

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Bland W. Ballard W20655 Elizabeth Ballard VA  
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Kentucky  
Shelby County Sct

I Certify that Blan W. Ballard came before me and made oath that he was a Captain in the 1<sup>st</sup>. Regiment of Riflemen or Kentucky Militia Commanded by Colo John Allen in the Service of the United States and that he Capt Ballard while in actual service and in the line of his duty he was wounded in the left thigh by a ball from the Enemy on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1813 in the Michigan Territory at the battle of the river raison [Battle of Frenchtown, often called the River Raisin Massacre] against the British and Indians and that he was paid his monthly pay up to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1813 for said campaign —

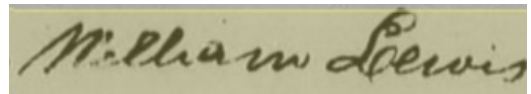
Given under my hand & seal as Justice of the peace in & for Shelby county at Shelbyville this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1820  
Jos Simrall

[21 Apr 1820] We the subscribers Physicians and surgions of the Town of Shelbyville & state of Kentucky, do certify that we have carefully examined the wounds of Bland W. Ballard of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Regiment of Riflemen of Kentucky Militia commanded by Col. Jno. Allen.

The Ball entered about midway of the thigh and passed through to the skin on the opposite side where it was cut out (as he says) we have seen the scar on the oppisite side, the Ball seems to have wounded the sartorius muscle & the fascia lata taking in its passage a small portion of the thigh Bone from the inner and under side, & passing obliquely upwards to have been taken out near the tendinous portion of the Gluteus maximus – we conceive it to have passed between the femoral artery and the thigh Bone, in manner stated above – said wound has continued running matter occasionally ever since, but at some times appears as if healed up – s'd Ballard is about sixty years of age and has been a very hard labouring man & at this time is obliged to support a large family by his labour. – from the injury which he has sustained from the above described wound, together with four others which he says he rec'd. on the same occasion (for we have only seen the scars) we would suppose the degree of debility under which he now labours would amount to one half. Geo. W. Nuckols James Moore J. W. Knight

State of Kentucky }  
Jessamine County } Sct

William Lewis appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he was a Lieutenant Colonel of the fifth Regiment of Kentucky Militia in the Service of the united in the year 1813 and that his Regiment and the first Rifle Reg't. command by Col. John Allen was in the same Brigade and that he was personally acquainted with the above named Capt. Bland W. Ballard of said Rifle Regiment and that he Capt. B W. Ballard was in the Battle of the River Raisin as stated in Ballards affidavit above – and that he knows that said Ballard was in the line of his duty and in actual service when he rec'd a wound in the Thigh (though he did not see him receive the wound) – he knows the wound was received in the above battle in the line of his duty —



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1820.  
John Downing J.P

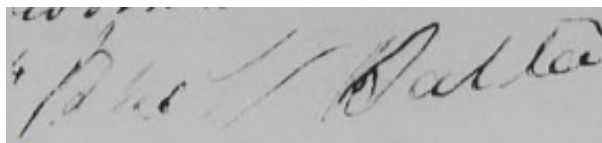
State of Kentucky }  
Shelby County }

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834 came in open Court before the Justices now sitting Bland W Ballard aged seventy five, a citizen of Shelby county Kentucky for the last forty years, who upon his oath

made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

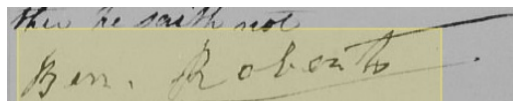
That in the spring of 1779 he was a citizen of Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County Virginia, and there at the time aforesaid enlisted as a regular in the army of the revolution for three years in Captain Benjamin Roberts [pension application S31343] Company which belonged to Slaughters [Maj. George Slaughter's] corps, that in the Spring 1779 he together with a number of Capt Roberts Company came to Ky and assisted in building the fort at Lexington & Bryants Station, that in the spring 1780 Captain Roberts came on himself with the remainder of his company to the falls of Ohio [at present Louisville], where this affiant joined said Company, and hope build the fort on Bar Grass [sic: Beargrass Creek], this affiant continued to serve at the falls in said company untill Christmas 1781 when this affiant was discharged by Gen'l Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] from the aforesaid enlistment which discharge he has lost, that after the aforesaid discharge Genl Geo R Clarke retained him in service as a hunter & spy for many years, that he will not ennumerate the number of skirmishes & the number of savages that fell by this affiants hand but that he was in service from 1781 nearly all the time untill 1794 when he was a capt under Genl [Anthony] Wayne, & at the Battle of the River Raisins in the late war he was a Captain in command, and desperately wounded and taken prisoner, for the wounds received in the late war he is now on the Pension roll, number of the certificate 785.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension but the present, except a pension he is now receiving as an invalid for wounds received in the late war for which he has a certificate number 785, and he hereby declares he is name is not on the pension roll of any agency but the present, as aforesaid, sworn to & subscribed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834



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The following is the affidavit of Capt. Benjamin Roberts of said county taken at the house of Asa S Perry in said county on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1835 this affiant being of lawful age and first duly sworn saith that he is now in his eighty fifty year that in the fall of 1779 this affiant enlisted Bland W. Ballard now of Shelby county in his company for the time of two years as a private that he enlisted said Ballard in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county Virginia that said Ballard came with Maj'r Geo. Slaughters Corps to the Falls of Ohio the spring following and landed at said falls the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1780 that said Ballard faithfully served his full time and was honourably discharged in the month of December 1781 this affiant states that his company was attached to Majr Geo. Slaughters Corps which was a part of Col. Crocketts [Joseph Crockett's] Regiment of the Virginia line all under the command of Gen. Geol. Rodgers Clark. And further he saith not



State of Kentucky }  
County of Shelby }

Application of Elizabeth Ballard, aged seventy years last March, and a resident of the county of Shelby and State of Kentucky for arrearages of Pension, as the widow of the late Captain Bland W. Ballard deceased. – Be it known that before Hamilton Frazier a Justice of the Peace, within and for the county of Shelby and State of Kentucky, personally appeared Elizabeth Ballard, who is well known to me to be the identical person she describes herself to be, in and by this affidavit, and made oath in due form of law, that she is the widow of Captain Bland W. Ballard, who was a Captain from the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky, in Colonel John Allens First Rifle Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers, in the war

with Great Britain of 1812. That the said Captain Bland W. Ballard was the identical person, who was a United States Invalid Pensioner, but is now dead – to whom a Pension Certificate was issued for wounds received and disability incurred while in the Service of the United States, and in the line of his duty, as an officer and soldier, in the battle with the British and Indians, at the River Raisin, on the North Western frontier, on the 22nd of January 1813. That the Copy of the Original Certificate of Pension issued to Captain Bland W. Ballard can not be given herein, nor the original certificate of Pension can not be sent up to the Department with these papers, because the original certificate of Pension issued to Captain Bland W. Ballard by the Department at Washington City, was in the fall of the year 1853 after the death of the said Captain Bland W. Ballard sent on to said Department, and no authentic copy thereof was retained within the knowledge of this affiant and if any copy of said certificate was retained the same has been lost or mislaid. That the deceased Pensioner died in the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky on the fifth day of September in the year 1853, and resided in the county of Shelby and State of Kentucky for the space of sixty one years and upwards before his death. That the said Bland W. Ballard and Elizabeth Ballard, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Weaver, were married in the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky on the 28th day of October 1841, and that she is now his widow, and still living in the county of Shelby and State of Kentucky, at the date of this application, aged seventy years last March. In testimony whereof the said Elizabeth Ballard has hereunto subscribed her name, and affixed her seal this the 22nd day of October 1858. [signed] Elizabeth Ballard  
[Certified by John T. Ballard, Clerk of the Shelby County Court.]

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Most of the online documents in the file are illegible.]

The affidavit of John Daugerty [John Daugherty S35898] resident of Shelby County Kentucky aged 85 years this affiant states that he was a soldier in the Illinois regiment from the year 1779 until the close of the war or the disbandment of the troops and that in 1780 he knew and served with Bland W. Ballard and that said Ballard continued to act as a Soldier in said Regiment until the termination of the war or disbandment of the troops, and further, this affiant states that Bland Ballard the elder Acted as quarter master from the year 1780 until the termination of the war  
And further this affiant sayeth not.

Aug't 15<sup>th</sup> 1832

John hisXmark Daugherty

To the Governor & Council

B Ballard the oldest son of Bland Ballard reported entitled to receive land bounty from the State of Virginia as a Surgeon & Quarter Master, would respectfully now ask such allowance be made to him, he is reported in J H Smiths written report to have been entitled as a Surgeon & Quarter Master, and not as a Sergeant only, and inquiry into that is expected, as the difference is quite material

March 1834

W. H. Todd/ for the [undeciphered word]

NOTE: On a pension application dated 13 Oct 1854 the age of Elizabeth Ballard of Louisville is given as 65. On an application for bounty land dated 20 Apr 1855 her age is given as 70 and her name at the time of her marriage to Ballard as Elizabeth Garrett. Copies of the marriage bond and license dated 26 Oct 1841 spell her name as Elizabeth Garnett. Her declarations were supported by Andrew J. Ballard and Bland Ballard, nephews of Bland W. Ballard.