

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Ballard S30260

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State of Kentucky        } SS.

Montgomery County    }

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court for the County aforesaid now sitting James Ballard a resident of s'd. County & State aged Eighty two years who first duly swarn according to Law doth on his other make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832

That he entered the service of the U.S. under the following named officers and served as herin stated. He says he entered the services of the U.S. He thinks in No'r. 1780 under Capt. White and col. Barboar [sic: Thomas Barbour] as an 18 mos. man in the state troops of virginia from the County of orange. He says he marched immediately to Orange Court house and there rendezvoused and marched on to Hillsborough North Carolina. Here he says he thinks he wintered and in the spring commencd active opporations in that state. He says the first Battle that he now recollects was at a place called the shallow ford of the adkin [sic: Shallow Ford of Yadkin River, 8 Feb 1781]. killed some of the British and had some killed the number not recollected. The next was at ramsours mills. And from thence marched on to a place called the Moravian Town [probably Salem NC]. And at this place we rec'd. orders to return home to Orange from whence we set out. Was in the army when Wallis surrendered at York [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] but was not at the siege having been ordered to scout through the neighborhood to keep down the tories and immediatly after the surrender of Wallis was discharged. Having served eleven months from the time he first entered till discharged he says he rec'd. a written discharge from Genral [Daniel] Morgan. He says he has lost by fire. He says he is now old and very infirm so much so that it was with dificulty he could get to Town. He has owing to that circumstance forgotten many of the perticulars of his services. He knows of no living Witness by whom he can prove his services. He says he was born in the above county va. in 1752. The month not recollected. He says he has no record of his age He has said where he was living when called into service. He has also stated how he was called in. He says he knew General Morgan & Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] under whose command he conceives he acted while in carolina. He says he had a discharge but it was burnt in his house. He says he never had a commission but acted as a private. He says he knows of Wm. Sadler a clergyman residing in his neighborhood and James Wells residing in same who can state as to his character for veracity & his reputation as a solder of the revolution. He says he moved from Va. to Kentucky some forty years since and now lives in Montgomery Co. Ky. He hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of of any state Swarn to & Sub'd. the day & year aforesaid

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