Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Ballow W2905 Elizabeth Ballow VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 Apr 2017.

United State of America District of Kentucky SS.

On this twenty eighth day of May A.D. 1818, before me the subscriber Judge of the Court of the United States for the said District, personally appears Charles Ballow aged sixty seven years resident in the County of Shelby in 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 provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" — That he the said Charles Ballow enlisted in Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia as a Sergeant in Capt. Cunningham's [possibly William Cunningham] Company in the Regiment at that time commanded by Col. Reid [sic: Isaac Read] but afterwards by Col. Richard Parker in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment for three years, that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States during the said three years, towit from September 1776 to September 1779 when he was discharged from the service in Smith Clove in the State of New Jersey [sic: Smiths Clove in NY] – that he was in the following battles, viz. at the White Plains [28 Oct 1776] – Trenton [26 Dec 1776] - Princeton [3 Jan 1777] - Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] - Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] — and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; — that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, & that he has never received any pension either from the Government of the United States, or any of them. Charles Ballous

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

This is to Certify that Charles Ballow Sergeant of the 5th Virginia Reg't. has faithfully served the full time of his Inlistment in the army of the U States which commenced on the 5th day August 1778 and ended on the 1st day of August 1779 being three years service

given under my hand this first day of August Anno Domini 1779.

P Muhlenberg BG

[Peter Muhlenberg, Brigadier General]

(a Copy) J. Pendleton jr

NOTE: On 19 June 1844 in Trimble County KY Elizabeth Ballow, age 76 or 77, applied for a pension stating that Charles Ballow died while his application for a pension was pending. On Charles Ballow's pension certificate is noted, "Died Sept 13, 1818." Her application was supported by a deposition by their daughter, America Hawkins. The file includes a copy of a bond signed 19 Sep 1787 in Lincoln County KY by Charles Ballow and John French for the marriage of Ballow to Elizabeth Marshall. On the same page is a copy of the marriage record dated 25 Sep 1887 [sic] and the return by the minister, William Marshall.