

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Ward S33871

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State of New Jersey Cumberland County: SS

On this 11th day of April 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Edward Ward, aged sixty-eight years, resident in the said County and State who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may 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 Edward Ward enlisted for one-year at Williamsburg in Virginia, he believes in 1775 in the company commanded by Captain George Nicholson* of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Finney [?]: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the time for which he enlisted was expired when he was discharged at Williamsburg in Virginia, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James D. Westcott

*[margin note: "Information received of the Honorable Mr. Bassett induces me to believe that his name ought to be Nicholas – Ephraim Bateman April 16, 1818."]

Cedarville New Jersey April 25, 18 8

I hereby certify that I have for many years been acquainted with Edward Ward the applicant for a Pension under the act of March 18, 1818 named in the foregoing deposition, that he is an old man and very infirm that I have repeatedly heard him say that he was born in Virginia and resided there until after manhood. In conversation with the Honorable Mr. Bassett¹ of the House of Representatives from Virginia, resident at Williamsburg he stated to me that

¹ BASSETT, Burwell, a Representative from Virginia; born in New Kent County, Va., March 18, 1764; attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; member of the State house of delegates 1787-1789; served in the State senate 1794-1805; unsuccessfully contested the election of John Clopton to the Fourth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Ninth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1805-March 3, 1813); chairman, Committee on Claims (Twelfth Congress), Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Twelfth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1812 to the Thirteenth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1819); again a member of the State house of delegates 1819-1821; elected as a Republican to the Seventeenth Congress, as a Crawford Republican to the Eighteenth Congress, and a Jacksonian to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; died in New Kent County, Va., February 26, 1841. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B000224>

about the time specified by Mr. Ward a Captain Nicholas did raise a company of men to serve on the Continental establishment Williamsburg and [several words illegibly faint] standing in his neighborhood that said Ward was a revolutionary soldier induces me to believe that he is entitled to a Pension under the act you referred to.

S/ Ephraim Bateman

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 11, 1818 for his service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]