

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Blackwell (Blackwell) S34653

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State of Kentucky } Sct
Garrard County & Circuit }

This day Robert Blackwell now a resident of Garrard County within the Commonwealth aforesaid personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the General Court and allotted to the Judicial circuit of this commonwealth, and made and subscribed the following statement in addition to and in explanation of the statement heretofore made on the 21st day of September 1818 in order to obtain the pension allowed by the act of Congress. that he did enlist about 4 years before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] he did enlist for and dureing the term that the prisoners taken at Burgoines Capture should remain in Albemarel County [sic: Hessians in Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, but not taken to Albemarle Barracks until Jan 1779] he did actually serve for more then two years, the said Robert Blackwell says That to the best of his recollection his Captains name was John Roberts his Colo was Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor] and he thinks that James Wood was the Commanding officer of the Corps John Slaughter was Lieutenant and he transfered or was transfered to other service and James Purves [sic: James Purvis] was the Lieutenant that he is poor and reduced in his circumstances and needs the aide of his Countrey, this applicant further says that It is true that the declaration made before the Honourable William L Kelley on the 21st of Septe'r 1818 and attatched hereto [not found] was not subscribed by this affyant but It was done by his direction and in his presence

[signed] Robert Blackwill

Sworn to before me by Robert Blackwell a Citizen of Garrard County this first day of March 1820 at the same time George Hardin aged above 65 personally appeared before me Judge as aforesaid and made thee following statement that Robert Blackwell is now a citizan of the County of Garrard and State of Kentucky that this Deponent was personally acquainted with Robert Blackwell in Culpeper County in Virginia, that the said Robert Blackwell is 4 or 5 years younger then this Deponent this deponent states that he was himselfe present when the said Robert Blackwell did enter with Captain or Maj'r Roberts, the term of the enlistment as well as he can now recollect was to be for and dureing the time Burgoins prisoners remained in captivity, and this deponent further says that the said Robert Blackwell did go into the service and was absent from his usual place of residance for above two years and 4 months, this Depont lives neighbour to the said Robert Blackwell and he is in low and reduced circumstances that he has neither land or negros or money but is poor

[signed] George Hardin

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On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court of the County of Garrard being a Court of Record in and for the County aforesaid Robert Blackwell, aged 59 years the 28th day of last December and resident in the County of Garrard aforesaid who being first duely sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows towit that he served for more then two years in the Company Commanded by Capt John Roberts in the Regt Commanded by Francis Taylor in the Virginia line, that he was employed most of the time in garding the prisoners at Albemarel County and from thence marched to Winchester in Virginia [probably in Feb 1781] where this deponent was discharged – 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 person 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 –

which is as follows towit

two work horses worth seventy Dollars

two coults worth twenty Dollars

two childerin & a Wife

no land or negroes

some beding and furniture worth sixty or seventy dollars this deponent is by profession a farmer
or labourer

[signed] Robert Blackwill

NOTE: On 24 July 1830 Blackwill applied to have his pension transferred to Missouri, having recently moved to St. Louis County. A Treasury-Department document states that he died on 27 Feb 1837.