

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Blackwell S35193

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Union County towit April County Court 1818

Thomas Blackwell of this county this day came into court and declared on oath that he belonged to the army of the revolution of the United States, and tenth Virginia regiment on the continental establishment that he enlisted in Capt. John Greens company of riflemen in the first Virginia regiment commanded by Colo. Patrick Henry in September 1775 for one year. In January 1776 he was appointed ensign to said company – in October or November of that year he was appointed Capt. by a committe of Faquer [sic: Fauquier] County Virginia, returned from New Jersey and enlisted a company – In 1777 March he received the commission of a Captain in the tenth Virginia continental regiment commanded by Colo. Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] – that in the fall of 1778 he was returned as a supernumerary officer with an order to take command when called for by the law of congress – and that no pension has ever been allowed him by the laws of the United States –

I do heareby certify that Thos. Blackwell Entered into the sirvis of the united states in the year Seventeen Hundred and seventy five under Capt. John Green of Culpeper County Virginia and that the s'd. Blackwell was apointed Ensign in s'd. Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Rigmnt Cummanded by Colo. Patrick Henry

Given under my hand this 29 day of May 1819 [signed] John Barbee [pension application W24626]

State of Kentucky

I Joseph Saunders [S11347] of Bullitt County and State of Kentucky do Certify that, in the year 1775 & 1776 Thomas Blackwell was a Sergeant in Captain John Green's Company in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Patrick Henry on Continental Establishment. I was a private in said Company and know that He served more than nine months. I was afterwards informed, and have no reason to doubt the information as it was generally spoken of that the said Thomas Blackwell was a Captain in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Edward Stephens on Continental Establishment. It is my opinion that he was sent home as a supernumary officer and that he served in the revolutionary war more than two years before he was sent home. Witness my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1819 Joseph Saunders

I do hereby Certify that the within Mentioned Thos. Blackwell Enlisted as a Soldier in Capt. John Greens Company of the first Virginia Reg't. Commanded by Colo. Patrick Hennery in the fall of the year 1775 & that some time in the year 1776 he was appointed a Ensign in s'd. Company and remined in it till Late in the Fall when he obtaind leave of absence & returned to Virginia from the Jersies when he was appointed a Capt in the Tenth Regt. after which he joined the Army under Gen'l. Washington with his Company & remain'd Till I left that part of the Army I believe in fall of 1778

[4 Jun 1819] Rich'd. Taylor [Richard Taylor, S46514] formerly a Lieut. the 1<sup>st</sup>. Virg'a. Reg't.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Union County & Circuit towit

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record towit a circuit court held for said county of Union at the courthouse in Morganfield in the commonwealth aforesaid, Thomas Blackwell, aged sixty nine years resident in the county of Union and District of Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows – as a Captain in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, of the continental line commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens – that his original declaration was made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1818, that he is placed on the pension list roll of the Kentucky agency at twenty dollars per month by

certificate No 16508 that he has not yet received any part of the pension allowed him by said certificate.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

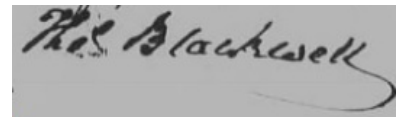
That he has no property real personal or mixed that he has no occupation, is not able to pursue the common occupation of a farmer – that the number of his family is five children besides himself and wife who is also sixty one years old – the names and ages of the children are, Sophia 35, Grant 33, Judy 29, Thomas 23 & Betsey 21, that his said children by their industry are barely enabled to support themselves (subscribed) “Thomas Blackwell”

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled “An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution” approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828, I Thomas Blackwell of Morganfield in the County of Union in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare, that I was an officer in the continental line in the Army of the Revolution and served as such from the latter part of the year 1775 to the end of the war, at which period I was a captain in Tenth Virginia Regiment of the continental line

And I also declare, that I did not afterwards receive certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1783 instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780.

And I do further declare that I have received of the United States, as a Pensioner since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1826 four hundred and eighty dollars paid to me by the agents for paying pensions in the State of Kentucky

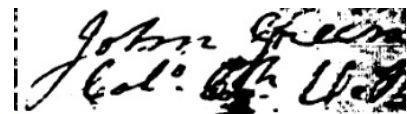
Witness my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July in the year 1828  
[Blackwell made a similar declaration on 26 Jan 1829.]



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two separate files.]

This is to Certify that Capt Thomas Blackwell of the Sixth Regt of the Virginia Continellal Line entered into the Service the 1<sup>st</sup> Day September 1775 and was Returned as a Supernumerary the 1<sup>st</sup> Day November 1778 Giving under my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> September 1783.

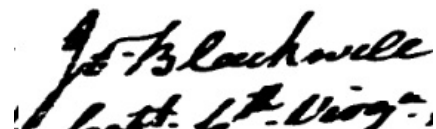
John Green  
Colo 6<sup>th</sup> Va Rt



[Parts of the following are missing where indicated by \*.]

[\*] do hereby Certify that Thomas Blackwell entered in the Service [\*] the United States in the first Virginia Rejiment on continent[\*] establishment in the month of September 1775 and continued [\*] the Sevices of the United States untill the end of the War. and furthe[\*] certify that he never was broke or superseded and that I was well acquaint[\*] with the said Capt. Thomas Blackwell Services as Capt. to the [\*] [two undeciphered words] from the above date untill the date thereof. Given [\*] under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> June 1806

[Joseph Blackwell S37781] La[\*]  
Capt 6<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Re't



A Warrant issued for 4,000 [acres] to Thomas Blackwell for 3 years Service as a Captain on Continental establishment which is the only Warrant that appears to have issued in his name.

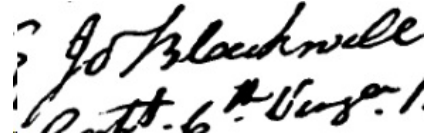
Land office] 28 June 1806.

Edw'd C Davis clk

ex'd Wm Price Reg'r/ Aug't 9 1806

I do hereby Certify that Capt. Thomas Blackwell entered into the Service of the United States in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and that his Services in the said Regiment commenced previous to the first day of October 1775, and Continued in the Services of the United States until the end of the war and do further Certify that that he was never brooke or superseded in the Services of Captain being well acquainted, with said Capt. Thomas Blackwell to the end of the War aforesaid. Given from under our hand this 11<sup>th</sup> July 1806

[Joseph Blackwell] late  
Capt. 6<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't



Handwritten signature of Joseph Blackwell, dated 11th July 1806.