## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Balizts (Balitz) S44349 MD [sic: PA] Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The State of Ohio } Sct. Champaign County }

Personally appeared before me John Runyon an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Ohio George Balizts and upon his Corporal Oath made the following Declaration (Towit) that he the said George Balizts on the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven Enlisted as a private soldier in the Company of Captain David Hopkins belonging to the fourth Pennsylvania Redgiment in the Pennsylvania Line in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War for during the War then existing between the United States and Great Britian. And the said George Balizts further saith that he faithfully served in the capacity of a Private soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War from the time of his aforesaid Enlistment until some time in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred & Eighty Three after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] when he was honorably discharged at Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania which said discharge he has since lost by time & accident. And the said George Balitzs further saith that he is a resident of the Town of Urbana in the County of Champaign & State of Ohio was Eighty one years of age on the fifteenth day of April last was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Edge Hill [7 Dec 1777] Monmoth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] & at the taking of Lord Cornwallis during the time of his service in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid & from his Reduced Circumstances in Life needs the assistance of his Country for support [13 May 1818] George Balizts

The State of Ohio Champaign County Supreme court of the Term of July 1820

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Champaign in the said State of Ohio George Balitz aged Eighty three years resident in the county of Champaign aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declared that he served in the revolutionary war as follows (towit) that He enlisted in the army of the United States in the Month of May 1777 at Baltimore in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain David Hopkins belonging to the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colonel Melon [sic: Stephen Moylan] in the Pennsylvania line on the Continental Establishment for and during the war then existing between the United States and Great Britian and that he faithfully served out the full term of his aforesaid Enlistment when he was honorably discharged from service at Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania some time in the year 1783 That on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen he made a declaration in order to obtain a Pension under the act of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and has since received a certificate of his being inscribed on the Pension list Roll of the Ohio agency which said certificate bears date the twentieth day of March 1819 and numbered 8867.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

And I do further swear that my occupation is a Saddle tree maker and that in consequence of my advanced age in life and my bodily infirmities I am entirely unable to pursue it and I do further swear that I have not nor never had any children or family of any description and I do further swear that I have no

species or description of Property either real or personal other than a few articles of wearing apperel Subscribed & sworn to in open court July 18<sup>th</sup> 1820 George hisXmark Balitz

The State of Ohio Champaign County: Court of Common Pleas; of the Term of April, To wit, May 2<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1845.

This day the Noncupative Will of George Balitz deceased was produced in open court and was proven by the Oaths reduced to writing of William H. Fyffe sen'r. and Jesse Griffith the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Which will & probate are in the words following, To Wit: In the matter of the verbal will of George Balitz deceased late a soldier of the Revolution.

The State of Ohio Champaign County, ss.

Personally came into open court at the April Term of the court of common pleas for said county began & held at Urbana in said county on the 29th day of April 1845 the undersigned William H. Fyffe sen'r. of Urbana and Jesse Griffith of South Charlestown in Clark county and state aforesaid, and who being of lawful age and being first duly sworn on their oaths testify and say that the said George Balitz in his life time and during his last sickness at the house of the said William H. Fyffe Sen'r. in Urbana where he had made his home some eleven years anterior to his death requested these affiants to come to his bed side which was on or about the 10 day of July 1825 and then said as his last will and testament that he made William H. Fyffe Jr. his heir and gave to him (William H. Fyffe Junior) his military bounty land claim and all claims to which he was entitled for services as a soldier during the war of the Revolution, and Waynes Campaign against the Indians [Gen. Anthony Wayne, Northwest Indian War of 1794]. That a great deal more was said by said George Balitz at the same time to the same purpose the substance of all which is as above stated. That the said George Balitz at the time he made said gift and devise was of full age and sound mind and memory and not under any restraint. That said George Balitz further said at the same time that he was a soldier during the Revolutionary war and was wounded in his knee and other places during the war The said Jesse Griffith further says that he was intimately acquainted with said George Balitz during the time he resided at the house of William H. Fyffe as above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court May 2<sup>d</sup> 1845 William H. Fyffe Samuel H. Robinson, Clk. Jesse Griffith

State of Ohio }
County of Champaign } [7 Oct 1845]

I, William H. Fyffe Jr. Devisee of George Balitz dec'd. do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that said George Balitz did enter the service in 1777, for the term of during the war and served as a Private in the Regiment No. [blank] under the command of Colonel Moylan, of the Pennsylvania line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to said George Balitz on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore, [power of attorney to Joseph Vance follow]

STATE OF Ohio	} ss.
County of Fayette	}

I, William Balitz of Cambell [sic: Campbell] County Kentucky son & only heir at law of George Balitz of Champaign and State of Ohio but now deceased, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the said George Balitz was a private Moyland's Regiment of dragoons belonging to the Pennsylvania line, on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary War. I do further testify and declare, that I have never received a warrant from the United States for the quantity of land due the said deceased, from the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his right to it in any manner during his life time. [Power of attorney to Col. Joseph Watson follows.]

[signed on 19 April 1832, William balitz]

STATE OF Ohio } ss. County of Fayette }

PERSONALLY appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid, William Colgan and John Ayres both credible and disinterested persons, who, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that they verily believe that George Balitz named in the within declaration, signed by William Balitz served in the Pennsylvania line, during the Revolutionary War: That they have understood that he died about six years since, viz. on or about the tenth day of July 1825 at Urbana within the County of Champaign leaving no widow, and that William Balitz of the County of Campbell & state of Kentucky is the reputed and only heir at law of him, the said George Balitz Sworn and subscribed before me, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1831 William hisXmark Colgan Edwd Jones J.P.

NOTE: A search of the federal censuses of Campbell County KY in 1850, 1860, and 1870 failed to show a William Balitz or anyone with a similar name. The file jacket indicates that two bounty-land warrants were issued for 100 acres each, numbered BLWt1843-100 and BLWt2379-100. One of them was apparently issued to William Balitz, but there is no explanation in the file for why the Pension Office believed he was the son of George Balizts, who stated that he never had children.