

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Black W20733

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South Carolina

James Black of the District of Chester in the State aforesaid being solemnly sworn declares that he enlisted as a common soldier for sixteen months in the third South Carolina Regiment of the Army of the Revolution Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson], Captain Felix Warley, notwithstanding his time of Enlistment had expired he continued to do duty with that Regiment for about twenty-two months when he was taken a prisoner by the Enemy in the surrender of Charleston [Charleston SC fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and remained there a prisoner of War for about fourteen months and made his Escape.

The Declarer further saith that he is informed and believes that this Regiment was placed by Government in the Continental Establishment & paid, clothed and subsisted by the United States. The Declarer further saith he has resided in the United States since the Commencement of the Revolution and still Resides there and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for Support.

Sworn & subscribed the 4th of November 1818

S/ David Johnson

S/ James Black, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Chester District } Personally came John Brown¹ and Samuel Adams and being duly sworn before me according to Law saith that they knew James Black in the service of the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War Eighteen Months in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson and in the Company commanded by Felix Warley and Lat Deshur [probably Lt. Lewis DeSaussure] and is now a Citizen of Chester.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August 1818

S/ James Harbison, JP

S/ John Brown, X his mark

S/ Samuel Adams, X his mark

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South Carolina Chester District: In the Court of Common Pleas Spring Term 1821

On this third day of April 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record

¹ This MAY be the same man as [S17848 John Brown](#)

and moved with the same Army with the said James and that he was present at the Battle of Stono and accompanied the Army at the Black Swamp, Reesburgh [? or Rusburgh?] and other places in the lower parts of South Carolina and Georgia until the fall of Charleston.

Sworn to & signed Marched 26 1821 before me

S/ James Harbison, JP

S/ John Brown, Senior, X his mark

S/ Samuel Adams, X his mark

and John Brown further saith that the said James Black was with the Army at Bacon's Bridge when General Lincoln laid there and he was on guard when it was attacked in the night.

State of South Carolina Chester District: I do hereby certify for James Black Senior of the State & District aforesaid that in the year 1823, I attended him (as his Physician) while afflicted with an extensive mortification[?] on his back -- and from the great dislocation[?] of the mussels [sic, muscles] and other parts thereof he is in a great measure deprived of the full exercise of his arms.

Given under my hand at Chester Court House this 27th day of March 1827

S/ Jno Douglass [John Douglass]

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State of South Carolina Chester District

On this 27 day of March 1827 Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, James Black aged 70 years or upwards who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & 1st of May 1820. That he the said Black enlisted for the term of sixteen or eighteen months, in the Winter Season, he thinks either the latter end of 1778 or in the beginning of 1779 in the Continental Service in the Revolutionary War, but being very old, & having no written document by him he cannot precisely recollect the time that he was Enlisted by Captain Uriah Gudwin [sic, Uriah Goodwyn or Goodwin] in the City of Charleston, but when he joined the Army, he was transferred (or by some means he does not know how) & did his service & duty in the Company commanded by Captain Felix Warley, in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] in the line of the State of South Carolina he supposes on the Continental Establishment. That notwithstanding his term of Enlistment had expired he continued to do duty in the same Regiment until he was taken a prisoner by the enemy on the Surrender of Charleston in May 1780 and remained there a prisoner of War for about 14 months; until he made his escape & went to New Bern in North Carolina, where he joined in the Sea Service under Captain Kelly of the *Suckey* [? could be Lucky or Luckey] Brig and continued in that service until captured by a British 74, in attempting to bring Supplies round to General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army. That about the time peace was made as he understood, himself with many others was sent on shore off Charleston; but never joined the Army afterwards, as his time had fully expired before he was taken prisoner.

That he was in the Battles at Stono & Savannah, besides Several other Skirmishes of a smaller note and his sustaining his part during the Siege of Charleston, that he being taken a prisoner and making his Escape prevented him from getting a discharge and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the affidavits of John Brown & Samuel Adams hitherto forwarded with my application in 1818 herewith enclosed.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with

intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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

Schedule

viz. one Filly three years old this spring say at	\$30.00
one cow & two calves worth about \$15	15.00
two Ewes & Lambs worth \$4	4.00
two old beds & some covering say \$12 each	24.00
one sow & pigs & two small Shoats \$7	7.00
2 pots one Mettle oven & Skillet	6.75
2 Delph dishes some old plates & knives & forks	3.00
one old wooden clock that cost \$10 at first but is entirely out of repair so that he can put no price on it	
about 20 Bushels of Corn, that will scarely support his family and stock till harvest--\$.75 pr Bu	15.00
Plantation Tools one Ax \$1.50 2 old ploughs, 1 each	3.00
2 Single trees, & 2 pair old chains & hornes say	2.50
one old Maltock, & three old hoes, say worth	<u>1.50</u>
Total	\$111.75

That the above property down to including the Beds is under a mortgage, with 56 acres of poor land a great part much worn out; worth he thinks about \$2.00 or \$2.50 per acre and that he is in more debt than all his property will pay also that he has been lately afflicted with a mortification[?] in his back that has almost put him past labour that he has no assistance but his wife, who is about 60 years of age, and one son nearly 20 that he expects will soon leave town, and a door about 27 that is under no obligation to stay with him. And that unless he gets some assistance from his Country he must expect shortly to suffer.

S/ James Black, O his mark

S/ J. Rosborough,

South Carolina Chester District: In the Court of Common Pleas Spring Term 1827

Present His honor Judge Waters

James Black affiant in open Court and made a declaration on oath of his services in the Revolutionary War as also a description of his property, in order to obtain a pension from the United States in his honor at the Judge certifies the same and the papers were filed.

State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared John Brown and Samuel Adams and being duly sworn before me according to law saith that they knew James Black in the service of the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War eighteen months in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] and in the Company commanded by Felix Warley and Lieutenant Dishier and is now a Citizen of Chester.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August 1818

S/ James Harbison, JP

S/ John Brown, X his mark

S/ Samuel Adams, X his mark

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South Carolina Chester District

James Black came personally before me the Subscribing justice and made oath in due form that one cow returned in his Schedule forwarded to the War Department last spring is now deceased and that his circumstances is now far worse than they were at the time the schedule was rendered as he (on account of his inability to labor as very much declined) was unable to attend to it properly.

Sworn and subscribed this 17th of October 1827 before me
S/ William Anderson, JQ

S/ James Black, O his mark

[p 10: On February 9th, 1837 in Chester Dist. South Carolina, Nancy Black, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of James Black; that she married him September 3rd, 1783 or 4; that her husband died October 4th, 1834 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: On December 14, 1846, Jane Hartin, 70, testified in Chester district South Carolina that she was present at the marriage of James Black to Nancy Smith; that the marriage took place in the neighborhood of Rocky Creek, in Chester District South Carolina about the close of the revolution in the year 1783 or 84.]

[p 11: On December 15, 1846 in Chester District South Carolina, William Black testified that he is the son of James Black and his wife Nancy; that he was born as he has always understood and believed on July 25th 1788 though he has no record of his age; that he was his parents second child; that he was a volunteer in the late war with Great Britain in 1814 and was the eldest of three brothers in the service all of whom were of age; that he was stricken off the muster rolls 11 years ago at age 45.

Wm Black
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[p 30: Martha McClure gave testimony in Chester District on December 15, 1846 that she has lived in the same neighborhood with James and Nancy Black for 60 years and was intimately acquainted with them; that she first made their acquaintance upon arriving in Chester District from Ireland (her place of nativity) in 1786.; That James Black and his wife were living in the neighborhood of her uncle John Storemerits in Chester District and had been married one or two years previous to her arrival in America.]

[p 31: On December 15, 1846 in Chester District South Carolina John Bishop,² a revolutionary war Pensioner gave testimony that he, the deponent, married in the year 1785 and settled in the neighborhood of James Black and his wife Nancy who were then living in the neighborhood of Rocky Creek Chester District; that the deponent's first child, Elizabeth, was born in April 1787 at which time James and Nancy Black were married and settled in the area as aforesaid. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

² [S9279 John Bishop](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing November 6th, 1827, for 16 months service as a private in the South Carolina line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to James Black AA20
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 513

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No. 46

[No.] 221 [Book] S

Mr. James Black his Account for Pay & Subsistence as a Private Soldier in the South Carolina Line 16 months & 28 days.

Charged	£50.0.6
Add error	<u>4</u>
	£50.0.10
Deduct Subsistence	<u>23.14.1</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£26.6.9

Ex^d. W. G. J. M^c. A. G.” [Executed [by] William Galvan & John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Treasury Office Columbia 20th January 1791

This certifies that Mr. John Lucky has received from the Treasury an Indent No. 221 Book S rented in favor of James Black for Pay as a Private in the South Carolina Line amounting to £26.6.9 Sterling instead of an Indent for a James Black included in Colonel Robert Anderson’s Return

S/ Thomas Nicholls, Commissioner

The Order was originally given to James Ponder by Joseph Black for his Brother James deceased to whom he was Heir at Law

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James Black being duly Sworn declares that he never gave an order [to] James Ponder to receive his Indent & that he hath not Received said Indent by Ponder or any other person.

Sworn this 29th January 1791 before

S/ J. O. Brown, JP

[p 13: form of Indent No. 221 Book S]

[p 14: reverse of the above Indent]

I do assign over my whole Right & title of the within indent to Mr. James Ponder & as witness my hand this 27th of June

S/ Joseph Black

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Individual” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name.

I do give over my whole Right
title of the within indent
Mr James Fonder & as
witness my hand this 27th of June
Joseph Black