## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Ball W3376 Elizabeth Ball VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 30 Mar 2017.

I William Ball of Winchester in the Commonwealth of Virginia late a serjeant in the third regiment of light Dragoons Continental line do hereby authorise Joseph Nourse Esq'r of George Town in the District of Columbia to ask for and receive from the Secretary of War any Warrant or Warrants for land to which I may be entitled and to give such receipt or receipts therefor in my name as would be required of me if I were actually present. Given under my hand & seal this seventh day of July 1807

William Ball

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I William Ball of Winchester in the County of Frederick, in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a musician in Capt. Cadwallader Jones troop of Cavalry in Colo. Washingtons Regiment of the Virginia line. And I also declare that I became entitled to receive a reward of Eighty dollars under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not on the fifteenth day of May 1828, on the pension list of the United States, nor at any time before. William Back

Witness my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1828.

State of Virginia & Jefferson County Sct.

Before me Henry Boteler a justice of the peace in the county of Jefferson in the State of Virginia personally appeared Michael Cookers [pension application W6722] this 26th day of June 1828, of the said county, who verbally made oath that the said William Ball by whom the foregoing declaration is subscribed, did serve in the Revolutionary war in the continental line and service, as a trumpeter in the fourth troop of horse under Capt. William Jones [sic], (who during part of the time of his said service was a prisoner of war, and the said troop under the command of Lieut. Parrot [possibly Barrett]) in the Regiment of Lieut. Colonel William Washington, and that the said William Ball served to the end of the war in such capacity.

June the 26<sup>th</sup> 1828.

[signed] Henry Boteler

State of Virginia } Ss Frederick County }

on this twenty sixth day of July Eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid Elizabeth Ball, a resident of Winchester in the County of Frederick aged Seventy years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows:" That she is the widow of William Ball and who was a Trumpeter in Col. Wm. Washington Regiment of Light Dragoon that she has frequently heard her husband say that he enlisted in Leesburg Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia for the War and that he served until the close of the war, and that he was in the receipt of a pension [sic] when he died.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Ball on the twenty fifth day of

March Seventeen hundred and eighty five; that her said husband the aforesaid William Ball died on the seventh day of July Eighteen hundred and twenty nine; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, viz: at the time above stated Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written Elizabeth herXmark Ball

[Josiah Massie certified the above declaration.]

The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. In addition to the following, the file includes a power of attorney to Henry St. George Tucker dated 3 Dec 1807.]

For Value Rec'd I do Assign to Henry Stringfellow the Ballance of pay gratuity & bounty of land due me as [illegible word] & Trumpeter in 3<sup>d</sup> Reg't L. D. who enlisted for & served to the end of the war Given Oct. 31 84 Wm Ball

Test Sam'l Hillarev

For Value rec'd I do assign to Wm. Reynolds the full ball. pay, gratuity & bounty of land due Wm Ball who enlisted for & served to the end of the war in the Virg'a Cavalry, which I warrant to be good & not setled – Given under my hand in Rich[mon]d Dec 2<sup>d</sup> [illegible]

Test Hopson Owens

Henry Stringfellow

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I do Certify that Wm Ball inlisted in Baylors Dragoons June 1777 for three years in 79 he reenlisted for the war & was appointed Trumpeter the last of year 1780 & served as a good Soldier untill the Mutiny May 1783 [see endnote]. he was pay'd to 1st Aug 1780

[William Barret VAS1197] fo'ly Cap.

Baylors Dragoons/ Dec. 15 1784

The Above Wm Ball entitled to the pay of Trumpeter from Jan'y 81 pay'd Cha. Jones Com'r/dec'r 15 84

Winchester Virginia October 1st 1800

I do hereby certify that William Ball was a Trumpeter in third Reg't of Dragoons in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, and that he continued in the the said Reg't to the end of the Geo Hite [George Hite W5105] late war. Given under my hand a Lieut in 3<sup>d</sup> Reg't

Charles Town January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1804

I do hereby Certify that when I rec'd my commission in the third Regiment of Dragoons William Bll was then a trumpeter in the regiment and belonged to the Troop to which I was attached. That in the muster roll made out for the troop he was returned as a Trooper for during the war the three years for which he was inlisted (or during the war) having expired Geo Hite late Lieut

3 Reg't Dragoons USA

No Warrant Appears to have issued for the Services of Wm Ball. Wm Price Reg./ Dec 8 1807

Wm Ball has obtained a Warrant for 200 acres as a Private in the Continental line Wm Price Reg[iste]r/ Dec'r 16 1807

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

I do hereby certify that William Ball now of the Town of Winchester in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia belonged to the third Reg of Light Dragoons in the Revolutionary war, which Reg't was incorporated with the first Reg't and thereafter was called the first Reg't that he served to the end of the war, and was regularly discharged I further think that he acted in the capacity of Trumpeter to the said Reg't. Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1815 I do further certify that he was always believed by me to be a citizen of Virginia Geo Hite Late Lieut

1st Reg't L Dragoons in the Revolutionary War

By the Books in this Office it appears that a military Land bounty warrant iss'd for 200 acs to William Ball for his services, in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain as a private of the Continental line, "who served to the end of the war" no other warr't or warr'ts appear to have iss'd to William Ball for military services performed by him.

Cert'e of Council bears date Dec'r 24th 1784.

John Davenport Clk L. Off./ Dec'r 23rd 1815

## NOTES:

After learning of the provisional approval of a peace treaty, about half the troops in the consolidated 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> regiments of dragoons seized horses and rode home from South Carolina, thereby forfeiting their rights to pensions and bounty land.

In the federal file is a copy of the record of the marriage of William Ball and Elizabeth Riley in Frederick County on 27 Mar 1785 said to be in the handwriting of Rev. Alexander Balmain, Rector of the Parish of Frederick. In a document dated 16 Mar 1843 Elizabeth Ball's age is given as 75, and on 12 Sep 1848 it is given as about 86. In the file is a power of attorney dated 7 Aug 1854 by William Ball's widow, Elizabeth Ball, and his daughter, Elizabeth Massie, to obtain any benefits for his services. On an application for bounty land dated 3 Mar 1855, Elizabeth Ball's age is given as 98. A document in the file states that she died on 5 May 1855, leaving Samuel H. Ball as the only surviving child.