

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen (Steven) Ballew Sur. Clf 16835 [sic, S16835] f27NC
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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas and Order Sessions October Term 1832

On this the 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid now sitting Stephen Ballew Senr. A resident of said County and State aged about Seventy Years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of 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 (viz.) That he entered the Service as a Substitute for his father Robert Ballew in the County of Burke then Rowan who was drafted by Captain William Johnson Commanded by Colonel Waford [William Wofford] that he marched from his residence to the Western part of said County, to Warford's fort [Wofford's fort] where he remained for some time to protect the fort against the assault of Indians that a short time previous to his arrival one or more men stationed there had been shot by the Indians who made it necessary for this expedition where he remained for a short time was discharged and returned home. That some short time afterwards he again served as a substitute for his father who was drafted for the term of three months by Captain McFarland [James McFarland], a part of which time he was stationed at Davidson's fort (now known as old fort) and occasionally engaged in scouting through the Western part of said County to protect the inhabitants against the depredations of the Indians and Tories. That he substituted for his father who at another time was drafted by Captain Mordecai Clarke [Mordecai Clark] the name of the other officers not now remembered. Captain Clark and Company joined with Captain Smith at Sherrill's Ford and from thence we marched some distance below Charlotte where we joined an Army of men commanded by General Smallwood [William Smallwood] & General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] (I think from Virginia) from there returned to Charlotte where we joined with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and immediately marched through Anson [County] & to Cheraw Hills that immediately on our arrival at Cheraw Hills we were ordered to Salisbury where we were employed in building a stockade fort that soon afterwards he was taken sick received a discharge and returned home, that he was afterwards engaged in the Service of the U S under command of Lieutenant William Jones, Commanded by Colonel McDowell of Burke that during this tour which was about two months he was stationed at Davidson's fort, this was the last service rendered by me to the U S the only one in which I volunteered for myself the whole of my services amount to something like eight months and two weeks, six months of which (at two tours) I was as before stated a substitute for my father the time I entered the service I am unable to state but think from the best calculation I can make it was during the year 1777. I was born in Amherst County Virginia the day and year not known I am enabled only to judge of my age from what I have heard my parents say when young.

I hereby relinquish every Claim to a pension or annuity except the present and do hereby declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any State or the agency of any State. Sworn to &

subscribed this day and year first written.

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ Steven Ballew, X his mark

[Mark Britain, Esqr., & Robert C. Pearson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Thomas Ballew, Sr., brother of Stephen, gave supporting affidavit saying that he as a 10-year-old youth remembers the services of his brother in the revolution.]

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Additional testimony furnished the War Department by Stephen Ballew a Revolutionary Soldier of Burke County in the State of North Carolina.

He entered the service of the United States as a substitute for his father under the command of Captain William Johnson first tour commanded by Colonel Waford about the middle of June 1779, and served only a few weeks, thinks, two weeks.

I again served as a Substitute for Robert Ballew under Captain McFarland and Lieutenant Walker, this service commenced about the first of July and continued until the middle of October.

I again served under Captain Mordecai Clark as set forth in my Declaration. He entered the service about the 15th of October 1781 and Continued in the Service until the Month of February what time in the month I received my discharge I am unable to say.

I again served under Lieutenant Jones under command of Colonel McDowell this service commenced in the first or the first part of the month of July 1782 and continued until the first of September thereafter --

Personally appeared Stephen Ballew before me Robert C. Pearson a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Burke and State of North Carolina who solemnly swears that he performed the services of a soldier of the Revolutionary war as stated on the opposite page and that the dates of said services are given as correctly as he can recollect --

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 23rd day of August 1833.

S/ Stephen Ballew, X his mark

S/ R. C. Pearson, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]