

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel Ashe W514

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State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover

I Samuel Ashe aged Sixty Three years do upon oath, testify and declare that in the year 1779 I was commissioned a Subaltern officer in the sixth Regiment of the North Carolina line in the war of the revolution and that I continued in said service until the close of the war when I was regularly discharged from the Continental service, of the United States. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever, therefore, know all men by these presents that I Samuel Ashe aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Samuel Porter Ashe to be my true and faithful attorney, for me and in my name, to demand and receive from the Secretary of war of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid, and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes, or or attorneys, under him for the special purposes above expressed.

Attested:

S/ Saml Ashe

S/ J. A. Lillington, JP

I Thomas Callender who was a Captain in the Army of the United States of the war of the revolution now aged Seventy Two years do, upon oath declare, that I have long been acquainted with Colonel Samuel Ashe who has subscribed the above declaration in my presence and well know that he is the identical person, he therein represents himself to be and further I do know and do believe that he did perform the military service therein stated.

Attest:

S/ Thos. Callender

S/ J. A. Lillington, JP

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "an Act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828.

I Samuel Ash [sic, Ashe] of the County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare, that I was in Officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and Served as Such to the end of the War, at which period I was a lieutenant in the North Carolina line of the Continental Army.

And I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates (commonly called a Commutation Certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay: which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780.

Witness my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1828.

S/ Saml. Ashe

Wilmington N. C. 10<sup>th</sup> June 1828

Sir,

In addition to the affidavit & Certificate as herein enclosed the undersigned by way of illustration & explanation respectfully submits as follows, to wit, -- That he the said Samuel Ashe some time in the early part of 1779 being about 17 years of age received a subaltern's commission in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the North Carolina line, the officers of which Regiment were then dispersed throughout the state. As soon as the undersigned understood the invasion of the Southern States and Charleston was besieged by the enemy, he proceeded to and joined the North Carolina line in that place & was by the order of Brigadier General Hogan [sic, James Hogun] placed in command as a Lieutenant of the

first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clarke. After the surrender of Charleston on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780, he remained a prisoner at Haddrell's Point until sometime in the summer of 1781, when by exchange he was sent with other prisoners under a flag to James Town in Virginia – there he with others joined the Army under the Command of the Marquis De La Fayette [sic, Lafayette] & some time in August or September following was with certain North Carolina troops ordered to join the Army of the South under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] under whose command he continued until the peace. His commission was destroyed by fire about two years after the peace, his cabin having accidentally taken fire whilst employed from home; his address is Wilmington North Carolina.

To the Honbl. Richd. Rush  
Secy &c.

S/ Saml Ashe

[In the widow's application, she states that her husband died in the fall of the year 1835. She gave her name as Elizabeth H. Ashe.]