## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Blackwell W18613 Temperance Blackwell NC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 2 July 2014.

State of No. Carolina

On this 8 day of November 1819 before me one of the Judges of the Supreme Court for s'd State personally appeared James Blackwell, aged about eighty-eight years, resident in the county of Granville in said state, who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the provisions of the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war". That the said James Blackwell was enlisted by Capt. John Dickerson in Granville aforesaid on or about the 20th May 1774 for three years in the Comp'y commanded by said Dickerson in the Cavalry of the No. Carolina Line on Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in said corps untill the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1777 when he was discharged by said Dickerson at Gen'l. Allen Jones' in No.hampton [sic: Northampton] County in said state. That he was stationed sometime at Wilmington in said State under the command of Gen'l. James Moore and Col. Frank Nash [Francis Nash] officers of the Infantry of the No. Carolina line on Continental Establishment by whom he was thence marched to Charleston SoCo where he was stationed several months at Haddrel's [Haddrell's] Point [probably including Battle of Sullivans Island, 28 - 29 Jun 1776]. That he is in reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. That he has no other evidence of said service except the discharge & affidavits which accompany this. Lanus Blankers

[The left part of the following discharge is missing at the places marked \*.]
[\*] Sertifi James Blackwell belong'g to [\*] Compmea of Light Hores [Company of Light Horse]
Command [\*] Jno Dickerson is Discharged from that [\*] as Witness my hand this 10 day May 1777

Wilmington Novem'r. 17h 1781

This is to Certify that Capt James Blackwell from Granvill County has served a Tour of duty in the Horse Here by discharged.

[John Butler Brigadier General]

This day came before me James Harrisby and made Oath that James Blackwell substituted him to serve a twelve months tower in the regular service in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy nine eighty and I marched on with Charles Floyd untill I met with Cader Parker [Kader (Cader) Parker: BLWt1028-200] a recruiting officer to whom I deliverd said Floyd as a substitute for me who was rece'd. by said Parker in place of James Blackwell sworn and subscribed to before me one of Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Granville this the third day of September Eighteen hundred and nineteen [signed] Jas Harrisby

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & quarter sessions November Term 1844
Granville County }

On this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions for the said County of Granville (now in session) Shem Cook Sen'r a resident of the adjoining County of Franklin & State of North Carolina aged 79 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, maketh oath that he is a son in Law of Temperance Blackwell dec'd, widow of James Blackwell dec'd who lived in Granville County State of North Carolina and was a private soldier Lieutenant & Captain in the war of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia & as such served the United States several tours in the Revolutionary war.

That this declarant lived in the neighborhood of the said James Blackwell when he served in the Revolutionary war and has frequently heard him talk about serving in the war of the Revolution & does believe that the said James Blackwell did serve as stated above for proof that the said James Blackwell did serve in the Revolutionary war and afterwards bore the reputation of having served in the said war, this declarant refers to his elderly neighbors. That this declarant cannot tell the length of time the said James Blackwell served in the war That the said James Blackwell died about the year of Eighteen hundred & twenty four (1824) leaving a widow Temperance Blackwell surviving him who died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February Eighteen hundred & forty (1840) leaving the following Children surviving her, to wit; Mary who intermarried with Martin Nall, Elizabeth who intermarried with the Declarant Shem Cook Sen'r, Sarah who intermarried with Archibald Clopton, Temperance who intermarried with Shem Cook Jr, & Rose Blackwell all of lawful age.

The declarant in behalf of his wife and the other heirs of the said James & Temperance Blackwell further sets forth upon his said oath that to the best of his information & belief the said James & Temperance Blackwell were married in the year of Seventeen hundred & seventy two (1772) and that they did live together as husband & wife till the death of the said James Blackwell.

That the said Temperance Blackwell did not marry after the death of her said Husband James Blackwell but remained his widow till death.

On further proof of the said marriage the declarant has procured the Original Family Record & a copy of the marriage Bond & herewith sends them. Shem hisXmark Cook Sen

## State of North Carolina }

Franklin County } On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1844, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Magistrates in & for the said County of Franklin Isaac Winston Sen'r. [pension application R11732] a resident of the said County & State, aged 88 years who being first duly sworn according to Law, maketh oath that he was well acquainted with James Blackwell dec'd & his wife Temperance Blackwell dec'd whose Heirs are applying for a Pension for the Revolutionary services of their dec'd Father the said James Blackwell.

that this deponent lived a near neighbour to the said James Blackwell in time of the Revolutionary war, and was well acquainted with the said James Blackwell from that time untill his death.

That this deponant served a three month tour in the war of the Revolution in Infantry, and that he well remembers that nearly every day he served during the said three months tour, he saw the said James Blackwell in Captain John Dickerson's company of Cavalry; and he believe the said James Blackwell was then a Lieutenant under Captain John Dickerson.

This deponent further sets forth upon his said oath that he understood & believes the said James Blackwell was afterwards a Captain in the Revolutionary war, and that the said James Blackwell after the war always bore the reputation of having been a Captain in the war of the Revolution; but this deponent cannot tell how long the said James Blackwell served a lieutenant, nor how long he served as Captain in the Revolutionary war;

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & date first above written before me Isaac hisXmark Winston Sen'r ISAAC Winston J.P.

State of North Carolina }
Franklin County }

On this day the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Franklin Tilmon Patterson [S41942], a resident of the said County and State aged Eighty three years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statements, to wit, That he was well acquainted with James Blackwell Dec'd. and his wife Temperance Blackwell Dec'd. whose Heirs are applying for a Pension for the Revolutionary services of their deceased Father the said James Blackwell.

That this deponant served a two months tour under the said James Blackwell as his Captain in the Revolutionary War.

That this deponant does know the said james Blackwell was a Captain in the war of the Revolution in Cavaly, in the year 1781, because this deponant served the said two months tour when the said James Blackwell was his Captain.

## NOTES:

Blackwell probably did not mention his service as a militia officer because only service in the Continental Line counted toward a pension under the act of 1818.

The marriage bond referred to was signed on 2 April 1772 by James Blackwell and Thomas Banks.

The family register is transcribed below.

James Blackwell maried Elizabeth Clopton the 17th day of July 1767 and she deceeased 1768

Then marred Temperance Pope the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1772

Mary Blackwell was born the 14th day January 1773

Elizabeth Blackwell was born the 23th day of Nove'r. 1774

Sally Blackwell was born the 19th day of July 1776

Temperance Blackwell was born the 14th day February 1781

Rose Blackwell was born the 17 day of September 1783

John C Blackwell was born the 5 day of March 1786 and deceased in his 9th year

Judith A Blackwell was born the 27 day of January 1789

Joseph and James Blackwell was borne the 5 day of october 179[page torn] and Joseph deceased the 17 day of ultimo

Martain Naul was born the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1767

Marred Mary Blackwell his wife the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1790

Betsey O K Nall was born the 30th day of July 1792

Willis B Nall was born the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1794

Pennelope was born

John Nall was born the 25th day of August 1797