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Pension Application of Blackman Ligon: W9132

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The State of South Carolina, To wit

On this fourteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighteen - , before me Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of Equity — for the said State, personally appears Blackman Ligon, aged Sixty one years, resident in the district of Greenville and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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”: That he the said Blackman Ligon enlisted on the 12th of February 1776, in Halifax County in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Nathaniel Cook, of the Seventh Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line; That he continued to serve in the said Corps, in the service of the United States for one Year, during which time he was marched to Baltimore, where he Re-enlisted in the same Company & Commanded by Captain Wm. Moseley, of the said seventh Regiment Col. Alex McClanahan; and that he continued to serve in the said Corps, in the service of the United States, in the Continental Line, three years, until the 12th day of February, 1780, when he was honorably discharged from Service in Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, by Col. Christian Febeger [sic: Febiger]; That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and the affair at Cootes’ Bridge [possibly Cooch’s Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777]. Was a Volunteer at the battle of Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 March 1781] where he was wounded: and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his County for support. - and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to, & declared before me, the day & year aforesaid. [signed] Blackman Ligon

Schedule &c

District of South Carolina.

On the third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Record of General Sessions of the Peace, & common Pleas, held for the district of Greenville in the state of South Carolina, by & before Daniel E Huger Esquire, one of the associate Judges of the said state, Blackman Ligon aged sixty four years, resident in the said district of Greenville, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows. Enlisted first for two years the 12th February 1776, in company commanded by Capt Nathaniel Cook, 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Coln William Dangerfield, in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he served one year of said term, and then re-enlisted for three years in the same company, under the command of Capt Wm. Mosely in the same Regiment commanded by Coln. Alexander MClanahan, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 12th February 1780, when he was honorably discharged from said service at Wilmington in Delaware, by Coln Christian Febigger. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Guilford, at which latter place he was a volunteer and was wounded in the thigh, which has produced a continued lameness, and that he has no other evidence of his said service now in his power except what is contained in his former declaration made on the 14th of November 1818 and on file at the War office, being already a Pensioner under the said act as appears from the certificate of the secretary of War, dated 5th of March 1819. No 7288. - And in pursuance of the act of May the 1st 1820. I Blackmon Ligon, do solemnly swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand, eight hundred & eighteen 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states, in the Revolutionary War” passed on

the 18th of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen: 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 hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

And I the said Blackman Ligon, do further swear that my Family consists of my wife Elizabeth aged about sixty four years, who is too infirm to support herself; & four children namely Nancy aged about 37 years, John T. aged about twenty nine, Elizabeth aged about 25 years, & Blackmon about twenty two. who are all capable of supporting themselves - and two grand children namely James Roseman about 9 years old, & Joseph Ligon about 4 years of age who are incapable of their own support, and dependant on the income of the said Blackmon. That he the said Blackmon Ligon is by occupation a Farmer, and is from age, his wound, & other infirmities, unable to support himself, without the assistance of his Country.

[signed] Blackman Ligon

Schedule of the Property of Blackman Ligon, Viz

150 acres of land, worth about four hundred & fifty dols	\$450
One negro woman worth	400.
One mare & colt worth	50.-
two cows & calves \$20. & 23 hogs, large & small \$20_	40."
7 sitting chairs \$2.50, one cupboard \$3	5.50
1 pot, 2 ovens, one tea kettle, one spider.	7.50
one axe, one mattock, & 4 hoes.	4."
2 shovel plough, 1 cotton plough & pr. traces ----	3.50
Half (interested in) one riding chair.	<u>12.50</u>
Total	\$973.00

There are outstanding debts which I owe (viz.)

John Brown \$45.11	Mauldins Exc'r. \$46. —	\$91.11
J Archer ---- 35	— Crayton ----- 15. —	50. "
J. & T. Mauldin 7	— Bromberry ---- 5. —	12. "
J. Easley \$4.75.	J Young \$2. R. Harrison \$2 —	8.75
Jus Towns \$56.46.		<u>56.46</u>
Besides some not acertained		\$218.32

Witness my hand this 3rd day of April 1821

[signed] Blackman Ligon

NOTE: On 16 July 1841 John T. Ligon applied for a pension for his mother Elizabeth Ligon, who was "insane from dotage and loss of memory," stating that she married Blackman Ligon between 1780 and 1790, and he died 3 May 1831. This application was supported by Nancy T Moon, who stated that her mother Elizabeth was 88 years old on 28 April 1841, and that the year of her parents' marriage was probably about 1780, as inferred from her own date of birth on 1 Nov 1784 and she being the second child. In addition to the battles cited in Blackman Ligon's own declaration, the children stated that they had heard him say that he was at the Battle of Trenton (26 Dec 1776) and at the surrender of Cornwallis (19 Oct 1781).