia and Flint Circuit in said State which said Court was then sitting in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on June the 7th 1832, and that he makes the same by way of explanation to the brief of objections to the admission of his pension Claim made by the pension office War Department wherein they required further proof or explanation to wit that he the said William Black has failed to answer satisfactorily the 1st, 2nd and 7th Interrogatories² prescribed by the War department. In answer thereto:

To the 1st Interrogatory he answers. That he was born in the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina in the year of our Lord 1762 as well as he can now recollect.

To the 2nd Interrogatory he answers. That he has no record of his age and that he has no knowledge that his age was ever recorded, and that in answering to the first interrogatory relative to the year in which he was born, that he answers the same from recollection from what his mother informed him.

To the 7th Interrogatory, He answers. That he is known to Andrew C. Williams Esquire, Joel Moody, John Garrett, John Hamill, Harrison Smith, John Mathews, and Thomas Beach Esquire, Elijah Reeves and many others that deponent could mention in addition to the names of Thomas G. Rose and Alexander F. Edwards who certified to their belief of this deponent being a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Christopher B. Strong, Judge

S/ William Black, X his mark

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State of Georgia County of Upson: Before me Joshua B. Bateman a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County personally came Samuel Black Senior who being duly sworn on oath deposeth and saith, that his brother William Black was a Soldier of the revolution and that the

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

said William served a Tour of duty in the service of the United States in the revolutionary War in the militia of the State of South Carolina under the command of one Colonel Neal and in the company of one Captain McCulloch but deponent cannot say how long he served but believes from the best of his recollection that he served at least from three to four months in one Tour [of] duty, and that he was engaged in the others Tours of duty in the Service of said State and the United States but under whom he does not now recollect.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 30th August 1832

S/ Samuel Black Sen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Black Sen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ Samuel Black Sen."

S/ J. B. Bateman, JP

[p 35: on July 11, 1835 while living in Fayette County Georgia, the applicant applied for a new pension certificate.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.22 per annum for six months & 20 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]