Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ware W8969 Transcribed by Will Graves Priscilla

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State of South Carolina Richland district: On this 18th day of August 1821 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court for said district personally appeared before me William where aged 61 years resident in South Carolina the said district who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made 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 the said William Ware enlisted for the term of 3 years on the 9th Day of August in the year 1776 in the first Regiment in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Fleming of the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 9th day of August 1779 then discharged from service in the state of New Jersey that he was at the battle of Monmouth 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 service. Sworn to and declared to before me the day and year aforesaid. Sworn to this 18th day of August 1821 before me – Richard Gantt

S/ William Ware

William Ware

State of South Carolina Richland District: to wit

On this twenty-sixth day of March 1823 personally appeared in open court before a court of Record for the said district William Ware who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted on the 9th Day of August A.D. 1776 for three years in the first Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the Company commanded by Captain James Fleming, that he served in this Company & others until the 9th day of August 1779 & was then discharged in the State of New Jersey –And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any

property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed Sworn to & declared on the 27 day of March 1823 before

S/ James S. Guignard, Clerk

S/ William Ware

Schedule of Wm Ware	
1 cow & calf valued at	\$14.00
2 beds & bedding	20.00
¹ / ₂ dozen chairs	2.00
1/2 dozen knives	1.50
¹ / ₂ dozen plates	.50
¹ / ₂ dozen cups & saucers	.50
1 pot	1.25
1 Skillet	.75
	\$40.50

I am a taylor [tailor] by trade but on account of the fact in my eyes sight am unable to make a living by my trade, that I have a wife named Priscilla who is sixty years of age, a daughter named Adeline 14 years of age and a son named Francis 12 years of age but who are not able to contribute to my support – & that my first application for a pension was dated the 18th day of August 1821. S/ William Ware

I am satisfied that the articles contained in the above schedule did not exceed in value the sum of \$50.

S/ Abm Nott Atw to

[fn p. 17: partial document which appears to be a statement by the veteran giving a more detailed version of his services after he left the Continental Army¹]

then I in the year 1780 after General Gates' defeat I turned out a volunteer with Colonel D. Morgan at Hillsboro we got three companies from Gates' broken Army we immediately advanced to Salisbury when we arrived there Cornwallis and his Army were at Charlotte town in North Carolina as soon as they heard that we had advanced to Salisbury Cornwallis retreated to Camden we then advanced near the South & North Carolina line the first attack we made was on Colonel Rugeley & Major Cook with a party of Tories at Rugeley's mill which we to [sic, took] with a pine log the next on the 17th day of January 1781 we defeated Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] at the Cowpens then we retreated to Virginia after getting reinforced we advanced our corps came up with Cornwallis Army we had a severe contra fires before the battle of Guilford Courthouse which was 15th day March 81 then we pursued Cornwallis Army to deep River in North Carolina then we turned to Camden & besieged it some days then drawed our Army off back one mile, on the 15th of April Roding [Rawdon's] army came out & surprised General Greene in the battle I received a ball in the forehead at the age of my hair, a few days afterwards the enemy evacuated Camden then on our way fort Motte Friday's ferry & went on to Ninety Six

¹ I looked in the file as posted on Footnote.com and as posted on HeritageQuest.com and did not find the other part of this document

besieged that place raised the siege the next encampment was at the high Hills of Santee from thence we attacked the British Army at the Eutaw Springs nothing more were done but small scrimmages at the close of the war I returned to Virginia

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Columbia 2 april 1823

Sir I stated for my comander [commander] Cool [Col.] Hoe as my comander which you state there was no such a colls [colonel] in the Virginia lin [line] I am much mistaken if there was not a Colo. Hoe who live in alexander I am much mistaken in the name if it was not Hoe then I was under Collo green then under coolo Richard parker then Collo Burges Ball then Collo William Davis allso I was under majr Dickerson & then Majer Lewis Majr Dickerson fell at the battle of Monmouth Collo parker fell at Charleston at the siege of Charleston I am sorry ther are so many imposters who sais they ware in the army which I was satisfied they was not in the army & some that frut [fought?] there properly out of there hands as they may get there pention [pension] I am sorry that it my misfortion [misfortune] to come forwerd for help I could maid application at first but I could make my mintanance [maintenance] till I lost my Eye site I am sir your most Hble servt. &c.

S/ William Ware

NB please to direct my certificate to me at columbia

[fn p. 22: On November 20, 1843 in Fairfield District South Carolina Priscilla where, 79 on the 23rd day of July last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Ware a pensioner of the United States "who was a private in Ross Troop, Middleton's Regiment or Sumpters Brigade of State Troops: That to the best of her knowledge and belief, he entered the Army first in Virginia, he being a native of that State, that he was at the Siege of Ninety Six, Battle of the Cowpens, Kings Mountain & Camden, & others of less note, that he was wounded at the battle of Camden:" that she married him August 14, 1791 and that he died March 28, 1833.]

[fn p. 8: On March 13, 1844 in Fairfield district South Carolina, Francis Asbury Ware authenticated the family record of William and Priscilla Ware.
fn p. 9:
Francis A. Ware and Eliza Jane Bell was married April the 2nd 1835
William Ware and Priscilla was married the 14th of August 1791 Priscilla 1st child was borned the 1st September 1793 Thomas Cooke born the 9th of March 1796 Sarah Aedy[illegible] borned the 9th of March 1798, Angelina born the 1st May 1803 Adeline the 8th of September 1807
Francis Asbury the 18th September 1811
[the following I believe to the children of Francis A. and Eliza Jane Ware:]
Priscilla was born the 5th of December 1838
Martha Witt was born the 2nd November 1840
William Thomas was born the 18th of April 1842]

[fn p. 12: N 23, 1843 in Fairfield district South Carolina, Thomas W Adams gave testimony that he is the grandson of William & Priscilla Ware; that his grandfather William Ware died March

28, 1833 and that his grandmother Priscilla Ware he is still a widow and that she is near 80 years of age.

Thomas M. Can

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 27, 1823, for 3 years service from 1776 in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]