

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Phillip Ballard, Sr. S9094

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State of Virginia, County of Logan

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Logan, Philip Ballard, Sr., a Citizen of this County and in the State of Virginia Aged 75 years on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March last, who being duly Sworn according to Law; Doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Minute Service under Captain Spencer, the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Col. Taliaferro & Lieut. Col. Stevens & Major Thomas Marshall; was engaged against the British at the Skirmish at the Great bridge and also at Portsmouth; and about the time of the besieging of Norfolk; deponent was taken sick, & was sent home by Capt. Spencer in his own Wagon. After his recovery he Volunteered his Services to his Country; and Joined a Company Commanded by Captain Scott of Orange County: and marched to the town of little York, where he continued with the Army under Genl. Nelson till the British marched off to Carolina: when he was furloughed to return home. His Country still needing his Services, he enlisted with Capt. Burnley in the Regt. of Col. Francis Taylor who were guarding the Barracks in Albemarle County where he continued for some time at the breaking up of the barracks he accompanied the prisoners to Fredericktown in Maryland; at which place often guarding the prisoners all the winter; he agreed to serve in Crockett's Regiment in the Company of Capt. Chapman or Chaplin but was again taken sick and did not accompany the Regiment to the West--.

He again recovered at home in Orange County & Joined the Militia under Col. Thomas Barbour as a Volunteer with 4 brothers and was marched to Richmond: & subsequently to Williamsburg and was discharged at Page's Mill in Orange County in June 1781.

He never received any pay for his Services except for the time he served in the minute service; nor has he received any pension, except a Warrant from the Executive of Virginia for 100 acres of land, which is now deposited in the General Land office of the U. S. to be exchanged for Scrip; agreeable to Law.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Philip Ballard

No pension was received from my Services whatsoever, so none to relinquish.

At Logan County Court August Term 1832

Philip Ballard Sen. this day made his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of a provision of the last Session of Congress providing for pensions of the soldiers the revolution and which was duly executed and Sworn to. And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant, was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states, which is ordered to be certified, agreeably to the Act of Congress.

Test: S/ Edwin Robertson, Clk. of said County Court

[Richard Brooks, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Logan County to wit This day Philip Ballard Jr. a Citizen of said County appeared before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and after being

duly Sworn according to Law, States, that he was well acquainted with Philip Ballard the Subscriber to the declaration hereunto annexed for 25 years, has heard his great Uncle mention on many occasions, his services in the War of our revolution; and it has never been doubted in the neighborhood that said Ballard who was over 75 years of age was a revolutionary Soldier in which opinion I freely concur for I have frequently heard him detail his services in the War, when he could have no hope of reward, I have also heard my uncles Thomas & Elijah Ballard, Speak of the Services of Philip, who died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April last, & whose administrator is now applying for his pension do you did by Law in order to settle said Ballard's debts – Given under my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833.

S/ Joseph Straton, JP

Logan Courthouse Virginia November the fifth 1833

The humble petition of Mary Ballard to the Honorable Lewis Cass Secretary of War respectfully Showeth that your petitioner is the widow of Philip Ballard late of this County deceased and who departed this life on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 and who served as a Soldier during the War of our revolution and whose declaration and proof of Service was Some time ago forwarded by Anthony Lawson under an arrangement with me in his Character of Administrator of my late husband, Phillip Ballard, to the War office of the United States, your petitioner humbly prays that you will be pleased to pay over to William McComas Esq. the Member of Congress from our district, all such allowance or pension that my late Husband would have been entitled to under an Act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 for my use; and to be transmitted by him to me: no pension from the United States, or any of the States separately was ever received by my late husband who served during the whole war of our revolution; and who died very poor and considerably in debt, trusting with full confidence that his Country's bounty would be received by me to enable me to preserve from Sale our little Household property which I am very desirous to do: in which I trust will be done by your Justice & kindness to the poor Soldier's widow & your petitioner will ever [illegible word] &c &c.

S/ Mary Ballard

Logan County to wit

This day William Wall Senior, a respectable citizen of this County, appeared before me, Anthony Lawson, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath that he served in the Army of Am. Revolution, and was acquainted with Phillip Ballard; in the Army; was stationed at Albemarle Barracks some time, when said Ballard was also stationed in Colonel Taylor's Regiment; has been acquainted with said Ballard ever since, having both, been citizens of Logan County, or the Counties from which it was taken, for the last 25 years.

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1830.

S/ Anthony Lawson

[The file also contains a power of attorney whereby Philip Ballard appointed Anthony Lawson as his attorney to pursue his (Ballard's) claim for a pension under the Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.]