Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Flack W1587 ¹
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State of Kentucky Todd County

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Todd County Court now sitting James Flack a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated

He entered the Service under Colonel McDowell [probably Charles McDowell: perhaps Joseph McDowell] and General Butler [John Butler] and Captain Davis [John Davis] of Guilford [County] that he entered the Service in the month of April 1779 went on a tour of nearly four months and that all that time he was under the Command of the above named officers the second Tour of nearly 4 months was under the command of Colonel Pacely [John Paisley] & Captain Andrew Willson [Andrew Wilson] of Guilford and that occasion said Flack filled the office of Ensign the second excursion was in the fall of 1780 the third expedition of nearly four months was in the year 1781 and that tour he served under Colonel Paisley and Colonel Isaac [? this name is written over] of Surry County and Captain Smith Moore of Guilford in his first tour the company to which he belonging [sic] rendezvoused at Guilford in North Carolina from thence they marched to Salsberry [Salisbury] from thence through Sharlott [Charlotte] then we crossed Savannah River in Georgia and went into the State of Georgia & near Augusta we remained there but a few days before we returned & went towards Chalston [Charleston] and after recruiting some time through the country were discharged our second tour we went through Salisbury thence to Charlotte & camped not far from McCorpins [? McAlpine's] Creek, then marched back to Salisbury & crossed the Yadkin River after the British had come to Charlotte N.C. and we were then under the command of Colonel divison [sic, William Lee Davidson] and we were then discharged in Meclenburgh [Mecklenburg County] without having any fights during this tour, and our third expedition we were generally in Randolph County in North Carolina and engaged most of the time hunting of Tories he further states that he was at the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] and was under the Command of Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] a Frenchman at which Battle his left-hand man fell at his feet, he further

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States that at that Battle General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] had the Command of the whole Army he further States that he has no Documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on any pension roll of any other State court Territory

Where and in what year were you Borned

I was born in Guilford County North Carolina in the year 1761

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

I have a record of my age as made by my father in his lifetime at my house in this County. — Where were you living when called into the Service where were you living during the war & where do you now live

I was living in the State of North Carolina Guilford County when I enlisted & during the war I live at this time in Todd County Kentucky

did you ever receive a discharge from the Service if so by whom was it given I do not recollect whether I received a written discharge or not I was discharged ful [sic] by whom I do not recollect

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior.

There our Several but I will name Mr. William Taylor, Jesse Grubbs & J. W. S. Moore Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Flack

[Richard W. Nixon, a clergyman, William Taylor, Jesse Grubbs, J. W. S. Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 27: substantially identical application given by James Flack, this application dated May 13, 1833; except in this one he states that he is blind and has been for 10 years; and the neighbors named by him are Thomas Watts, William Quisley and Beverly Stubblefield. This document he signed with his mark. Thomas Watts, Beverly Stubblefield and William Tinsley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 20: On May 20, 1850, Nancy Flack of Todd County, Ky., filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 Act stating that she is the widow of James Flack, a pensioner at the rate of \$33.66/annum; that her maiden name was Nancy Ross; that she married James Flack on February 22, 1798; that they were married by Esquire Peoples in Guilford County, NC; that the annexed family record is in the handwriting of her husband; that he died September 24, 1840 in Todd County, Ky. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 5 Family Record]

Elisha Flack was Born on Tuesday ye 5th day of February in the year of our Lord 1799 Polly Ross Flack was Born on Friday ye 28th Day of November in the year of our Lord 1800 James Flack was Born on Sunday ye 5th Day of September in the year of our Lord 1803 Nancy Flack was Born Tuesday the 29th Day of October in the year of our Lord 1806 Andrew Flack was Born on Monday ye 16th Day of October in the year of our Lord 1809

Thomas Pinckney Flack was born on Saturday the 4th Day of June in the year of our Lord 1814 Elisa Jane Flack was born on Saturday the 14th Day of March 1818 Eliza Jane Flack was Born on Saturday the 14th Day of March in the year of our Lord 1818 [Ja]mes Flack was Born on Friday [ye] 19th Day of June in the year of our Lord 1761 Nancy Flack was Born on Tuesday ye 21st Day of December in the year of our Lord 1773 The above Named was Married on Thursday ye 22nd Day of February in the year of our Lord 1798

James Departed this life on the 24th day of September

1840

1761

79 years old last June

[p 8: On August 27, 1855 in Todd County Kentucky, Nancy Flack, about 81 years of age, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Ross.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]