Pension application of Osborne Ball R459 Mary fn25NC
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State of North Carolina, Warren County

On this the 26th day of February A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Warren and the State of North Carolina Warren Ball resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 61 years who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th A.D.1838 or any other Act under which he may be entitled: that he is the only child of Mary Ball who was the widow of Osborne Ball who was a private in a Regiment commanded by Brigadier General Sumner in the Division commanded by General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] during the campaign in North and South Carolina in the War of the Revolution between the United States and Great Britain of 1776, that the said Osborne Ball volunteered in the County of Granville State of North Carolina in the year 1780 as he believes and served during the greater part of said war.

He further declares that the said Mary Ball as he always understood and believes was married to the said Osborne Ball in the year 1789, and that the said Osborne Ball died about the year 1830, that the said Mary Ball was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place as he believes and has always understood previous to the first of January A.D1794 viz.: at the time above stated.

He further declares that the said Mary Ball died some time in the Fall of the year A.D. 1845, that neither of Osborne Ball or Mary Ball ever received a pension during their lives, that the said Mary Ball never afterwards married after her said in a marriage with the said Osborne, that the reason why, the applicant herein named never applied for a pension before and the said Mary did not apply in her lifetime was on account of the fact that they were ignorant of any provisions for them by Congress until so advised by counsel recently, that there is no family record of marriages or deaths in the family, and that the belief in general and no doubt have ever existed in the opinion of the neighborhood, that he was a Revolutionary Soldier, and that the applicant herein named together with others has heard the said Osbourne speak about being at the battle of Guilford Court House and other places in West in North Carolina and South Carolina during the Revolutionary War.

S/ Warren Ball, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written & I hereby certify that the said Warren Ball is a creditable affiant. S/ Henry Harris, JP & member of the Court

[James Ball, 75, and Tabitha Jordan, 79, of residence of Warren County North Carolina gave supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 10, is the certificate of the North Carolina Comptroller stating that payments were made to a certain “Ozbern Ball” for “military services in the Revolutionary War”]

[William Rudd, 81, also a resident of Warren County gave a supporting affidavit as to his recollection of the marriage of Osborne Ball to Mary Ball and the services of Osbourne Ball.]