

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Ballard S20283

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Georgia, Gwinnett County: Inferior Court December Term 1832

Personally appeared in open court it being a court of record, now sitting, Thomas Ballard a resident of said County of Gwinnett and State aforesaid aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: That he entered the service in the State of South Carolina the part which is now called Kershaw District. That he was then Captain of a militia company and that he together with his Company was called into service by Colonel Kimbrel [sic, Kimbrell] as volunteers. That he was then by Colonel Kimbrel brevetted Captain of said Company that he was in Major Thompson's Battalion & Colonel Kimbrel's Regiment that during this service he was with General Marion six weeks when his company was relieved and allowed to return home. That this service was during the year 1780 & 1781. That this was a three months Tour but that he was relieved & allowed to return home a few days before the Term of service expired. That afterwards in the year 1781 the Company which he commanded was again called into Service under the Command of Major Thompson in General Henderson's division for a three months Service. That he was stationed at Captain Young's house in the State of South Carolina in the fork of edisto River [Edisto River] and was engaged during this Service in skirmishes with the Tories and at the end of the Service he returned home. That he did not receive a written discharge in either of the above mentioned Services because he did not concede them at that time necessary. That his brevet has been lost or mislaid. That the two several tours of duty were served in the State of South Carolina and that he has no documentary Evidence nor does he know of anyone now living except Michael Branham, who can establish the same. That since the revolutionary war he has resided first in South Carolina Kershaw District from thence he removed to Gwinnett County in Georgia where he now resides that he was born in the State of Virginia in March 1751. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Old of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this tenth day December 1832 in open Court.

Attest: S/ Wm Maltbie, Clk

S/ Thos. Ballard

South Carolina, Lancaster District

On this sixth day of November A.D. 1839 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting, Thomas Ballard, a resident of the State & District aforesaid aged 89 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. -- viz. That he entered the service as a militia man (Volunteer) in Captain William Nettles company (militia) in Colonel John Marshall's Regiment (militia) in the year 1780 about

six or eight months before Gates defeat near Camden, at the time of Gates defeat he was with General Sumter as a Volunteer afterwards in the spring of 1781 he received a commission to Command the Beaver Creek Company Kershaw District South Carolina from Colonel Kimbrell who then had the Command of Colonel Marshall's Regiment Colonel Marshall having gone to Virginia served under Colonel Kimbrell & General Marion three months as Captain in Santee Swamp near McCord's ferry South Carolina Was in pursuit of the British & caused them to evacuate Bigham [sic, Biggin] Church & fire the same was at the Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden South Carolina between General Greene & Lord Rawdon, he afterwards returned with his company & remained at home for about three months, he then as Captain & with his Company returned to the service and Joined the Whigs at the "Fore Holes" [sic, Four Holes] thinks a Colonel Henderson had Command & continued with him three months in the fork of Edisto River watching the movements of certain forces in that neighborhood he & his Company then returned home, don't recollect what has become of his discharge, or whether he received one, his Commission has been mislaid it was signed by Colonel Kimbrell.

Sworn to open Court the day & date above mentioned

S/ S/ Beckham, Clk

S/ Thos. Ballard

[J. P. Thompson, a clergyman, and Samuel B. Hammond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina, Lancaster District

Personally appeared before me James H. Witherspoon Jr Judge of the Court of Ordinary Lancaster District Colonel Thomas Ballard Senior of the said District & State, aged 90 years, 7 March next, who being duly sworn maketh oath & saith, that he was born in the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia 7 March 1751 & resided there until the year 1789 [sic, 1779?], when he removed to South Carolina, Craven County now the district of Kershaw where he resided & lived until the year 1818, when he removed to Georgia when at County & resided & built there until the year 1838, when he removed back to South Carolina Lancaster District, where he now resides. This deponent further states that shortly after he removed to South Carolina to wit in the fall & winter of 1779 & 1780 he entered the service of his country under Captain William who was attached to Colonel Marshall's Regiment, the deponent was out & engaged in said service at various times, principally in scouting & routing certain Tories who were then lurking in Kershaw district, he was then residing in Captain William's beat, and as a militia man was called out sometime in December 1779 & was engaged & out in service until May 1780, whenever the Company was on duty, the duty of this Company at that time was principally the routing & keeping in check the Tories in the district -- deponent further saith that some time in August or September 1780 he went on a visit to Virginia, that while there, he heard that a great many Tories had assembled near the Brushy Mountains in North Carolina he then volunteered under Colonel Bryce Martin in Henry County Virginia to march against them after marching several days under him the Regiment was dismissed by Colonel Martin upon learning that the Tories had left & abandoned that place. This deponent then returned to South Carolina Kershaw District where his family were still residing. He was there afterwards engaged in various services, but not regularly -- ~~until~~ he was present & assisted in taking Rudgeleys [Rugeley's] Fort. In March or April 1781 this deponent received a Captain's Commission from Colonel Kimbrell to command the Beaver Creek Company in Kershaw District. He then marched his Company to Camden & was at the Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, he then afterwards with his Company under Colonel Kimbrell marched & joined general Marion near Biggin Church, deponent as Captain served under General Marion three months -- in this State --

and afterwards marched his Company to Edisto & there remained three months to the best of his recollection -- deponent has either lost or misplaced his commission, he cannot now find it -- deponent in conclusion states, that to the best of his recollection, he served six months as a militia man under Captain Nettles, ready to perform duty whenever called upon -- is perfectly satisfied that as Captain he was three months under General Marion in active service -- and also three months in the fork of Edisto & was upon duty as Captain -- altogether six months -- besides other duties & services -- deponent further saith that he has never received any compensation for said services either from the State or the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed Before me 19 January 1841

S/ James H. Witherspoon, Jr., Judge of Court Ordinary

Lancaster District

S/ Thos. Ballard

[On February 25, 1847, Col. Thomas P. Ballard, 47, son of Capt. Thomas Ballard on behalf and the other children of Capt. Thomas Ballard, to wit, Susanna Caston & Mary Russell sought to recover the pension he said was due his father[

[Veteran died at the residence of Mrs. Susanna Caston in Lancaster District SC on December 28, 1843]